

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION

REGULAR SESSION

July 14, 2025

PRESENT: Chairman Brandon Shoupe, Commissioner Curtis Harvey, Commissioner Tracy Adams, Commissioner Ricky Herring, Commissioner James Ivey, Asst. County Engineer Tyler Reeder, 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 14, 2025, Houston County Commission Regular Session and declared a quorum as all commissioners were in attendance.

The invocation was given by Pastor Justin Kirkland from Mt. Gilead Baptist Church and the pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Tracy Adams.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Shoupe began by announcing that in District 4, the Wicksburg 10U and 12U All-star Baseball teams won their state tournaments and they will both be heading to the World Series in the very near future. In addition, the Dothan Dragons Soccer Team has advanced to the playoffs which will begin on Friday and will be held at Rip Hewes Stadium. The City of Dothan is hosting the playoffs this year with two games being held on Friday and then the championship game to be held on Sunday. The Dothan Dragons are the number eight team in the nation, in their league, and the number one team in the nation is their rival from North Carolina and they will be in the playoffs this weekend as well. Chairman Shoupe stated that he attended the press conference last week and the Dragons are determined to win a National Championship. He also reported that beginning in 2027 they will have a premier soccer league that will compete with MLS. With this, Dothan could potentially have a major league team if they continue to win.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Request to re-appoint Hayne Hollis to the Dothan-Houston County Airport Authority

Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Hayne Hollis to the Dothan-Houston County Airport Authority. Commissioner Adams seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Request to make appointment to fill vacancy on the Houston County Health Care Authority Board

Commissioner Ivey made a motion to appoint Mr. Chris Suddard to fill the vacancy on the Houston County Health Care Authority Board for District 4. Commissioner Herring seconded the motion and when called for the vote, the motion passed unanimously.

3. Request to award bid for (2) Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD Trucks, in the amount of \$138,745.40, to lowest bidder meeting specs for the Sheriff's Department utilizing Sheriff's discretionary funds – Major Bill Rafferty, Sheriff's Dept.

Commissioner Ivey made a motion to approve the request to award bid for (2) Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD Trucks, in the amount of \$138,745.40, to lowest bidder meeting specs for the Sheriff's Department utilizing Sheriff's discretionary funds. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4. Request for a 220 Brewpub License – TCBC Development Company, Inc., d/b/a Big Creek Brewery located at 100 Magnolia Way, Cottonwood, AL 36320 – Sheriff's Dept.

Commissioner Ivey made a motion to approve the request for a 220 Brewpub License for TCBC Development Company and Commissioner Adams seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

5. Request to appropriate \$174,688 of the Series 2025 Bond Proceeds to the Town of Taylor for improvements to their Recreation Park – Town of Taylor

Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve the request for the Town of Taylor and Commissioner Ivey seconded. With no questions or discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

6. Request to approve Resolution for a Community Development Block Grant for Street Improvements to Grove Street/Hickory Grove Street – Emily VanScyoc, SEARPD

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the Resolution for a Community Development Block Grant for Street Improvements to Grove Street/Hickory Grove Street. Commissioner Ivey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Request to approve Resolution for improvements of roads at The Dothan Industrial Park- Matt Parker, Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce

Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve the Resolution and Commissioner Ivey seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Request to approve budget amendment in the amount of \$72,337.65 for repairs to a damaged vehicle reimbursed by insurance funds – Road & Bridge

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$72,337.65 for repairs to a damaged vehicle reimbursed by insurance funds. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

9. Request to sell the following vehicles at Deanco Auto Auction – Road & Bridge

- a. 2017 Jeep Grand Cherokee
- b. 2013 Chevrolet Silverado
- c. 2019 Chevrolet Silverado
- d. 2018 Kia Stinger

Commissioner Ivey made a motion to approve the request to sell the vehicles at Deanco Auto Auction and Commissioner Adams seconded. With there being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

10. Request to donate the following vehicles to Houston County Volunteer Fire Departments – Road & Bridge

- a. 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe (Hodgesville VFD)
- b. 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe (Southern Junction VFD)

Chairman Shoupe announced that after consulting with counsel, the wording on this item needs to be altered to read “Request to declare as surplus and donate the following vehicles to the Houston County Volunteer Fire Departments. (1) 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe to Hodgesville Volunteer Fire Department and (1) 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe to Southern Junction Volunteer Fire Department”

Commissioner Herring made a motion to change the wording on item #10 and Commissioner Harvey seconded. The motion to change the wording passed unanimously.

Commissioner Herring then made a motion to approve the request to declare as surplus and donate the following vehicles to the Houston County Volunteer Fire Departments:

- (a) 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe to Hodgesville VFD
- (b) 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe to Southern Junction VFD

Commissioner Ivey seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

11. Request to sell the following items on GovDeals – Road & Bridge

- a. Miscellaneous office furniture and supplies (Revenue and Reappraisal Dept.)

Commissioner Ivey made a motion to approve the request to sell the items on GovDeals and Commissioner Adams seconded. When called for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Chief Administrative Officer – No report

County Engineer – closed roads: Bill Yance and scheduled to resurface Power Dam road this week.

County Attorney – No report

Adjourned