Houston County Commissioners Meeting

Warner Robins, Georgia | June 18, 2024 | 5:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Byrd

Invocation – Pastor Ryan Reid

United Growth Church

Approval of Minutes from June 4, 2024

New Business

- 1. FY25 Budget Resolution Commissioner Byrd
- 2. Contract Renewal (Tax Assessor's Office) Commissioner Byrd
- 3. Contract Amendment (Cedar Creek Timber Company) Commissioner Byrd
- 4. Public Hearing Abandonment of Right-of-Way (Old HWY 96) Commissioner Robinson
- 5. Deannexation (Nelson Drive) Commissioner Robinson
- 6. Independent Contractor Agreements (Public Defenders Office) Commissioner Robinson
- 7. Lease Agreement Renewal (Oaky Woods Wildlife Management Area) Commissioner Talton
- 8. Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials Collection RFP Commissioner Talton
- 9. Contract Amendment (Flock Group Inc.) Commissioner Talton
- 10. Change Order (Stratford Hills Pressure Improvement) Commissioner Gottwals
- 11. Change Order (Water System Improvements Sewell Road Phase III) Commissioner Gottwals
- 12. Bid Approval (2024 Chevrolet 3500 Extended Cargo Van) Commissioner Gottwals
- 13. Approval of Bills Commissioner Gottwals

Public Comments

Commissioner Comments

Motion for Adjournment

1. FY25 Budget Resolution – Commissioner Byrd

Chairman Perdue will	present the FY25 Budget R	esolution.	
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Chairman Perdue sig amount of \$181,354,4	2	solution adopting the FY25 bu	dget in the

A Resolution Adopting The Fiscal Year 2025 Budget For Houston County

WHEREAS, the Houston County Board of Commissioners has prepared a line-item budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Houston County Board of Commissioners has adhered to the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 36-81-3, as amended; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on June 4th, 2024, and it is now in the best interest of the County that the budget be adopted,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Houston County Board of Commissioners that the annual budget for Houston County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby approved and adopted in the amount of:

General Fund	\$ 81,315,291
E911 Telephone Fund	\$ 6,196,256
Fire District Fund	\$ 5,373,683
SPLOST Fund	\$ 34,492,259
Water Fund	\$ 9,315,547
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 14,060,986
Internal Service Fund	\$ 15,361,102
ARPA Fund	\$ 13,996,283
DATE Fund	\$ 283,006
Drug Fund *	\$ 113,000
Jail Inmate Fund *	\$ 263,449
Law Library Fund *	\$ 89,520
District Attorney Fund *	\$ 494,103
	181,354,485

^{*}Other Special Revenue Funds

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, the General Fund shall appropriate \$2,384,186 from previously assigned Fund Balance for Personnel Adjustments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any increase in appropriation for any department or salary line-item in excess of the approved budget shall require approval by the Board of Commissioners authorizing said funds to be expended.

This 18th day of June 2024.

HOUSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY:		
	Dan Perdue Chairman	
ATTEST:		
	Robbie Dunbar Director of Administration	

2. Contract Renewal (Tax Assessor's Office) – Commissioner Byrd

This request is to renew a professional service	es contract with	Traylor	Business	Services	Inc.	for
personal property verifications.						

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the signing of a profe	ssional services contract v	vith Traylor Business Services	Inc., of

the signing of a professional services contract with Traylor Business Services Inc., of Kennesaw, Georgia for a twelve-month term, beginning June 23, 2024.

Houston County Board of Tax Assessors

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June 10, 2024

Chairman Dan Perdue 200 Carl Vinson Pkwy Warner Robins, GA 31088

Dear Chairman Perdue,

Our contract with Traylor Business Services for personal property verification is up for renewal for Fiscal year 2024-2025. I will send 3 copies of the contract to be signed after my Board Chairman signs them. We request that this contract renewal be put on the agenda for approval by the Board of Commissioners at the June 18th meeting. Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Respectfully,

James Moore, Chief Appraiser

Houston County Tax Assessor's Office

201 Perry Pkwy Perry, GA 31069

James Moore

3. Contract Amendment (Cedar Creek Timber Company) – Commissioner Byrd

This request is for an amendment of the timber sale agreement with Cedar Creek Timber Company. The requested extension is due to wet conditions causing difficulty with access to the tract of timber.

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the signing of an amendment with Cedar Creek Timber Company of Wrightsville, Georgia to extend the term of the agreement from July 19, 2024 to October 31, 2024.



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> Terry Dietsch Utility Director

Memorandum

To: Houston County Board of Commissioners

From: Terry Dietsch, Utility Director 740 By

Date: June 5, 2024

Re: Amendment No 1 - Cedar Creek Timber

Company Contract #03-23-51

Cedar Creek Timber Company has requested an extension for the timber sale contract #03-23-51 which is set to expire on July 19, 2024. The Amendment requested extends the term of the contract 3 months to expire October 31, 2024. The county has received payment for this timber.

Staff and consultants recommend the extension based on access to the tract of timber and wet conditions experienced. Thank you for your consideration.

4. Public Hearing Abandonment of Right-of-Way (Old HWY 96) - Commissioner Robinson

Driggers Properties, LLC, through its member Mick Driggers, owner of Tax Parcel Numbers 01250 1100 and 01250 1110 adjacent to an unpaved portion of Old HWY 96 in Bonaire, Houston County submitted an application requesting the abandonment of this portion of Old HWY 96. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 32-7-2(b)(1) the property owner was notified that a public hearing regarding his request would be held today and notice of the public hearing for the purpose of discussing the abandonment was advertised in the Houston Home Journal once a week for two weeks.

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the signing of a Reso	olution abandoning the unj	paved portion of Old HWY 96	adjacent to

Mr. Driggers' property.

A RESOLUTION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ABANDONMENT BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

WHEREAS, Driggers Properties, LLC, through its member Mick Driggers, hereinafter referred to as "Property Owner", submitted an Abandonment of County Easement/Right-of-Way Request Form requesting the abandonment of an unpaved portion of Old HWY 96 situated adjacent to their properties located in Bonaire, Georgia at Tax Parcel Numbers 01250 1100 and 01250 1110; and

WHEREAS, a legal description is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and a plat of survey is attached hereto as Exhibit "B" showing the unpaved portion of right-of-way to be considered for abandonment. Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B" are made a part hereof by reference; and

WHEREAS, Section 32-7-2(b)(1) of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated authorizes a county to abandon a section of the county road system which has for any reason ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by it, or because its removal from the county road system is otherwise in the best public interest, after notice to property owners located thereon; and

WHEREAS, Section 32-7-2(b)(1) of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated provides that upon the certification by the county, recorded in its minutes, accompanied by a plat or sketch, after notice to property owners located thereon, the county may declare that section of roads to no longer be a part of the county road system, and the rights of the public in and to the section of roads as a public road shall cease; and

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing for the abandonment of the unpaved portion of right-of-way described in **Exhibit "A"** and shown in **Exhibit "B"** was duly published within the county legal organ once a week for two weeks; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on June 18, 2024, at the appointed time regarding the abandonment of the unpaved portion of right-of-way described in **Exhibit** "**A**" and shown in **Exhibit** "**B**"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 32-7-2(b)(1) of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated the property owner of the property that is located on the unpaved portion of right-of-way, was notified of the intent to abandon the unpaved portion of said right-of-way described in **Exhibit "A"** and shown in **Exhibit "B"**, and no other legitimate objections thereto have been made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners, as follows:

It is certified that the unpaved portion of right-of-way known as Old HWY 96 adjacent to Tax Parcel Numbers 01250 1100 and 01250 1110 within Houston County, Georgia as described and shown on the attached legal description (see Exhibit "A") and plat of survey (see Exhibit "B") has ceased to be used by the

- public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by said unpaved portion of right-of-way.
- 2. That the abandonment of said unpaved portion of right-of-way herein described and shown on the attached legal description (see Exhibit "A") and plat of survey (see Exhibit "B") be and is approved.
- 3. That the best interest of Houston County would be served by the conveyance of said unpaved portion of right-of-way, described and shown on the attached legal description (see Exhibit "A") and plat of survey (see Exhibit "B"), to the property owner of the property that is located thereon, so that it may be subject to taxation by Houston County.
- 4. That the deed of abandonment be executed by the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners conveying interest in said unpaved portion of right-of-way within Houston County, Georgia, as described and shown on the attached legal description (see Exhibit "A") and plat of survey (see Exhibit "B"), to the owner of the property that is located thereon, their assigns, transferees and successors in interest.

This 18th day of June 2024.

HOUSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

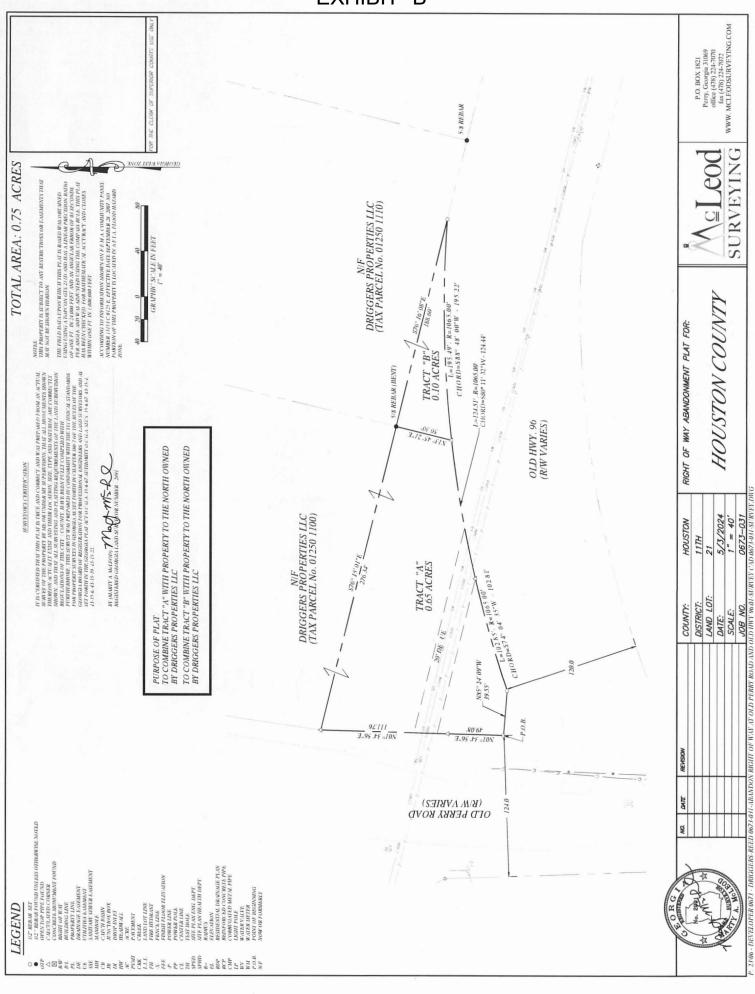
	Chairman Dan Perdue
	Commissioner Mark Byrd
	Commissioner Shane Gottwals
	Commissioner Gail Robinson
Attact	Commissioner Tal Talton
Attest: Robbie Dunbar Director of Administration	

EXHIBIT "A"

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 21 of the Eleventh (11th) Land District of Houston County, Georgia, more particularly describe as Track "A" containing 0.65 acres and Track "B" containing 0.10 acres, according to a Plat of Survey prepared by McLeod Surveying, Dated May 3, 2024.

This conveyance is subject to any easements for drainage or utilities presently existing within the above-described property.

EXHIBIT "B"



5. Deannexation (Nelson Drive) - Commissioner Robinson

The County has received a request from Scott Messer for the approval of deannexation from the City of Warner Robins of his property located at 309 Nelson Drive, Warner Robins, Georgia pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-36-22.

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the deannexation of the property located at 309 Nelson Drive, Warner Robins, Georgia and authorize the signing of the appropriate resolution to be sent to the City of Warner Robins.

A RESOLUTION FOR DEANNEXATION OF PROPERTY

WHEREAS, Scott Messer, desires to deannex from the City of Warner Robins his property located at 309 Nelson Drive, Warner Robins, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 36-36-22 requires county approval as a precondition to the voluntary deannexation of land by a municipal governing authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Houston County that the deannexation of the property described below from the corporate boundaries of the City of Warner Robins, Georgia is hereby _______.

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 147, of the Fifth (5th) Land District of Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 4, Westwood Hills Subdivision, according to a plat of survey being of record in Plat Book 9, Page 222, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the record thereof are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

HOUSTON COUNTY

This 18th day of June 2024.

	BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
	Chairman Dan Perdue
	Commissioner Mark Byrd
	Commissioner Shane Gottwals
	Commissioner Gail Robinson
	Commissioner Tal Talton
Attest:	
Robbie Dunbar Director of Administration	

6. Independent Contractor Agreements (Public Defenders Office) – Commissioner Robinson

This request is to renew Independent Contractor Agreements with four attorneys to provide legal representation in cases where the Houston County Public Defender's Office has a conflict of interest.

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the signing of an Independent Contractor Agreement with Jeffrey L. Grube for a term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$90,000, Jonathan Perry Waters for a term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$90,000, David G. Daniell for a term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$90,000, and Carl Veline for a term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$90,000.

7. Lease Agreement Renewal (Oaky Woods Wildlife Management Area) – Commissioner Talton

This request is for renewal of the Oaky Woods Wildlife Management Area Lease Agreement.			
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the signing of the Oaky Woods Wildlife Management Area Lease Agreement between the Department of Natural Resources and Houston County. This agreement will have a term of one year with the option to renew it for up to five years after the signing of this agreement.



Houston County Board of Commissioners

200 Carl Vinson Parkway Warner Robins, GA 31088 Phone: (478) 542-2115 Fax: (478) 923-5697

Jordan Kelley
Project Coordinator

MEMORANDUM

To:

Houston County Board of Commissioners

From:

Jordan Kelley, Project Coordinator J. Kelle

Date:

June 07, 2024

Re:

Oaky Woods Wildlife Management Area Lease Agreement

This request is for renewal of the Oaky Woods Wildlife Management Area Lease Agreement between Houston County and the Department of Natural Resources. This renewal is for the 2024-2025 hunting season with an option to renew for up to 5 years after the signing of this agreement.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

8. Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials Collection RFP – Commissioner Talton

After a mandatory pre-proposal conference, four contractors submitted proposals to be the County's next solid waste and recyclable materials collection contractor. These proposals were reviewed and scored by a selection committee and Atlantic Coast Consulting, Inc., the Solid Waste consultant. This request is for approval of the award of the Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials Collection Contract.

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9. Contract Amendment (Flock Group Inc.) – Commissioner Talton

This request is for an amendment to the contract with Flock Group Inc.			
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the signing of a contract amendment with Flock Group Inc. of Atlanta, Georgia to prepay the remainder of the contract. This prepayment is due to the deadlines associated with ARPA funded projects. Also, to allow the Accounting Department to make any necessary budget adjustments.



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Jordan Kelley *Project Coordinator*

MEMORANDUM

To:

Houston County Board of Commissioners

From:

Jordan Kelley, Project Coordinator J. Klly

Date:

June 07, 2024

Re:

Contract Amendment- Flock Group Inc.

This request is for an amendment to the contract with Flock Group Inc. for the Flock Camera System. This amendment reflects the prepayment of the remainder of the contract with all other terms of the original contract remaining constant. This prepayment is due to the deadlines associated with ARPA funded projects.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

10. Change Order (Stratford Hills Pressure Improvement)— Commissioner Gottwals

This request is for approval of the final adjusting Change Order for the Stratford Hills Subdivision Pressure Improvement project. This reduction in the price represents actual quantities installed on the project.

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the final adjusting change order for the Stratford Hills Subdivision Pressure Improvement project with Pyles Plumbing & Utility Contractors Inc, of Macon, Georgia. This decrease in the amount of \$18,700 will reduce the original cost of \$76,650 to \$57,950.



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> Terry Dietsch Utility Director

Memorandum

To: Houston County Board of Commissioners

From: Terry Dietsch, Utility Director

Date: June 5, 2024

Re: Change Order No. 1 – Stratford Hills Pressure Evaluation

Please consider this final adjusting Change Order No. 1 for the Stratford Hills Pressure Evaluation. The reduction in the price of \$18,700.00 represents actual quantities constructed on this project. This final adjusting change order represents a decrease in the total contract amount from \$76,650.00 to \$57,950.00. Thank you for your consideration.

11. Change Order (Water System Improvements Sewell Road Phase III) – Commissioner Gottwals

This request is for approval of the final adjusting Change Order for the Water System Improvements to Serve Sewell Road, Phase III. This reduction in price represents actual quantities installed.

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the final adjusting change order for the Water System Improvements to Serve Sewell Road, Phase III with John R Walker, Inc., of Macon, Georgia. This decrease in the amount of \$58,426 will reduce the original cost of \$1,130,186.40 to \$1,071,760.40. Also, to allow the Accounting Department to make any necessary budget adjustments.



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Travis McLendon Roads Superintendent

> Terry Dietsch Utility Director

Memorandum

To:

Houston County Board of Commissioners

From:

Terry Dietsch, Utility Director

Date:

May 31, 2024

Re:

Change Order No. 1 – Water System Improvements

Phase III to Serve Sewell Road

Please consider this final adjusting Change Order No. 1 for the Water System Improvements to Serve Sewell Road. The decrease in the contract price of \$58,426.00 represents actual quantities constructed on this project. This final adjusting change order represents a decrease in the total contract amount from \$1,130,186.40 to \$1,071,760.40. Thank you for your consideration.

12. Bid Approval (2024 Chevrolet 3500 Extended Cargo Van) – Commissioner Gottwals

At the November 7, 2023 Houston County Board of Commissioners meeting a bid on one New 2023 Chevrolet 3500 Extended Cargo Van for use in the Houston County Sheriff's Department, Warrants Division was approved for \$43,553. The low bidder is unable to fulfill the order. The Purchasing Department has found a 2024 Chevrolet 3500 Extended Cargo Van with a required upgrade to a V8 engine and an increase in price of \$1,947. This request is for approval of this bid of \$45,500.

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HOUSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

VANESSA ZIMMERMAN
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING

2020 KINGS CHAPEL ROAD • PERRY, GEORGIA 31069-2828 (478) 218-4800 • FACSIMILE (478) 218-4805

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Houston County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Vanessa Zimmerman

CC: Robbie Dunbar

DATE: June 12, 2024

Subject: Purchase of One (1) New 2024 Chevrolet 3500 Extended Cargo Van

The Purchasing Department solicited prices for One (1) new Extended Cargo Van in October 2023, however the low bidder was unable to fulfill the order, and the other bidder was unable to place an order. After considerable requests for the van, Brannen Motor Company can place the order at an increase of \$1947.00 and a required upgrade to a V8 engine. The cost of the vehicle, \$45,500.00 is a SPLOST 2018 funded and will be charged to 320-3300-54.2200. The vehicle will be used by HCSO Warrants Division.

13. Approval of Bills – Commissioner Gottwals

Summary of bills by fund:

General Fund (100)	\$1,316,367.56
Drug Abuse Treatment & Education (212)	\$8,481.80
Emergency 911 Telephone Fund (215)	\$45,624.39
American Rescue Plan Act (230)	\$1,258,379.92
Fire District Fund (270)	\$47,228.13
2006 SPLOST Fund (320)	\$282,530.13
2012 SPLOST Fund (320)	\$371,391.58
2018 SPLOST Fund (320)	\$619,724.49
Water Fund (505)	\$671,562.77
Solid Waste Fund (540)	\$986,596.49
Total	\$5,607,887.26

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the payment of the bills totaling \$5,607,887.26.