

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
NOVEMBER 13, 2017

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

Commission Chairman Culver called the 10:00 a.m. meeting to order and declared a quorum.

Salvation Army Capt. Chris Bryant gave the invocation and Commissioner Curtis Harvey led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS.

Chairman Culver reported that the National Peanut Festival had record crowds for this year's event and the weather could not have been more perfect for the entire week. He added that the volunteers and staff of the NPF did an outstanding job and that this event could not be possible without all the volunteers that make things happen. He congratulated them all on a job well done. Chairman Culver then thanked Commissioner Siquefield for attending the VFW Veteran's Day Service in his absence. He stated that this is a great event every year that honors our many veterans in this area. Chairman Culver announced that the next Administration Meeting would be held on Wednesday, November 22, 2017 due to the holiday on Thursday.

Commissioner Shoupe announced that he would be having a Town Hall Meeting on November 14 at 6:30 p.m. He added that he has two town hall meetings per year with one being held in the spring and one in the fall. At the meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup>, he has invited the candidates for the Alabama House District 87 to visit and speak. He also added that Wicksburg High School is in the football State Play-Offs and will be going up against Clarke County on Friday night.

## AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation – “Salvation Army Recognition” – Capt. Chris Bryant, Corps Officer for the Salvation Army of the Wiregrass.

Chairman Culver asked Capt. Chris Bryant to come forward. He stated what a tremendous job Capt. Bryant is doing with the Salvation Army and what an important role they play in our community and especially with the Houston County EMA to provide services to those in need. Commissioner Battles made a motion to approve the Proclamation for “Salvation Army Recognition”. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Capt. Bryant thanked the community and stated that the Salvation Army had been working in this area for 107 years thanks to the support of the community, agencies, businesses, and the individuals in this area. He then asked EMA Director Chris Judah to come forward and he thanked Mr. Judah and the Houston County Emergency Management Team for all they do to help the community but also in helping the Salvation Army with the many situations they encounter. He presented Mr. Judah with a plaque and Mr. Judah thanked Capt. Bryant and the Salvation Army for all they do.

## REGULAR AGENDA

1. Request to award ACCA Joint County Bids – ACCA

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to approve the awarding of the ACCA Joint County Bids. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Chairman Culver stated that Houston County is the awarding authority each year for the ACCA Joint County Bids.

2. Request to approve sale of 2 International Rear Loading Garbage Trucks (Sanitation Budget Amendment) – Road and Bridge Dept.

Commissioner Shoupe made the motion to approve the sale of 2 International Rear Loading Garbage Trucks. Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. Request to purchase 2017 F550 New Way Garbage Truck and Routeware Sanitation Tracking System (Sanitation Budget Amendment) – Road and Bridge Dept.

Commissioner Shoupe made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2017 F550 New Way Garbage Truck and Routeware Sanitation Tracking System. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4. Request to increase Road Building Materials Budget (Road and Bridge Budget Amendment) – Road and Bridge Dept.

Commissioner Battles made a motion to approve the increase the Road Building Materials Budget. Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5. Request to approve final plat for Willow Point Subdivision – Road and Bridge Dept.

Commissioner Shoupe made a motion to approve the final plat for Willow Point Subdivision. Commissioner Battles seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. Request to extend guardrail bid for another 12 months – Road and Bridge Dept.

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to approve the extension of the guardrail bid for another 12 months. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

7. Request to sell the following items on Gov.deals: Miscellaneous computer equipment and assorted sizes of used metal and concrete pipe – Road and Bridge Dept.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the listed items on Gov.deals. Commissioner Sinquefield seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### STAFF REPORTS

Chief Administrative Officer – No Report

County Engineer - Barkley Kirkland

Mr. Kirkland recognized Jim Nunley and Kent Menefee, Sanitation Dept. Supervisors, for a job well done in putting safety first in their department and having no injuries/accidents for 2 years for the entire department.

Mr. Sinquefield added that at a recent ACCA Workman's Compensation Director's Meeting that Houston County is one of the top counties in the State of Alabama that promotes Safety in all of their departments and has one of the best safety records due to workers like Jim and Ken and all the various departments in the county. Chairman Culver added that he wanted to thank our Safety Director, Kelly Crowell for all her work as well in helping these departments be safe.

County Attorney – No Report

Adjourn

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