

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION
July 13, 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 July 13, 2026, Houston County Commission Regular Session. He declared a quorum as all commissioners were in attendance.

The invocation was given by Rev. Aaron Ott, from St. Matthias Anglican 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 Harvey and seconded by Commissioner Herring. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Shoupe thanked Commissioner Ivey for chairing the administration meeting last Thursday and he understands he did a great job.

AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS

1. Recognition – Donna Balzaratti, Poplar Head Farmers Market

At this time, Chairman Shoupe asked Mrs. Balzaratti to come join him at the podium for a special presentation. He then read a certificate of appreciation from the commission and stated that this was suggested by someone they know, and the more Mr. Shoupe thought about it the more it made sense because he does not feel that there would be a Poplar Head Farmers Market if it were not for Mrs. Balzaratti. He told her that the commission greatly appreciates her leadership in the organization and asked her for any comments.

Mrs. Balzaratti began by saying that they are thrilled to move the market as they now have a roof and cool concrete floors. She added that they are doing 2 to 3 times the business than they have had before and at their highest day they have had 35 vendors with a mixture of farmers and handmade craft vendors. Mrs. Balzaratti stated that it has been overwhelmingly successful and the public is absolutely thrilled with the renovations at the Farm Center and it has been a great addition to the community. She ended by saying that she is grateful to have a place that they can call “home” for the market. A round of applause was given by all.

2. Proclamation – “Christmas in July with the Salvation Army of Dothan” – Corps Officers, Majors Hank & Eunice Harwell

The representatives for this proclamation could not attend.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Request to appoint Brennen Bowen and Jennifer Stanley to the Dothan-Houston County Substance Abuse Partnership

Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve the appointments of Brennen Bowen and Jennifer Stanley to the Dothan-Houston County Substance Abuse Partnership. Commissioner Ivey seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Request to adopt resolution for Community Development Block Grant for street improvements – SEARP&DC

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the request to adopt the resolution for community Development Block Grant for street improvements. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

3. Request to enter into a lease agreement with Crab and Quarter, LLC, for property located at 2890 Horace Shepard Dr., in an amount not to exceed \$3,000 per month and authorize Chairman to negotiate documents – Stacey Holland, CAO

Commissioner Ivey made a motion to approve entering into a lease agreement with Crab and Quarter, LLC, and authorize Chairman to negotiate documents. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

4. Request to enter into a construction agreement with ALDOT for the resurfacing of County Road 203 from Hadden Road to the Limestone Creek Bridge – Road & Bridge

Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve entering into a construction agreement with ALDOT for the resurfacing of County Road 203 from Hadden Road to the Limestone Creek Bridge. Commissioner Harvey seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Request to enter into a construction agreement with ALDOT for the resurfacing of Country Garden Road from Webb to Kinsey Road to the Henry County Line – Road & Bridge

Commissioner Ivey made a motion to approve entering into a construction agreement with ALDOT for the resurfacing of Country Garden Road from Webb to Kinsey Road to the Henry County Line. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

6. Request to sell the following items on GovDeals or at auction for Road & Bridge:

- a. (1) 7x16 Utility Trailer
- b. 2012 Chevy Silverado
- c. 2006 Ford F350 Crew Cab
- d. 2018 Ford F150
- e. 2014 F150 Crew Cab
- f. 2014 F150 4x4
- g. 2013 Ford F150
- h. 2014 Ford F150
- i. 2008 Ford F250 Crew Cab
- j. 2009 Ford F250 Crew Cab
- k. 2015 Ford F150 Crew Cab

Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve selling the above stated items on GovDeals or at auction. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

7. Request to sell the following item on GovDeals (Revenue Dept.)

- a. Glass office partition

Commissioner Ivey made a motion to approve selling the glass office partition on GovDeals. Commissioner Adams seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Chief Administrative Officer – No report

County Engineer – Paving is caught up until the fall. They are working on road shoulders currently.

County Attorney – No report

Adjourned