

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION
September 22, 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 September 22, 2025 Houston County Commission Regular Session and declared a quorum as all commissioners were in attendance.

The invocation was given by Pastor Lyle Peluso from Dothan Vineyard Church and the pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Curtis Harvey.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Shoupe began by announcing that the ribbon cutting for the new “Porter Park” in downtown Dothan will be held on October 4th at noon. He added that he has not had an opportunity to go and see the new area as of yet, but by the pictures he has seen they have done a great job. He also announced that the next administrative meeting will be held on Thursday October 9th and the regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 14th.

Mr. Shoupe asked everyone to continue to pray for our nation. He said that he is not one of those that injects the national “stuff” at a local level because it is so poisonous and turns people off, and turns him off as well, but with the assassination of Charlie Kirk and the response of that, both good and bad, he has been praying for a great awakening for this nation for some time. He encouraged everyone to pray for our nation because political violence is completely unacceptable and locally we have to stay aware of that issue as well.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation – “Hunger Action Month” – “David Hanks, Chief Executive Officer, Wiregrass Area Food Bank

At this time, Chairman Shoupe asked Mr. David Hanks to come and join him at the podium for this presentation.

Commissioner Ivey made a motion to approve the proclamation and Commissioner Adams seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Shoupe began by telling Mr. Hanks that it is always good to have him here at the meetings each year and what he does is incredibly important for this community. Mr. Shoupe also stated that in the past they held a fund raiser by hosting a softball game and they would ask citizens to come watch and to bring canned goods to benefit the food bank. He is in hopes that with the new pickle ball courts in Dothan, that they can reconstitute that event in a little different format. Chairman Shoupe then proceeded to reading the proclamation and presented it to Mr. Hanks and asked for any comments.

Mr. Hanks began by saying that it has been 25 years that they have been doing this and the relationship between the county and the food bank has always been there and whenever they have needed anything all they had to do was ask and the county gets it done. He continued to say that yes, it is Hunger Action Month and they encourage citizens to step it up as they will be going into the holiday season. Mr. Hanks said that recently he ran into a young man at Lowes while he was wearing his Food Bank shirt and the young man asked him if he was with the food bank and Mr. Hanks said yes. The young man continued to say that a couple of years ago he and his mom were having a tough time and they received assistance from the food bank and now they are back on their feet. Mr. Hanks said that is exactly what they want to hear is folks that had a hand up and are now back on their feet and helping the food bank themselves as they know the importance of the food bank.

Mr. Hanks reported that they have saved a lot of food that might have landed up in the landfill. He added that they have a hog farmer that comes and gets the food that is not good for consumption so it is still not thrown away as they are very efficient with that. Mr. Hanks then introduced Ms. Julie Gonzalez, the assistant director at the food bank, and if she was up here she would say one out of every 6 people could go to bed tonight in a food emergency and that means they do not know where their next meal comes from. But the good part is that there are 5 out of those 6 that can help. He ended by thanking the commission.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Request to re-appoint Aleda Holmes and Allen Livingston to the Dothan-Houston County Intellectual Disabilities Board

Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve the request to re-appoint Aleda Holmes and Allen Livingston to the Dothan-Houston County Intellectual Disabilities Board. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Request to award joint county bids for 3D Steel Grids, Herbicides, Road Signs and Traffic Marking Materials

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve awarding the joint county bids and Commissioner Harvey seconded. When called for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

3. Request to approve purchase of washer and dryer for the jail using Capital Replacement Funds – Tommy Dixon, County Buildings Director

Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve the purchase of washer and dryer for the jail using Capital Replacement Funds. Commissioner Adams seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Request to approve budget amendment in the amount of \$20,772.34 for reimbursement of the cost of repairs of wrecked vehicle – Major Bill Rafferty, Sheriff's Dept.

Commissioner Ivey made a motion to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$20,772.34 for reimbursement of the cost of repairs of wrecked vehicle. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

5. Request to award bid for Hot Asphalt Plant Mix to lowest bidder meeting specs – Road & Bridge

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the awarding of the bid for Hot Asphalt Plant Mix to lowest bidder meeting specs. Commissioner Ivey seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Request to approve preliminary plat for Grove Hill Subdivision – Road & Bridge

Commissioner Ivey made a motion to approve the preliminary plat for Grove Hill Subdivision and Commissioner Herring seconded. Chairman Shoupe asked if anyone was present to speak on this item today and there were none. When called for the vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Officer – No report

County Engineer – 4 closed roads; Rice Rd., E. Cook Rd., Cedar Springs Rd.

County Attorney – No report

Adjourned