

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR SESSION  
March 25, 2024

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

Acting Chairman Harvey called the 10:00 a.m. meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the March 25, 2024, Houston County Commission Regular Session and declared a quorum as a majority were in attendance.

Pastor Chase Faulk, Ridgecrest Baptist Church, gave the invocation and Commissioner Herring led in the pledge of allegiance.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS

Acting Chairman Harvey reminded everyone that it is Holy Week and Sunday is Easter Sunday. He encouraged everyone to visit their church of choice.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Request to appoint Adam Temple to the Wiregrass Resource Conservation & Development Council

Commissioner Herring made a motion to appoint Mr. Temple and Commissioner Adams seconded. When called for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

2. Request to approve manpower adjustments for the Sheriff's Dept. – Sheri Garner, Personnel Director

Commissioner Ivey made a motion to approve the manpower adjustments for the sheriff's department. Commissioner Adams seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Request to adopt Resolution for Adjusted Expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act Funds for Government Services Due to Change Order – Peter Covert, Chief Administrative Officer

Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve the request to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Adams seconded.

Commissioner Ivey had a few questions and asked Mr. James Brannon, from Poly Engineering, to step to the podium. Mr. Ivey confirmed that this is a request from Poly Engineering to increase the funds for the fiber optic loop project and Mr. Brannon agreed. Mr. Ivey added that there had already been one issue that was taken care of without coming before the commission and was paid for from other the contingency funds that had been set aside when the fiber optic loop was run from the Administrative Building instead of the Sheriff's Office. Mr. Brannon stated that the fiber is going to be removed from the Administrative Building. Mr. Ivey asked if this was to do with the fiber optic lines being hung on poles that were owned by the City of Dothan and Mr. Brannon confirmed that all the fiber is on poles that are owned by the City of Dothan and that a portion of N. Foster Street recently went to underground utilities and the poles are being removed. Because of this, the fiber has to be rerouted from that particular block of N. Foster Street. Mr. Ivey asked if they were not aware that the poles would be removed, and Mr. Brannon said they were not aware. Mr. Ivey added that this morning he had something brought to his attention and asked if the fiber optic lines were laying across buildings at this time and Mr. Brannon answered that because of the pole being removed, the line is on the eve of a building at this time, but it is being rerouted. The fiber will be disconnected and then add the blocks in so there is not a splice in the fiber. Mr. Ivey said that his main concern was if this was something that was preventable before the work started and Mr. Brannon said that if he had known that the City was going to remove the poles, it would have been preventable. He also added that they could splice the fiber, but that would void the 25 year warranty.

There being no further questions, the motion carried unanimously.

4. Request to sell the following items on GovDeals from the Sheriff's Dept –

- (1) 1997 Ford F-150
- (1) 2007 Ford Explorer
- (2) 2008 Ford Crown Victoria
- (2) 2009 Ford Crown Victoria
- (1) 2010 Ford Crown Victoria
- (1) 2011 Chevy Tahoe
- (2) 2013 Chevy Tahoe
- (1) 2015 Chevy Tahoe

Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve the request to sell the vehicles on GovDeals. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and when called for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

#### STAFF REPORTS

Chief Administrative Officer – No report

County Engineer – 11 closed roads: Hicks, Hunter, Strong, Hodgesville, New Hope, Sigma Pit, Prevatt, Ebenezer, Pansey, Battles, King

County Attorney – No report

Adjourned