

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION
July 8, 2024

PRESENT: Chairman Brandon Shoupe, Commissioner 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.

Chairman Shoupe called the 10:00 a.m. meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the July 8, 2024, Houston County Commission Regular Session and declared a quorum as all commissioners were in attendance.

Pastor Jarrod Skinner, from Kinsey Baptist Church, gave the invocation and Commissioner Curtis Harvey 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 carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Shoupe began by reporting that he attended the Farmer's Market this past Saturday to judge a watermelon recipe contest and they had one entry which was a watermelon salsa, and it was very good. He continued by stating that he spoke with one the farmer's and she told him that the move to the Farm Center was the best thing they could of done as they have made a lot more money this year selling their goods.

AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS

1. Recognition – 2024 Wicksburg Ozone All Stars

Chairman Shoupe stepped to the podium and asked the Wicksburg Ozone All Stars team to join him. He introduced the head coach, Cox, and he proceeded to introduce the players of the championship team, as well as the coaches, and they are as follows:

Judson Bowden, Brandy Jordan, Brody Smith, Collin Mims, Grady Wheelless, Carson Grantham, Case Carpenter, Jace Yeakle, Bronner Deal, Dawson Kominos and Hudson Burkhardt

Coach began by saying that it has been a really good year for Wicksburg. He added that the boys have come a long way as they had a rocky start but were able to capture a place to play for the state championship. The boys worked really hard and decided to make changes, come together and play together. When they started the state tournament they left no doubt and they played really well and never quit. The adversaries they faced, they pulled back together and overcame them. Coach said they are very proud that they have the opportunity to watch

them grow as he and the other coaches have worked with these boys since they were about 5 years old. Coach ended by saying that it has been a great journey and he thanked the commission for having them.

Chairman Shoupe congratulated the young men and thanked them and their parents for being present today. A round of applause was given by all.

Commissioner Adams commented to the team that one of the most impressive things he noticed about these young men is the way they carry themselves especially during the prayer when everyone took their hats off and the American Flag on the back of their shirts.

Chairman Shoupe stated that their story is not over as they now travel next week to the World Series in Louisiana. Good luck was wished to them all by the commission.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Request to sell factory truck beds for F-250 trucks on GovDeals

Commissioner Herring made the motion to approve the request to sell the factory truck beds on GovDeals. Commissioner Ivey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Request to approve the 2023 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 Ivey made a motion to approve the above stated request. Commissioner Adams seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Request to approve \$10,000 appropriation to the Houston County EMS Association to be used for administrative purposes, including the support of the Cottonwood Rescue Squad and approve accompanying budget amendment

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the appropriation to the Houston County EMS Association and the accompanying budget amendment. Commissioner Herring seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Chief Administrative Officer – No report

County Engineer – 2 closed roads: Jack Bruner & Prevatt

County Attorney – No report

Adjourned