

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION
June 26, 2023

PRESENT: Chairman Brandon Shoupe, Commission Curtis Harvey, Commissioner Tracy Adams, Commissioner Ricky Herring, County Engineer Barkley Kirkland, Chief Administrative Officer Peter Covert and County Attorney Pres Register.

Chairman Shoupe called the 10:00 a.m. meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the June 26, 2023, Houston County Commission Regular Session. He declared a quorum as a majority of the commissioners were in attendance.

ABSENT: Commissioner James Ivey

Pastor Clark Cornelius from Grace Anglican Church gave the invocation and Commissioner Herring led in the pledge of allegiance.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Shoupe began by announcing that the temporary sidewalk on the east side of the building is in place and looks good. He added that the "Fireworks at the Fairground" will be held on Saturday, July 1st and Town of Webb is having their event on Saturday as well. "Red, White and Boom" in Rehobeth will take place on Friday, June 30th beginning at 5 p.m.

Chairman Shoupe wished everyone a Happy 4th of July and hopes everyone has a safe holiday. He added that sanitation service will run on Tuesday, July 4th. The county does not force that department to work as they vote at the beginning of the year on the holiday schedule and they decided to work on Tuesday.

Commissioner Adams announced that a fireworks show will take place at the Dupree School to raise money. This will be held on July 4th from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. and it will entail a \$20 donation to the Dupree School Project.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Appoint Mike Tew to the Southeast Alabama Community Action Partnership

Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve the appointment of Mike Tew to the Southeast Alabama Community Action Partnership. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. Request to accept the resignation of Chris Judah as EMA Director

Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve the request to accept the resignation of EMA Director Chris Judah and Commissioner Adams seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Request to approve resolution to adopt the 2021 Southeast Alabama Regional Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan – EMA

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the request to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Herring seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Request to approve budget amendment for the purchase of radiological equipment as requested by Alabama Department of Public Health utilizing APCO Funds – Peter Covert, CAO

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the budget amendment and Commissioner Adams seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Request to approve resolution to convey property to local Chapter of the American Legion with reversionary interest pending approval of the State of Alabama

Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve the resolution and Commissioner Adams seconded. Commissioner Harvey asked where the land was located and Chairman Shoupe responded that it is at the intersection of Flynn Road and Redmond Road and consist of about 5 acres. Chairman Shoupe added that this is the property that the commission tried to give to the United Methodist Children's Home in 2017 and they chose to select a different site as the state never gave their approval. Chairman Shoupe reported that this particular piece of property was deeded to the county in the 1950's and it is an old prisoner of war camp. This property has a restriction that it has to be used for public purpose and they have not identified a public purpose to use it for. They tried to give it away in 2017 and since then he has tried to have the restriction removed but that has not happened. Chairman Shoupe did state that the governor has to sign off on this if it is approved by the state. This first step in the process petitions the state to release the deed restriction to allow the commission to use it for any purpose they choose. If the legion decides to not use the property it will come back to the county commission. When called for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

6. Request to approve entering into a Memorandum of Understanding between Houston County and The City of Dothan to facilitate the construction of a new City Hall and enhance parking and safety near the courthouse

Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve the request to enter into a MOU between Houston County and the City of Dothan. Commissioner Adams seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

7. Request to sell miscellaneous items on GovDeals from County Maintenance, Revenue, Sheriff and Road & Bridge (see attached list)

Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve the request and Commissioner Adams seconded. Chairman Shoupe stated that a particular item was discussed to be removed from the list and that item is the shed/portable building that was being used as an office at the farm center. Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve the items on the list but to remove the shed from the list. Commissioner Adams seconded this motion. The motion to approve the substitute motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the items to be sold on GOVDEALS with the exception of the shed. Commissioner Adams seconded and the motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Chief Administrative Officer – No report

County Engineer – 2 closed roads: Pea Market & Faulkner

County Attorney – No report

Adjourn