

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR SESSION  
February 10, 2025

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 February 10, 2025, Houston County Commission Regular Session and declared a quorum as all commissioners were in attendance.

Pastor Bobbi Lassiter, from Covenant Methodist Church, gave the invocation and the pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Tracy Adams.

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

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

Chairman Shoupe reminded everyone that there are two “County Conversations” meetings scheduled for this week with one at Pilgrim Home Baptist Church in Wicksburg and the second one will be at the Farm Center. He added that the Revenue Commissioner, the Sheriff, the Engineer, the Probate Judge along with himself and the commissioners. He encourages everyone to attend.

Commissioner Harvey announced that he had a special guest with him today all the way from East Africa, Rwanda, Pastor Dieundonne. He said that Pastor will be here for the next 28 days, and he asked him to come forward and say few words. Pastor Dieudonne approached the podium and thanked the commission and said it was a privilege to be here and he came to visit the United States of America for the first time, and he is glad to be here and thankful for all that has been done for him.

#### AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation – “Career and Technical Education Month” – Chris Kennedy, Houston County Career Academy Director

Chairman Shoupe stepped to the podium and asked Dr. Kennedy and his guests to come forward to accept the proclamation. He then asked for a motion for the proclamation and

Commissioner Herring made the motion along with a second by Commissioner Adams. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Shoupe then read the proclamation in its entirety and presented it to Dr. Kennedy. Dr. Kennedy thanked the commission and said that CTE utilizes hands on learning to help students grow in technical skills and academic knowledge. He said this month they celebrate the students and the educators in CTE programs. Dr. Kennedy acknowledged that the students present today are the presidents of their career technical student organizations. He added that across Houston County Schools they have 26 high school programs and 4 dual enrollment career and technical education programs serving over 3,000 students. Dr. Kennedy reported that with those numbers, career technical education is certainly thriving in Houston County schools. He then thanked Mr. Josh Roberts, director of secondary education, Superintendent Mr. Brandy White, Houston County School Board members and the Houston County Commission for valuing CTE and recognizing its' importance during CTE Month.

#### REGULAR AGENDA

1. Request to approve Resolution authorizing notice of public hearing, public hearing, and meeting to address vacating of public road known as Dee Clark Road

Commissioner Ivey made a motion to approve the resolution and Commissioner Harvey seconded. When called for the question and vote, the motion carried unanimously.

2. Request to enter into an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for the resurfacing project on County Road 203 from Hadden Road northeasterly to the bridge at Limestone Creek using MPO funds and approve accompanying resolution – Road & Bridge

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve entering into an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for the resurfacing project on County Road 203 and approve accompanying resolution. Commissioner Herring seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Request to enter into an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for the resurfacing project on Country Garden Road running from Webb to Kinsey Road northeasterly to the Henry County line using MPO funds and approve accompanying resolution – Road and Bridge

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the request to enter into an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for the resurfacing project on Country Garden Road and approve accompanying resolution. Commissioner Harvey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Request to approve budget amendment in the amount of \$275,000 for county wide debris clean-up – Road and Bridge

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

5. Request to approve budget amendments for the Road & Bridge Department

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| a. | Road Building Materials and Supplies   | \$475,000 (Total projects changes) |
| b. | Contract Services                      | \$140,000 (Stormwater grant)       |
| c. | Repairs & Maintenance – Motor Vehicles | \$61,700 (Wrecked Dump Truck)      |
| d. | Internet Services                      | \$1,680 (Starlink Back-up)         |
| e. | Rent-Copy Machine                      | \$4,200 (2 copiers)                |

Commissioner Ivey made a motion to approve the budget amendments as stated in item #5. Commissioner Adams seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

#### STAFF REPORTS

Chief Administrative Officer – No report

County Engineer – Closed roads: Balkam, Crawford, Leo Pynes and Harper Joy,

County Attorney – No report

Adjourned