

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MARCH 14, 2016

PRESENT: Chairman Mark S. Culver, Commissioner Curtis Harvey, Commissioner Doug Siquefield, Commissioner Jackie Battles, Commissioner Brandon Shoupe, Preston Register, Acting Attorney, Barkley Kirkland, County Engineer, and William J. Dempsey, Chief Administrative Officer

ABSENT: Gary Sherrer, County Attorney

Chairman Mark Culver called the 10:00 A.M. meeting to order, declared a quorum present, and welcomed everyone. Rev. Christopher L. Jones, Pastor, Him Only Ministries, gave the invocation. Commissioner Curtis Harvey led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Shoupe made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Announcements and Comments from Chairman and Commission

Commissioner Siquefield reported the Zonta Club's International Food Festival would be held on March 21st, at 6:00 P.M., at the National Peanut Festival.

Commissioner Shoupe reported the Ribbon Cutting for the Walmart Neighborhood Market would be held Wednesday, March 16th, at 7:30 A.M.

Regular Agenda

1. Request to re-appoint Mr. Robert Ferguson and Mr. Marc Nelson to the SpectraCare Health Systems, Inc. Board, formally the Wiregrass Mental Health Board, Inc.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to re-appoint Mr. Robert Ferguson and Mr. Nelson to the SpectraCare Health Systems, Inc. Board, formally the Wiregrass Mental Health Board, Inc. Commissioner Siquefield seconded the motion. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Request from Revenue Commissioner to adopt Resolution granting authorization to conduct the Annual Tax Sale of Delinquent Ad Valorem parcels indoors in the Commission Chambers – Ms. Starla Moss, Revenue Commissioner.

Commissioner Siquefield made a motion to approve the request from the Revenue Commissioner to adopt the Resolution granting authorization to conduct the Annual Tax Sale of Delinquent Ad Valorem parcels in the Commission Chambers. Commissioner Shoupe seconded the motion. Commissioner Battles asked if they had set the date for the sale? Chairman Culver reported by law, it has to be held sometime in May. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see in Resolution Book)

3. Request to approve 2016-2017 County levies for Alcohol License Fees.

Commissioner Battles made a motion to approve the 2016-2017 County levies for Alcohol License Fees with no increase. Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported the commission is required to approve this annually. He called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Request to award the bid for the replacement of the upper roof of the Sheriff's Office – Maintenance Department.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to award the bid for the replacement of the upper roof of the Sheriff's Office to Marty Robbins Roofing , only bidder, in the amount of \$29,900.00. Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion. Chairman Culver reported this work will be coordinated with the Sheriff's Office because it is going to be noisy. The chairman called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see attached in Minute Book)

5. Request to enter into a 35 month lease/purchase agreement with Regions Bank for the purchase of 1 Caterpillar Pneumatic Compactor and 1 Caterpillar Hydraulic Wheel Excavator for a total cost of \$381,563.02.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the request to enter into a 35 month lease/purchase agreement with Regions Bank for the purchase of 1 Caterpillar Pneumatic Compactor and 1 Caterpillar Hydraulic Wheel Excavator for a total cost of \$381,563.02. Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion. Chairman Culver pointed out this is in budget. He called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Request to approve budget amendment for an additional \$100,000 for overtime at Road and Bridge for flood damage repair work.

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to approve the budget amendment for an additional \$100,000 for overtime at Road and Bridge for flood damage repair work. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion. It was pointed out this is being done in an effort to get caught up as quickly possible, and the crews will be working on Fridays and Saturdays. Mr. Kirkland stated it would probably take 6 months to complete all of the work on the informational sheet. Chairman Culver reported FEMA has completed their process on some of the roads and they are still working on others. Mr. Kirkland reported work had begun. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

7. Request approval of funds in the amount of \$265,000 for the purchase of an excavator to aid in FEMA and FWHA repairs to aid in flood damage repair, and to sell one next fiscal year. (Approximate value \$50,000.00)

Commissioner Battles made a motion to approve the funds in the amount of \$265,000 for the purchase of an excavator to aid in FEMA and FWHA repairs to aid in flood damage repair, and to sell one next fiscal year with an approximate value of \$50,000.00. Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion. He recommended the commission purchase the excavator with county funds rather than lease it. Commissioner Shoupe reported this machine is needed to help recover from the storm damages and he

felt the commission should go ahead and pay for it out of this year's budget and not extend it. Commissioner Harvey stated the county would be getting FEMA funding and he thought from the discussion at Thursday's meeting, the commission was in agreement to finance it. Mr. Dempsey was asked how much it would cost to finance it? He stated it would cost \$5,000-\$6,000 for a 35 month lease. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the motion carried unanimously.

8. Request from Southern Junction Volunteer Fire Department for assistance in making repairs to their parking lot at 7323 S. Highway #109 per County Policy.

Commissioner Battles made a motion to approve the request from the Southern Junction Volunteer Fire Department for assistance in making repairs to their parking lot at 7323 S. Highway #109 per County Policy. Commissioner Shoupe seconded the motion; and it carried unanimously.

9. Request to award bid on reflectorized thermoplastic pavement marking material to the low bidder meeting specs.

Commissioner Siquefield made a motion to award the bid on reflectorized thermoplastic pavement marking material to the low bidder meeting specs, Ennis Paint, Inc., in the amount of \$1,200.00 per ton. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion; and it carried unanimously. (Please see attached Bid Summary Sheet in Minutes Book)

10. Request to award bid for welding gas to low bidder meeting specs.

Commissioner Shoupe made a motion to award the bid for welding gas to the low bidder meeting specs, Airgas, Inc., for a total amount of \$365.50. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. Chairman Culver called for the question; and the vote was: YEAS: Commissioners Shoupe, Harvey, and Siquefield NAYS: None Commissioner Battles abstained. (Please see attached Bid Summary Sheet in Minute Book)

11. Request to adopt Resolution to enter into agreement with ALDOT for emergency cross drain repairs on Old Webb Road at Highway #52 East.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to adopt the Resolution to enter into an agreement with ALDOT for emergency cross drain repairs on Old Webb Road at Highway #52 East. Commissioner Shoupe seconded the motion; and it carried unanimously. (Please see in Resolution Book)

12. Request to adopt Resolution to enter into agreement with ALDOT for the paving of Old Webb Road at Highway #52 East.

Commissioner Battles made a motion to adopt the Resolution to enter into an agreement with ALDOT for the paving of Old Webb Road at Highway #52 East. Commissioner Siquefield seconded the motion; and it carried unanimously. (Please see in Resolution Book)

13. Request to adopt Resolution to enter into agreement with ALDOT for emergency cross drain repairs on County Road #9 at Searcy Road.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to adopt the Resolution to enter into an agreement with ALDOT for emergency cross drain repairs on County Road #9 at Searcy Road. Commissioner Shoupe seconded the motion; and it carried unanimously. (Please see in Resolution Book)

14. Request to adopt Resolution to enter into agreement with ALDDOT for the paving of County Road #9 at Searcy Road.

Commissioner Shoupe made a motion to adopt the Resolution to enter into an agreement with ALDOT for the paving of County Road #9 at Searcy Road. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion; and it carried unanimously. (Please see in Resolution Book)

15. Request to approve budget amendment in the amount of \$7,609.25 to be placed in the Road and Bridge Contract Services account for payment of damages to Omussee Road.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$7,609.25 to be placed in the Road and Bridge Contract Services account for payment of damages to Omussee Road. Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion; and it carried unanimously.

Staff Reports:

Chief Administrative Officer – there was no report

County Engineer –

Mr. Kirkland reported there are 16 roads closed and they are listed on the county's website. He stated they are working on cross drains on Peacock Road, Woodham Road, and Enon Road. Mr. Kirkland pointed out they will be working on Fridays and Saturdays doing flood repair work and he hoped they might be able work on some of the tickets.

County Attorney –

Mr. Preston Register, Acting County Attorney, had no report.

Chairman Culver requested Mr. Kirkland to make sure that the people living in the areas they were working on Fridays and Saturdays were notified.

Adjourn

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion; and it carried unanimously.