

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION
February 24, 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 24, 2025, Houston County Commission Regular Session and declared a quorum as all commissioners were in attendance.

Pastor Nzabirinda Dieudonne, of Celpar Church of Rwanda, East Africa, 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 began by announcing that the Mardi Gras Parade will be held this Saturday in Dothan and he encouraged everyone to attend.

Chairman Shoupe then stated that Mayor Saliba's mom passed away last week and the funeral was yesterday. He offered prayers and condolences to the Mayor and the entire family on behalf of the commission.

REGULAR AGENDA

Chairman Shoupe asked that an item be considered to be added to the agenda as item #7, if there is unanimous consent. He stated that this item would read "Request to authorize Chairman to negotiate and sign lease for Farm Center office building". Commissioner Ivey made a motion to add the item to the agenda and Commissioner Adams seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Request to approve the annual Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board License Fees for Houston County

Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve the ABC Board License Fees and Commissioner Adams seconded. When called for the question and vote, the motion carried unanimously.

2. Request to appoint Emily Heersink and Ali Watford to the Dothan Houston County Library System Board

Commissioner Ivey made a motion to approve the appointments. Commissioner Herring seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Request to enter into an agreement with Waggoner Engineering for securing congressional funding and authorize Chairman to negotiate contract

Commissioner Ivey made a motion to approve the request to enter into an agreement with Waggoner Engineering and Commissioner Harvey seconded. Chairman Shoupe stated the maximum amount for this contract would be \$50,000. When called for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

4. Request to approve budget amendment in the amount of \$286,035.09 for purchase of asphalt truck – Road and Bridge

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

5. Request to approve budget amendment in the amount of \$426,830.69 for revenue replacement paving funds – Road & Bridge

Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$426,830.69 and Commissioner Adams seconded. When called for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

6. Request to award bid for Herbicide to lowest bidder meeting specs – Road & Bridge

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the awarding of the bid for Herbicide and Commissioner Adams seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Request to authorize Chairman to negotiate and sign lease for Farm Center office building

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the request and Commissioner Ivey seconded. Chairman Shoupe reported that the Farmer's Market is applying for a grant and in order to do

so they must have a signed lease. He thought this had already been taken care of but it had not. This will allow him to sign the lease as they are not really paying anything except for \$1 and that is for liability purposes and it will help them to possibly get the grant. Chairman Shoupe also stated that this is for the office building at the Farm Center. When called for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Chief Administrative Officer – No report

County Engineer – Closed roads: Crawford, Balkom and Harper Joy

County Attorney – No report

Adjourned