

MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION
August 24, 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 August 24, 2026, Houston County Commission Regular Session. He declared a quorum as all commissioners were in attendance.

The invocation was given by Rev. Bobbi Lassiter from Covenant Methodist 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 Herring and a second by Commissioner Harvey. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Shoupe announced that the final budget workshop will be held on Thursday At 1:00 p.m. in the 6th floor conference room.

AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS

1. Dothan Regional Airport Update – Adam Hartzog, Executive Director

Mr. Hartzog came forward and began by thanking the commission for having him here today to give the annual update for the Dothan Regional Airport. He continued by stating that there are three projects they are working on at this time. Mr. Hartzog stated that they are finally breaking ground on their cargo expansion for Fed-Ex and this should be operational by Christmas. Also, they have broken ground at their new firefighting station, and it is the first one in 65 years. Mr. Hartzog also announced that they are transitioning all the airfield lighting to LED lights and this project will take about 12 months as there are over 1,000 lights to change.

Mr. Hartzog stated that they are blessed to receive over 10 million dollars in grant funding to pay for all these projects and they can match those dollars at a 5-6 percent match. He added that they are on the list to receive funding for their drainage project, which is 12 million dollars with a 10 percent match. Mr. Hartzog said they will be investing over 22 million dollars in Wiregrass in the next 6 months. He ended by stating that the air traffic is up by 48% over the last 18 months and the pricing is starting to come down to better compare to Panama City and that is always their goal as that is their biggest competition.

Chairman Shoupe commented that he recently flew out of Dothan and it is definitely a lot easier flying out of Dothan than Panama City or Atlanta.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Request to establish county levies for new ABC license types

Commissioner Ivey made a motion to approve the county levies for new ABC License types and Commissioner Adams seconded. Chairman Shoupe stated that this is for new ABC license types that was passed during the legislation session. When called for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

2. Request to approve revised Memorandum of Understanding with the Houston County Health Department for renovations and repairs – Stacey Holland, CAO

Commissioner Ivey made a motion to approve the revised Memorandum of Understand with the Houston County Health Department for renovations and repairs and Commissioner Adams seconded. Chairman Shoupe stated that, as discussed in the Administration Meeting, this will inflate the cost a little over \$100,000 that will have to be paid back over 4 years. He also clarified that the building belongs to the county and as stated by law, we have to provide a building for the Health Department and maintain it. When called for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

3. Request to award bid to the lowest bidder meeting specs for prisoner transport van in the amount of \$153,900 – Sherrif's Dept.

Commissioner Ivey made the motion to approve awarding the bid for prisoner transport van in the amount of \$153,900 to the lowest bidder meeting specs. Commissioner Adams seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Request to approve the FY 26-27 Rebuild Alabama Transportation Plan – Road & Bridge

Chairman Shoupe began by reporting that Rebuild Alabama was the gas tax that was passed in 2019. He added that by law, this gas tax can only be spent on projects, and the plan has to be approved and posted so the public will know where their gas tax dollars are being spent.

At this time, Asst. Engineer Tyler Reeder began by reporting that every August they begin to plan for the next year's use of the gas tax dollars and build their plan for the commission's approval. For 2027, they have put together a plan which includes 9 roads to include Decatur Rd., Paulk Rd., Edgar Smith Rd., Harden Rd., Battle Rd., Adkinson Rd., Green Frog Rd., Guy Branch Rd. and Sanitary Dairy Rd. Mr. Reeder stated that the total miles of paving for this year is 19.56 and the total estimated cost is about \$3.6 million dollars. He also stated that there is a little rollover funding from the previous year.

When called for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Chief Administrative Officer – No report

County Engineer – 1 closed road N. Co. Rd. 55

County Attorney – No report

Chairman Shoupe asked Maintenance Director Tommy Dixon to give an update on the electrical project at the Farm Center and Mr. Dixon responded that the project is complete.

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