

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION
August 10, 2026

PRESENT: Chairman Brandon Shoupe, Commissioner Tracy Adams, Commissioner Ricky Herring, Commissioner James Ivey, County Engineer Barkley Kirkland, Acting Chief Administrative Officer Martha Walker and County Attorney Pres Register.

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

The invocation was given by Harden Cook from Bethal 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 a second by Commissioner Ivey. The motion carried unanimously.

ABSENT: Commissioner Curtis Harvey

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Shoupe announced that the next administrative meeting and commission meeting will both be held on Monday, August 24th, due to commissioners being out of town at their annual conference the week prior. Commissioner Ivey reminded everyone to get out and vote tomorrow for the 2nd District Congressional Candidate.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Request to appoint Chester Sowell to the Houston County Department of Human Resources Board

Commissioner Herring made the motion to approve the appointment of Chester Sowell to the Houston County Department of Human Resources Board. Commissioner Ivey seconded the motion and when called for the vote it passed unanimously.

2. Request to appoint James Ellis to the Dothan-Houston County Intellectual Disabilities Board to fill an unexpired term

Commissioner Ivey made a motion to approve the request to appoint James Ellis to the Dothan-Houston County Intellectual Disabilities Board to fill an unexpired term. Commissioner Herring seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

3. Request to approve updated Houston County Sanitation Department policies – Sanitation Dept.

Commissioner Ivey made a motion to approve the updated Houston County Sanitation Department policies and Commissioner Herring seconded. Chairman Shoupe asked Engineer Kirkland how the public is going to be informed of these changes. Engineer Kirkland stated they would put it on the county website as well as social media and a message can be put on their monthly billing.

When called for the vote, there were (2)yeas, Commissioner Ivey and Commissioner Herring and (1) nay by Commissioner Adams. The majority vote of yeas passed and the updated Houston County Sanitation Department Policies were approved.

4. Request to enter into a construction agreement with Alabama Department of Transportation for resurfacing North Broadway Street from US Hwy 84 to Main Street – Road & Bridge

Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve the agreement with ALDOT for resurfacing North Broadway Street from US Hwy 84 to Main Street. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

5. Request to approve budget amendment in the amount of \$61,522.74 for material used in assisting the Town of Webb with pipe work on Miller St and Kirkland St with total value of project being \$169,558.76 – Road & Bridge

Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$61,522.74 for material used in assisting the Town of Webb. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

6. Request to approve budget amendment in the amount of \$31,608.00 for materials used in assisting the Town of Cowarts with pipe work with a total value of project being \$134,586.04– Road & Bridge

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$31,608.00 for material used in assisting the Town of Cowarts. Commissioner Herring seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

7. Request to approve budget amendment in the amount of \$45,961.40 for material used in assisting the Town of Rehobeth with pond/green space work with a total value of project being \$327,269.06 – Road & Bridge

Commissioner Herring made a motion to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$45,961.40 for material used in assisting the Town of Rehobeth. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

8. Request to approve budget amendment for purchasing fuel – Road & Bridge

Commissioner Ivey made a motion to approve the budget amendment for purchasing fuel. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Chief Administrative Officer – No report

County Engineer – 2 closed roads, N. Co. Rd. 55 and

County Attorney – No report

Adjourn