

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
JUNE 26, 2017

PRESENT: Chairman Mark S. Culver, Commissioner Curtis Harvey, Commissioner Doug Siquefield, Commissioner Jackie Battles, Pres Register, County Attorney, Barkley Kirkland, County Engineer, and William J. Dempsey, CAO

ABSENT: Commissioner Brandon Shoupe

Chairman Mark S. Culver called the 10:00 A.M. meeting to order, declared a quorum present, and welcomed everyone. Dr. Johnny Fain, Pastor, First Baptist Church, gave the invocation. Commissioner Jackie Battles led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Siquefield made a motion to approve the Minutes of the last meeting. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### Announcements and Comments from the Chairman and Commissioners

Chairman Culver reported the County offices would be closed for the Fourth of July. He stated there would be Fireworks at the Festival on Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, and he encouraged those who were going to be in town to come out and participate, and enjoy the event.

#### Awards and Presentations

1. Presentation – Program for Donations of Child Safety Seats – Mrs. Wanda Seals, Wicksburg Volunteer Fire Department

Mrs. Wanda Seals gave a presentation on a Program for the donation of child safety seats. She pointed out a lot of wrecks occur on Highway #84 West and so many times children are involved and they are taken to the hospital and their child safety seats are damaged and parents do not have a seat to take them home from the hospital. Mrs. Seals reported they have received donations, and they have been able to purchase 12 seats of all sizes. She pointed out if needed, they can raise some more funds, but the most they have used at one time has been 3. She pointed out this program serves Houston, Dale and Geneva Counties at this time. Chairman Culver thanked Mrs. Seals for bringing this awareness to the commission.

2. Recognize – Ashford High Band Students – Lions State Centennial Band in Chicago, Illinois – Commissioner Doug Siquefield.

Chairman Culver called on Commissioner Siquefield who asked the following to come forward: Caleb Bryan, Devin Runge, Kaitlyn Triplett, and Ashlyn Watkins. Commissioner Siquefield reported these four Ashford High School Band students have been selected and have accepted to participate in the Lions International Centennial Celebration in Chicago. He pointed out over 30,000 Lions from around the world will gather to celebrate one hundred years of service by Lions Club International. Commissioner Siquefield reported these students will be part of the Alabama band. Commissioner Siquefield

thanked the Ashford Lions Club, Ashford Chamber of Commerce, and Ashford High School Band Director.

#### Regular Agenda

1. Request to adopt Resolution for the statutory tax abatements for industrial development project – Matt Parker, President, Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Siquefield made a motion to adopt the Resolution for the statutory tax abatements for industrial development project. Commissioner Battles seconded; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see in Resolution Book)

2. Request to adopt Resolution approving in-kind services for industrial development project – Matt Parker, President, Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Battles made a motion to adopt the Resolution approve in-kind services for industrial development project. Commissioner Siquefield seconded; and the motion carried unanimously. (Please see in Resolution Book)

3. Request to approve preliminary plat for Willow Point Subdivision – Road and Bridge.

Commissioner Battles made a motion to approve the preliminary plat for Willow Point Subdivision. Commissioner Harvey seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

#### Staff Reports:

Chief Administrative Officer – there was no report

County Engineer -

Engineer Kirkland reported Malvern Road and Adkinson Road were closed.

County Attorney – there was no report

#### Adjourn

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded; and carried unanimously.