

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR SESSION  
December 11, 2023

PRESENT: Chairman Brandon Shoupe, Commissioner Curtis Harvey, Commissioner Tracy Adams, Commissioner Ricky Herring, Acting County Engineer Tyler Reeder and Chief Administrative Officer Peter Covert. County Attorney Pres Register was absent due to illness.

Chairman Shoupe called the 10:00 a.m. meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the December 11, 2023, Houston County Commission Regular Session. He declared a quorum as a majority of the commissioners were in attendance.

Pastor Stephen Cunningham, of Dothan Community Church, gave the invocation and Commissioner Adams led in the pledge of allegiance.

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

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

Chairman Shoupe began by announcing that the Houston County vs the City of Dothan Salvation Army Bell Ringing competition is scheduled for this Thursday, beginning at 9:00 a.m., and will take place at the Northside Wal-Mart. He also announced that there will be a ribbon cutting this Friday at 9:00 a.m., at the new Rehobeth Fire Training Center and encouraged everyone to attend. Chairman Shoupe then stated that the Alabama Small Business awards ceremony was recently held and there were four area businesses that received either an award or were a finalist. Wiregrass Electric Cooperative received the award in the 51-100 employee category, Engineered Systems received the award in the 1-10 employees category, and Waxing the City was a finalist in the 11-50 category. Another winner was Oaks on Park, as they were a finalist in the emerging business category. He congratulated all these local businesses for their awards.

Chairman Shoupe then announced that this is the final meeting of the year, unless an emergency meeting is necessary, and he wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Adams reported that the Turkey's From Heaven event will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December and they are in need of volunteers with cookers to come and help cook. They also need volunteers to deliver the meals on that day as well. He added that he is a believer that the good Lord puts people in places to be able to help others and this is an opportunity to help the needy. It will be held at the Peanut Festival Fairgrounds.

## REGULAR AGENDA

1. Request to publish the Houston County year-end unaudited financial report to include county, fiduciary and other special trust funds – Peter Covert, CAO

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the request to publish the financial reports and Commissioner Harvey seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Request to award security bid for Community Corrections to lowest bidder meeting specs – Andrew Brown, Community Corrections

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the request to award the security bid to the lowest bidder meeting specs and Commissioner Harvey seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Request to approve budget amendment for non-medical supplies for Community Corrections – Andrew Brown, Community Corrections

Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve the budget amendment for non-medical supplies for community corrections and Commissioner Adams seconded. Chairman Shoupe stated thanked community corrections for the great job they do and anytime money can be saved the commission is always willing to invest in that. When called for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

4. Request to approve a re-plat of Limestone Creek Estates for Lots 3-7, Block B – Road & Bridge

Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve the request of the re-plating of Limestone Creek Estates. Commissioner Adams seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Request to approve maintenance contract with S & P Communications and approve accompanying budget amendment – Sheriff's Dept.

Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve the maintenance contract with S & P Communications and approve accompanying budget amendment. Commissioner Adams seconded and the motion. Chairman Shoupe reported that County Attorney Pres Register had worked on the contract over the weekend and the final draft is in the commissioner's packages. With there being no further discussion or comments, the motion carried unanimously.

## STAFF REPORTS

Chief Administrative Officer – Mr. Covert reported that the county is in line with the federal guidelines concerning fraud prevention and the areas that have credit card contact with the citizens have been examined and there are no reports of any fraud.

County Engineer – Two closed roads; County Rd. 75 N and County Rd. 9.

County Attorney – No report (Absent due to illness)

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