

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION
July 28, 2025

PRESENT: Chairman Brandon Shoupe, 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 28, 2025, Houston County Commission Regular Session and declared a quorum as a majority of the commissioners were in attendance.

The invocation was given by Commissioner Ricky Herring and the pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner James Ivey

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Curtis Harvey

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Ivey began by asking Jamie Shell, from the EMA Department, to discuss information concerning the extreme heat in our area.

Ms. Shell began by stating that the area is under a heat advisory and the temperatures will be in the upper 90's to low 100's but it will feel like 108 – 112 degrees. She added that it is important that everyone stay hydrated and use sunscreen. Ms. Shell urged everyone that if you see anyone that you may could help during this heat to do so. She announced that there are three cooling stations and they include the Cottonwood Community Church, Kinsey Senior Center and The Harbor which is located downtown Dothan. Ms. Shell added that each center would be open Monday – Wednesday with times ranging from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. She urged those in need to take a break from the heat for water and shade. Ms. Shell announced that this information can be located on their social media platforms to include Facebook and Instagram and they also have added some useful tips to stay cool and avoid heatstroke on those platforms as well.

At this time, Chairman Shoupe recognized and introduced Mr. Cas Boone, who is in attendance and performing a job shadow today with the Chairman. Cas is the son of JD Boone, local

business owner of Dothan Nurseries, and he will be attending the University of Alabama in a couple of weeks to pursue a degree in general business studies.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. 2025 Wicksburg State Championship Baseball Teams

Chairman Shoupe stated that today we are recognizing the 2025 10U and 12U State Championship Baseball Teams.

Commissioner Ivey came forward and asked the baseball team members and their coaches to join him. Chairman Shoupe announced that all the players' names will go into the permanent minute records so that in 100 years their grandchildren may look back and see their accomplishments

Commissioner Ivey began by announcing that present today are two of the three teams that are state champions and they are the 10U and the 12U baseball teams. Also, Wicksburg has a 6U team that are state champions and are attending the World Series and could not attend today. Commissioner Ivey read the list of players and coaches of both teams.

12U Coaches:

Coach Chris Smith	Coach Jason Jewell
Coach Chris Yeakle	Coach Branden Lindsey

12U Team players:

Brody Smith	Carson Grantham
Parker Bond	Mason Davis
Bronner Deal	Spencer Ellenburg
Landen Lindsey	Jace Yeakle
Colt Carpenter	Harrison Hovey
Luke Shumaker	

10U Coaches:

John Perkins	Jeff Walding
Mandy Smith	

10U Team players:

Bryant Smith	John Brock Rainey
Jonah Cook	Hyler Perkins

Ezra Walding	Liam Carpenter
Colton Crenshaw	Daven Hughes
Ellis Robertson	Noah Alley
Cole Lee	

Commissioner Ivey said that there is an abundance of talent that is present today and he hopes they can continue and win at the World Series. A round of applause was given by all.

Chairman Shoupe thanked the CAO, Peter Covert, for reminding him to recognize the Dothan Dragons Soccer Team for their outstanding season they have had. Their final game was last night and they went into two overtimes and fought hard until the end.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Request to award bid for Grounds Maintenance Contract to lowest bidder meeting specs – Tommy Dixon, County Buildings Manager

Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve the awarding of the bid for Grounds Maintenance Contract and Commissioner Adams seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Request to reject bid for Janitorial Contract to explore state bid contract – Tommy Dixon, County Buildings Manager

Commissioner Ivey made a motion to approve the request to reject bid for Janitorial Contract. Commissioner Herring seconded the motion and when called for the vote, the motion passed unanimously.

3. Request to approve budget amendment reflecting an increase of \$75,000 to the Houston County Sheriff's Department budget to allow for expected additions to overtime – Major Bill Rafferty, Sheriff's Dept.

Commissioner Ivey made a motion to approve the budget request and Commissioner Adams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Request to approve (1) Full Time Sanitation Dept. position for Sanitation Billing – Stacey Holland, Accounting Manager.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the request for a Full Time Sanitation Dept. position for Sanitation Billing. Commissioner Herring seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5. Request to approve the 2025 Rebuild Alabama Contractor Report – Road & Bridge

Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve the 2025 Rebuild Alabama Contractor Report and Commissioner Ivey seconded.

Chairman Shoupe stated that the law requires the county to present this report to the public each year as this is the Gas Tax that was passed in 2019 and it assures the public that the money is being spent as it should. This tax is called the Rebuild Alabama and the county is to spend all this money on roads.

Mr. Reeder began by saying that Houston County spends all their gas tax money on asphalt, even though it is eligible for pipe laying and other road improvements, they choose to use it for asphalt contracts to make the money go as far as they can. He reported that they completed three roads to include County Road 75 S, Garrett Road and County Line Road. He continued to report that this was a little over 12 miles and they used almost 1.3 million dollars in rebuild money, but two of the roads used about \$400,000 in ARPA funds bringing the total to \$1.7 million dollars that went to paving the three roads.

Chairman Shoupe reiterated that \$1.7 million dollars for 12.1 miles of roads and there are 800 miles of roads in Houston County. Mr. Reeder added that this year the budget funds and MPO funds helped to pave an additional 10.3 miles and due to one of the projects being state project, those cost a little more and that was also \$1.7 million dollars.

When called for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Chief Administrative Officer – No report

County Engineer – closed roads: Womack and Bill Yance. Over the next few weeks Ben Ivey and Power Dam Road will be paved. In the fall, D Hodge, Prevatt and Cumbie roads will be paved.

County Attorney – No report

Adjourned