

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION
January 26, 2026

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

Acting Chairman Harvey called the 10:00 a.m. meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the January 26, 2026, Houston County Commission Regular Session. He declared a quorum as a majority of the commissioners were in attendance.

The invocation was given by Pastor Will Ceaser from Dothan First Church and the pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner James Ivey.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS

Acting Chairman Harvey asked EMA Director Mark Powell to come forward to give an update on the weather that is approaching our area this week.

Director Powell began by reporting that with the severe weather that our area had yesterday, the rest of the week and weekend will be extremely cold. He announced that warming stations will be available until Thursday morning and may be extended into the weekend depending of the temperatures. He added that one warming station will be in Cottonwood at the Cottonwood Community Church. Director Powell mentioned that the biggest threat to the area is going to be the cold and the wind chill as they may drop as low as 15-17 degrees. He also reported that the Weather Station is here evaluating the damage from the storm on Sunday and he was glad to report that there have been no reported injuries at this time. Acting Chairman Harvey asked where the warming stations are located and Director Powell said that First Baptist Church of Dothan has one in their Family Life Center, which is open from 7 p.m. – 7 a.m. He added that there are several organizations that are supporting this warming station. The other station that he is aware of at this time is the warming station in Cottonwood. Commissioner Ivey asked what days will they be open and Director Powell reported that they will be open each night from 7 p.m. – 7 a.m. until the weather warms up.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Request to sell the following vehicles at auction – Major Bill Rafferty, Sheriff's Dept.

(3) 2008 Ford Crown Victoria

(2) 2010 Ford Crown Victoria

(1) 2007 Ford F-150

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve selling the mentioned vehicles at auction and Commissioner Ivey seconded. Major Rafferty approached and stated that these vehicles will be taken out of service and sold at the auction this week. He added that part of the funds will go to the Commission and part will go to the Sheriff's Dept.

When called for the question and vote, the motion passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Chief Administrative Officer – No report

County Engineer – Engineer Barkley stated that due to the storm they had about a dozen trees down yesterday afternoon and into last night. All trees have been removed and the areas cleaned up. There are 4 closed roads: Sweetie Smith, Cedar Springs, Old Webb and County Road 95.

County Attorney – No report

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