

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION
October 14, 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 October 14, 2025 Houston County Commission Regular Session and declared a quorum as all commissioners were in attendance.

The invocation was given by Pastor Jacob MacFadden from Selma Baptist Church and the pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Ricky Herring.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Shoupe congratulated the City of Dothan on the new Porter Park as he has received a lot of compliments and he notices that people are utilizing the area. He added that the Mayor and City Commission did an outstanding job with this project and he also congratulated the County Commission for having the vision to donate to that project.

Chairman Shoupe announced that the ACCA District Meeting is tonight in Troy and he looks forward to that event. He added that many area Mayors will be attending this event as well. He also announced that hopefully, what will be the first of many, they will be hosting a county Municipal Summit tomorrow evening at 6:00 p.m. at the EMA Building. He is looking forward to reconnecting with a lot of returning elected officials throughout the county and getting to know a lot of newly elected officials in the county.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation – “Red Ribbon Week” – Dana Bonney, Executive Director, (334)Prevention Project

Chairman Shoupe invited Ms. Dana Bonney to come to the podium for this presentation.

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

Chairman Shoupe stepped to the podium and told Ms. Bonney that he is glad to have them here today as this is an outstanding program in our community. Chairman Shoupe read the proclamation and presented it to Ms. Bonney and asked her for any comments.

Ms. Bonney thanked the commission for consistently supporting their mission of the program. She added that if it were not for the County, City and The United Way, Houston County would look a lot different. She said that she thinks that we all live in a pretty good place here in Houston County and she feels that prevention has played a role in this and she thanked them.

At this time, a (334) Prevention Project Youth Council member, Charlie Chandler, approached the podium and announced that she has the honor of speaking on behalf of the Youth Council today. She stated that she has been a part of the Youth Council for the past 3 years and last year she had the honor of serving in a leadership role on the council. She continued by stating that so many that have joined the (334) Youth Council, she joined it for the same reasons as the others, as she did believe in this cause and she wanted to help to prevent drug misuse and substance misuse and promote healthier choices within the school and the community. Ms. Chandler stated that often times it was something that she cared for from a distance as we all see it in our community and that we don't want to be associated with it. She reported that over time in the Youth Council, she did get a personal connection to it through her own personal experiences as she watched her mother struggle with alcohol. She did get to experience how this can devastate families and rolls in responsibility in our society. Ms. Chandler really started to understand, on a personal level, how important the mission that this organization and the Youth Council is doing as it is not just about saying "no" to drugs or alcohol, but it is about saying "yes" to the support in our community for people that are struggling and the community that promotes an idea that we should all strive for in society. She added that she received outstanding support during the hardest time of her life and for that she will be forever grateful. She said that being a part has taught her so much, not just about leadership and advocacy, but about empathy and resilience. She thanked the commission for supporting a mission that is great as what this organization stands for and it's not just impacting the members of the council, but it is impacting all across the community and it reshaping the whole community. She ended by saying that she is proud to not only represent the Youth Council, but she is proud to represent every person on it and every person in this community that is standing up for change and change that will impact hundreds and thousands.

Chairman Shoupe thanked her for her remarks and for number one, she has a future in leadership if she wants it, and number two, he also had a parent that struggled with alcohol and

he has a soft spot for people with the same struggle. He wished her the best and it is a struggle.

Commissioner Harvey commented to Ms. Chandler that he has served for twenty years on the commission and he has never heard a speech that passionate come from any young person and he believes that God has incredible plans for her life. Chairman Shoupe said to make sure we get Ms. Chandler's name in the minutes as she may have his job one day.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Request to enter into a contract with Keet Consulting Services to provide enhanced GIS mapping, support and maintenance services for the County and authorize the Chairman to negotiate and execute contract – Greg Holland, Revenue Commissioner

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve entering into a contract with Keet Consulting Services and to authorize the Chairman to negotiate and execute the contract. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. Request to approve resolution to consent to a transfer of control for Knology Total Communications, Inc. – Peter Covert, CAO

Commissioner Ivey made a motion to approve the resolution to consent to a transfer of control for Knology and Commissioner Harvey seconded. When called for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

3. Request to approve renovation plans at the Houston County Farm Center for the Sanitation Collections and Billing Department – Tommy Dixon, Maintenance Manager

Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve the renovation plans at the Houston County Farm Center for the Sanitation Collections and Billing Department. Commissioner Adams seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Request to approve Memorandum of Understanding with Wiregrass Pet Rescue and Adoption Center for animal shelter services and authorize Chairman to negotiate and execute agreement

Commissioner Ivey made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Wiregrass Pet Rescue and Adoption Center for animal shelter services and authorize Chairman to negotiate and execute agreement. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the request to award bid for Hot Plant Mix to lowest bidder meeting specs. Commissioner Herring seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Chief Administrative Officer – No Report

County Engineer – 3 Closed Roads: Judge Logue, Cedar Springs, and E. Cook Rd.

Chairman Shoupe asked how long Judge Logue would be closed. Engineer Kirkland said it would be closed on and off in different sections for multiple weeks.

County Attorney – No Report

Adjourned