

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION
January 12, 2026

PRESENT: Chairman Brandon Shoupe, Commissioner Curtis Harvey, Commissioner Tracy Adams, Commissioner Ricky Herring, Commissioner James Ivey, County Engineer Barkley Kirkland, Chief Administrative Officer Stacey Holland and County Attorney Pres Register.

Chairman Shoupe called the 10:00 a.m. meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the January 12, 2026, Houston County Commission Regular Session. He declared a quorum as all commissioners were in attendance.

The invocation was given by Pastor Chuck Locke from Ridgecrest 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 Adams. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Shoupe began by saying that he is excited that the county is receiving \$325,000 from a federal appropriation, thanks to Congressman Dave Moore's office, for the benefit of the Sheriff's Department. This is to be used to update technology, including vehicles. He congratulated the Sheriff's Department for this and added that the trips to Washington are starting to payoff and, for the first time ever, the county hired a contract lobbyist and that is giving us a return on our investment.

Commissioner Adams commented that they can also brief on the tower that is going up on the south part of the county. Chairman Shoupe stated that the county had received a second appropriation, which has already been approved by Senator Britt, for \$225,000 - \$230,000 for a tower south of Gordon to help with communication in that part of the county.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Request to award ACCA Joint County Bids for Heavy Equipment

Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve the request to award the ACCA Joint County Bids and Commissioner Adams seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Request to appoint Jackie Turner to the Dothan-Houston County Library Board

Commissioner Adams made the motion to approve the request to appoint Jackie Turner to the Dothan-Houston County Library Board. Commissioner Herring seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

3. Request to approve purchase of a 2026 Ford F-150 for the Maintenance Dept. and approve accompanying budget amendment – Tommy Dixon, Maintenance Director

Commissioner Ivey made the motion to approve the purchase of the Ford F-150 and approve the budget amendment and Commissioner Adams seconded. Chairman Shoupe commented that they are not adding money to the budget but are moving money around to accommodate the purchase. With no further questions or discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

4. Request to adopt resolution authorizing participation in the ACCA Worker's Compensation Self-Insurers Fund through September 30, 2029 – Stacey Holland, CAO

Commissioner Ivey made a motion to adopt the resolution to participate in the ACCA Worker's Compensation Self-Insurers Fund through September 30, 2029. Commissioner Herring seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Request to approve budget amendment in the amount of \$159,349.78 for reimbursement of 9-1-1 salaries from the City of Dothan/Houston County Communications District Board – Stacey Holland, CAO

Commissioner Ivey made the motion to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$159,349.78 for reimbursement of 9-1-1 salaries from the City of Dothan/Houston County Communications District Board. Commissioner Herring seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

6. Request to adopt Resolution Regarding the Allocation of American Rescue Plan Act Funds for Highway Department Road System Improvements – Stacey Holland, CAO

Commissioner Adams made the motion to approve the Resolution Regarding the Allocation of American Rescue Plan Act Funds for Highway Department Road System Improvements. Commissioner Herring seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

7. Request to approve FY 2025 Rebuild Alabama Annual Report – Road & Bridge

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the FY 2025 Rebuild Alabama Annual Report and Commissioner Adams seconded.

At this time, Engineer Barkley Kirkland stated that this report must be approved by law, and it is for the work the county did last year with Rebuild Alabama funds. He reported that last year they paved 13.14 miles for a total of \$1,519,449.51 out of the Rebuild money and they still have over \$2,540,000 left in the Rebuild fund and over \$1,064,000 left in the federal exchange fund account. Engineer Kirkland stated that they paved four roads, County Road 75 S, County Line Road, Garret Road and Power Dam Road. Chairman Shoupe commented that Power Dam really needed it.

When called for further comments and questions, and with there being none, the motion passed unanimously.

8. Presentation for FY 2025 Paving and Special Projects – Road & Bridge

(No approval was needed for this item as it is a presentation on the Rebuild Alabama items.) Engineer Kirkland began by stating that Chairman Shoupe asked if they could hi-light the projects that were completed in 2025. He began by reporting that Road & Bridge completed several Rebuild Projects, MPO funded projects and County funded projects, which is the money that the county has supplied for paving projects. Rebuild Alabama projects included 2.65 miles on County Line Road for a little over \$305,000 worth of paving and over \$28,000 worth of shoulder work and zipping. On County Road 75 S, the total was \$935,103.91 of Rebuild money plus another \$106,117.48 of ARPA funds. The County put in over \$179,000 for cross drains and shoulder work and an ADEM grant helped with over \$52,000 for cross drains. Engineer Kirkland continued by reporting on the Garrett Road project which was over \$53,000 in Rebuild funds and over \$320,000 of ARPA money for the paving. The County total was \$83,000+ for shoulder work and cross drains. He stated that a lot of the Rebuild Roads and the MPO Roads, the work is done the year before because they know that the money is coming. Engineer Kirkland stated that on Power Dam Road the total was over \$225,000 using Rebuild funds for paving and the County did over \$23,000 in shoulder work.

At this time, Engineer Kirkland reported on MPO Projects for the year to include over \$349,000 of paving on Ashford Road and over \$35,000 in cross drains and shoulder work. Enon Road was over \$666,000 in paving and cross drains and shoulder work totaled over \$12,000. County funded paving for the year included Ben Ivey Road, with over \$190,000 in paving and over \$279,000 in cross drains and shoulder work, which was more than the paving. He stated that if the county did not do this work they would have to contract the work out and it would have to come out of the rebuild funds, which would cost a lot more than this. Engineer Kirkland

continued by reporting that Crawford Road was paved for over \$225,000 and the county cost for cross drains and shoulder work was over \$176,000. Also, ARPA and ADEM funds were used for Crawford Road at a total of over \$382,000. D. Hodge was over \$680,000 in paving and over \$416,000 in cross drains and zipping. Smithville Road was just over \$174,000 in paving and over \$127,000 in cross drains and zipping. Iris Road, which also included Donnie Mae Dr. , was over \$339,000 in paving and over \$63,000 in cross drains and zipping plus another \$269,000+ in ADEM funds. In summary, the total paving included 32.43 miles of roads paved for a cost of \$4,839,084.60 with the county paying \$2,336,082.80. Engineer Kirkland stated that future resurfacing projects include 48 miles of paving,

For the year 2024-2025 special projects included the Gordon Boat Ramp for a total cost of \$983,410.89 with a grant from the State of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. In addition, other special projects included the cleanup and repairs from the January 2025 Snow Storm for \$22,827.03; Cottonwood Town Hall removal for \$21,514.90; ADEM clean-up sites totaled \$119,198.55; Cowarts special paving \$106,625.16; Rehobeth Elementary carline pipe replacement was \$149,566.92; Cottonwood Field House demolition \$7,708.32; Ashford concessions stand demolition \$4,781.69; Taylor playground building pad \$47,679.52; Rehobeth special paving \$73,640.20; Rehobeth concessions stand demolition \$7,736.83; Tire clean up \$60,959.27, which is 100% reimbursed from ADEM. Total Special Projects for the year, except for the Gordon Boat Ramp, was \$622,238.39.

Engineer Kirkland reported that the total amount spent on town request was \$216,004.29, which includes rock, gravel, asphalt and things of that nature.

Commissioner Adams asked if this report would be placed on the county website for the citizens to see and Engineer Kirkland said it would. Commissioner Herring commented that the Road and Bridge Department does an outstanding job. He continued by saying that he has been here for almost 8 years and the Road & Bridge Dept. never fails to get things done with taxpayers' money. He said that he puts this department at the top in the State of Alabama and he appreciates all they do.

9. Request to sell a 2013 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew Cab at auction or to the Town of Avon – Road & Bridge

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the selling of the 2013 Chevrolet Silverado to the auction or to the Town of Avon and Commissioner Harvey seconded. Chairman Shoupe asked if they had decided what to do with the truck and Engineer Kirkland stated that the Mayor of Avon will be looking at the truck on Thursday and decide then. With no further questions or comments, the motion passed unanimously.

10. Request to sell the following items at auction – Road & Bridge

- (5) Ford F-350's
- (1) International Dump Truck
- (1) International Heavy-Duty Truck
- (1) GMC Pick-Up Truck
- (1) Cat Backhoe
- (1) Forklift
- (1) Komatsu Excavator

Commissioner Ivey made a motion to approve selling the stated items at auction.
Commissioner Adams seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Chief Administrative Officer – No report

County Engineer – closed roads: E. Cook, Old Webb, Cedar Springs

County Attorney – No report

Adjourned