

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR SESSION  
June 27, 2022

PRESENT: Chairman Mark S. Culver, Commissioner Curtis Harvey, Commissioner Doug Sinquefield, Commissioner Ricky Herring, Commissioner Brandon Shoupe, County Engineer Barkley Kirkland, Chief Administrative Officer Peter Covert and County Attorney Pres Register.

Chairman Culver called the 10:00 a.m. meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the June 27, 2022, Houston County Commission Regular Session. He declared a quorum as all of the commissioners were in attendance.

Pastor Keith Frith from Harvest Church gave the invocation and Commissioner Shoupe led in the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Sinquefield and seconded by Commissioner Herring. The motion passed unanimously.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Culver began by announcing that a week from today is the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Independence Day, and we gladly celebrate the birth of our nation and he hopes that everyone gets a little time to spend with family and friends and enjoy the day off. He added that all county, state and federal offices will all be closed. Chairman Culver asked everyone to enjoy their 4<sup>th</sup> and have a safe holiday weekend. He also stated that there are several events going on in the different towns as on Friday, Rehobeth is having an event and on Saturday the Peanut Festival is having their fireworks event that they have each year, and on Monday, the Town of Ashford will be having fireworks as well.

Commissioner Sinquefield reported that he has in attendance today his cousin Curtis Sellers, who is a retired corrections officer with Jackson County Florida, and his son Travis who is in the Boy Scouts. Chairman Culver said he is glad to have them with us today and it is always good to have folks related to commissioners visiting and he appreciates him serving with the Boys Scouts as it is a great organization. He also thanked Mr. Sellers for his service as a corrections officer.

#### AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation – “Holland Motor Sports & Holland Family Month” – Holland Family

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the proclamation and Commissioner Sinquefield seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Culver asked the Holland family to come forward to the podium and he read the proclamation and presented it to Mr. Holland. Chairman Culver thanked the Holland Family, on behalf of the commission and all the citizens that they represent, not just for their successful business but for everything they have done for the community over the last fifty years. He added that Mr. Holland and his family are truly outstanding members of the community and they are sincerely appreciated. (A standing ovation was given by all.) Chairman Culver asked Mr. Holland for comments and he began by saying that they appreciate the commission and that he has known Chairman Culver for a very long time. He added that on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July, 1972, he signed his first contract with Harley Davidson, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July, 1972, was his 40<sup>th</sup> birthday so this year he will be “90” years old. Mr. Holland said that he was bugging Chairman Culver about retirement because the people at his business did that to him and he said he found out that you can only do so many “honey-dos” so when Bill remodeled the store he decided that he better go back to the store and get another office. He told Chairman Culver that he will find something to do. Mr. Holland ended by saying that he appreciates Houston County and all they do, especially the Sheriff Dept. as they are fantastic. A round of applause was given by all. Mr. Holland said that they do have, in over fifty years, a group of employees that are the best they have ever had and they treat everybody right.

#### REGULAR AGENDA

1. Request to approve the 2021 insolvents, errors and taxes in litigation and uncollected insolvents and litigations for previous years for final settlement with the State of Alabama – Starla Moss, Revenue Commissioner

Commissioner Sinquefield made a motion to approve the request and Commissioner Herring seconded. Chairman Culver stated that this is a normal and customary item that has to be approved each year. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Request to approve resolution authorizing transfer of property at the request of the Industrial Development Board of the City of Dothan

Commissioner Shoupe made a motion to approve the resolution and Commissioner Herring seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Request to approve resolution authorizing the issuance of a General Obligation Warrant to SmartBank – Peter Covert, Chief Administrative Officer

Commissioner Sinuefield made a motion to approve the resolution and Commissioner Harvey seconded. Chairman Culver reported that this was approved several meetings back but the accompanying resolution needed to be approved per the banking requirements. When called for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

4. Request to approve budget amendment to reflect impact of fuel prices – Peter Covert, Chief Administrative Officer

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the budget amendment and Commissioner Shoupe seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Culver stated that, for the record, this is a \$544,000 budget amendment.

5. Request to approve budget amendment to record excess revenue received related to prior year – Road & Bridge

Commissioner Sinuefield made a motion to approve the budget amendment and Commissioner Shoupe seconded. Chairman Culver mentioned that this was discussed at Thursday's meeting and this is prior year revenue that is showing in this year as it is not revenue, but has to show as revenue. After the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

6. Request to approve budget amendment due to increase in project costs – Road & Bridge

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the budget amendment and Commissioner Sinuefield seconded. Chairman Culver stated that this is just absolutely due to the rising cost of materials. The motion passed unanimously.

#### STAFF REPORTS

Chief Administrative Officer – Mr. Covert reported that it is with a heavy heart that Ms. Nancy Bristow will be retiring as of Thursday after 26+ years of county service. Mr. Covert personally thanked her for her 26 years of service. Chairman Culver thanked Ms. Bristow as she has served faithfully and she will be missed and thanked her for her years of service and the dedication that she has shown the county. A round of applause was given by all.

County Engineer – No closed roads.

County Attorney – No report

Meeting adjourned.