

Houston County Commissioners Meeting
December 19, 2017
Warner Robins, Georgia

The Houston County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday December 19, 2017 at the Houston County Annex in Warner Robins, Georgia with Chairman Stalnaker presiding and Commissioners Walker, Robinson, Thomson, and McMichael present. Also present were County Attorney Tom Hall, Director of Administration Barry Holland, Director of Operations Robbie Dunbar, Fire/HEMA Chief Jimmy Williams, Director of Personnel Ken Carter, Chief Building Inspector Tim Andrews, Director of Purchasing Mark Baker, Community Planner Jake Cox, GSP Sgt. Hamilton Halford, 21st Century Partnership Director of Strategy Dan Rhoades, Houston County Family Connection Partnership Executive Director Tian Foss, Ken and Elaine Pritchard, Jim Taylor, and Walton & Becky Wood.

Commissioner Thomson gave the invocation.

Lt. Col. Scott Shelton, US Air Force led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and briefed the Board on his military service. He met his wife while attending the Air Force Academy from 1995 to 1999. From there he went on to pilot training and ultimately spent most of his career at Robins AFB with the J-Stars program. He also spent some years both training other pilots and training other pilot instructors. He spoke of faith in God and country as well as both his family and his military family and friends. Having flown over 100 combat sorties in his career he has served all over the world including Iraq and Afghanistan. Many of his missions were 16-hour sorties but the longest in his career was 18-1/2 hours. He thought Houston County was a great place to live and commented that he and his family may actually end up staying here when he does eventually retire from the Air Force.

Chairman Stalnaker recognized Miss Warner Robins Pageant Board of Directors Vice President Elaine Pritchard who introduced Junior Miss International City Madison Sorrow, Tiny Miss International City Abi Goss, and Miss Warner Robins Darlyn Davis. Executive Director Rodney Johnson, several other Board members and some of the parents were also in attendance. The Board congratulated each young lady on their accomplishments and presented each a small gift.

Chairman Stalnaker recognized Scout Leader Julie Hoffman and eight young ladies of Girl Scout Troop #60577 who were in attendance working on the requirements for their Inside Government badges. The Board welcomed them, congratulated them on their efforts and presented each a small gift.

Chairman Stalnaker then recognized Executive Director of the Houston County Family Connection Partnership Tian Foss who presented the organizations 2017 Annual Report to the Board. Ms. Foss also presented a HOCO-OPOLY board game to the Chairman. The game is being sold at Gottwals Books and the Museum of Aviation gift shop as a fundraiser for the Partnership.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to approve the minutes from the meeting of December 4, 2017.

Chairman Stalnaker asked the Board for a motion to add an agenda item for payment of five Tyler Technologies invoices.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously by all to add the payment of invoices for Tyler Technologies on the State Court case management project to the agenda as Item #8.

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Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Ms. Robinson and carried in unison with Mr. McMichael abstaining to approve the appointment of Commissioner McMichael as Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the 2018 year.

Chairman Stalnaker and the other Board members thanked Ms. Robinson for her service as Vice Chairman during the 2017 year.

Mr. Walker presented the mandatory minimum salaries for County Officials per guidelines set by the state of Georgia.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously by all to approve the adjustment of all County Officials salaries to the mandated minimum effective January 1, 2018 as outlined in a memorandum from Personnel Director Ken Carter dated December 11, 2017.

Mr. Walker presented a resolution that affirms that Houston County adheres to the Georgia Archives Local Government Retention Schedules and that our Records Retention Manager is officially designated as the coordinator of the County's records management plan and is authorized to act on behalf of the Board in all records management matters.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously by all to authorize the execution of a resolution authorizing Houston County's records management plan in accordance with the Georgia Records Act O.C.G.A. § 50-18-90 through 103.

Mr. Thomson presented a request for approval of a bid. Bids were solicited for the drainage improvements project for Flournoy Drive with two contractors responding. Staff recommends award to the low bidder LaKay Enterprises.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously by all to approve the award of the Flournoy Drive Drainage Improvements project to LaKay Enterprises of Fort Valley in the amount of \$180,877 to be charged to 100-4250-52.2200 Storm Drainage-Repairs & Maintenance.

Mr. McMichael presented a request for approval of a bid. Bids were solicited for two vehicles for the Investigations Division of the Sheriff's Department. Staff recommends award to low bidder Langdale Chevrolet for a 2018 Chevy Silverado and to low bidder Landers McLarty Dodge for a 2018 Dodge Durango SUV. Both are budgeted replacement vehicles funded by the 2012 SPLOST.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously by all to approve the award of one new 2018 Chevrolet Silverado at a unit cost of \$25,594 to Langdale Chevrolet of Sylvester, GA; and the award of one new 2018 Dodge Durango at a unit cost of \$27,964 to Landers McLarty Dodge of Huntsville, AL. Both vehicles are for use in the Investigations Division of the Sheriff's Department and are funded by the 2012 SPLOST.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to approve the re-appointment of the following:

Library Board

Linda Jones

02/02/2018 to 02/01/2022

Dan Bibler

02/02/2018 to 02/01/2022

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And, the appointment of the following:

Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities & Addictive Diseases Advisory Council

Francis Peed	01/01/2018 to 12/31/2020
Alan Everidge	01/01/2018 to 12/31/2020

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously by all to approve the payment of the bills totaling \$800,617.22.

Mr. Thomson presented a request for payment of invoices for Tyler Technologies for their work to date on the State Court case management system. Judge Ashford has submitted invoices totaling \$144,395.20 but due to some unresolved issues with the implementation and configuration of the system, the County has agreed to release payment on approximately half of the invoices. The Tyler team is currently working to remediate these issues. Payment of the remaining invoices will be considered after certain milestones in the project have been met.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to approve the payment of the following invoices to Tyler Technologies of Dallas, TX:

#020-13961 for \$5,550.00
#020-14156 for \$12,275.70
#020-14380 for \$26,117.89
#020-14627 for \$18,377.04
#020-14798 for \$18,305.27

The Law Library Fund will reimburse the County for the full amount of \$80,585.90.

Chairman Stalnaker made an announcement to remind everyone that the next Board meeting would be held on Tuesday, January 9th at 9:00 am at the Courthouse.

Chairman Stalnaker opened the meeting for a Public Comments.

Walton Wood, 426 Sandefur Road, Kathleen stated his opposition to the T-SPLOST which would be an additional 1% sales tax intended to generate revenues specifically for transportation improvements within our eleven-county region. He reminded the Board that the voters turned down the original referendum in 2012 and that the Board issued a resolution of non-support of the T-SPLOST in 2015.

GSP Sgt. Hamilton Halford briefed the Board on the GSP Aviation Unit's activities during the past year. Stats included 14,616 gallons of jet fuel purchased by the GSP at the Perry-Houston County Airport; 124 total flights with Houston County being the destination; 319 flights flown out of the Perry GSP hangar; and 1,469 flights flown statewide out of the GSP's six hangars including Perry's. He thanked the Board for their continued support of the State Patrol.

Perry-Houston County Airport Manager Jim Marquardt briefed the Board on the airport's status stating that 85 air-worthy aircraft are now located at the facility

and that their goal is to reach 100 or more. He commented that all hangars are full with 46 now on a waiting list. He spoke of fuel sales, improvements at the

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airport including a new Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) and a Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) system. A private hangar is currently under construction and many of Houston's industries and businesses are attracting aircraft and corporate jets.

21st Century Partnership Director of Strategy, Dan Rhoades, gave the Board a brief summary of the Partnership's recent activities including the recent trip to Washington D.C. to meet with Air Force and Congressional leaders.

There being no further comments the meeting continued.

Chairman Stalnaker opened the meeting for Commissioners Comments.

Mr. McMichael related that he recently received a phone call from a citizen expressing appreciation for the Sheriff's Department maintaining patrols in the HWY 96 and Cartwright Road area. He also thanked the County employees and citizens alike for a good year.

Mr. Thomson thanked Mr. and Mrs. Wood for the pecan pie and wished everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Ms. Robinson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and asked that everyone remember those that are important to you whether they are here today or those that have passed on.

Mr. Walker wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and remarked that he was glad that the Board could recognize so many good people at the meeting.

Chairman Stalnaker thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He also thanked the County employees for a good year and thanked the members of the media for covering the day to day events in local government. He also recognized Mr. and Mrs. Wood and Mr. Jim Taylor.

Motion to Adjourn by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all. Meeting adjourned.

Barry Holland
Director of Administration

Chairman

Commissioner

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Commissioner

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