

**Houston County Commissioners Meeting
December 15, 2015
Warner Robins, Georgia**

The Houston County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at the Houston County Annex in Warner Robins, Georgia. Director of Administration Barry Holland, Director of Operations Robbie Dunbar, Director of Human Resources Ken Carter, Chief Building Inspector Tim Andrews, Fire/HEMA Chief Jimmy Williams, Director of Purchasing Mark Baker, Houston County Development Authority Executive Director Angie Gheesling, Houston County Development Authority Chairman Mark Byrd, GSP Sgt. Hamilton Halford, Walton and Becky Wood, James Erdmanczyk, Attorney Larry Walker Jr., Senator-Elect Larry Walker III and wife Adrienne, Phoenix Center Board Chairman Ken Pritchard, Miss Warner Robins Scholarship Pageant Board member Elaine Pritchard, Pageant Board Executive Director Rodney Johnson.

Commissioner Robinson led the audience in the Invocation.

Col. Kevin Clotfelter, USAF (ret.) led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and then detailed his 26-year military career. He spent most of his career in B-52, B-1 and the J-Stars aircraft as a flyer. Seventeen years of his career were spent here at Robins AFB where he retired as the commander of the 116th Air Control Wing-Georgia Air National Guard which provided manned, joint airborne command and control, battle management, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance support to combat commanders around the world flying the E-8C Joint STARS aircraft. Retiring just a few months ago, Col. Clotfelter is now employed as a contractor on Robins. He and his wife who also served in the military, call Houston County home. They have two grown sons and four grandchildren. He thanked the Board for their public service to the citizens of Houston County.

Chairman Stalnaker recognized Senator-Elect Larry Walker III and read a resolution expressing the Board's appreciation for his six years of service on the Houston County Development Authority. He thanked Mr. Walker for offering himself for public service and office and wished him well as he begins serving as District 20 State Senator. Development Authority Executive Director Angie Gheesling thanked Mr. Walker for his tireless service to the Authority. Development Authority Chairman Mark Byrd also thanked him for his service and for his friendship. Mr. Walker introduced his wife Adrienne and his father Larry Walker, Jr. He thanked the Commissioners and remarked that it was an honor to be appointed to the Authority and that he has enjoyed the opportunity to learn about the County and economic development. He thanked the Board for their leadership of the County.

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Chairman Stalnaker recognized Elaine Pritchard, Miss Warner Robins Scholarship Pageant Board member, who introduced Miss Warner Robins Tess Hammock, Miss Warner Robins Outstanding Teen Grace Thomas and Junior Miss Warner Robins Princess Lily Barfield. Each young lady gave a brief description of their platforms and then was photographed with the Commissioners, Ms. Pritchard and Mr. Rodney Johnson, Executive Director of the Pageant board.

Mr. McMichael exited the meeting in order to attend a retirement function for Museum of Aviation President & COO Pat Bartness.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Mr. Walker and carried to approve the minutes from meeting of December 1, 2015. Upon voting, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Walker, and Ms. Robinson voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion made in unison with Mr. Walker abstaining to approve the appointment of Commissioner Walker as Vice Chairman for 2016. Chairman Stalnaker thanked Mr. Thomson for his service as 2015 Vice Chairman and explained that the vice chairman was selected on a yearly rotation basis among the four commissioners

Motion made by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Thomson and carried to extend the Inmate Health Services Contract. This is using the first extension option with Southern Correctional Medicine at a cost of \$764,400 annually. Upon voting, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Walker, and Ms. Robinson voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Thomson, second by Ms. Robinson and carried to approve the Bid for Scott Road and Kersey Road Water Extension to low bidder Complete Site Work Services of Dublin in the amount of \$274,240.87. The work includes the extension of approximately 13,000 linear feet of 8" water main. Upon voting, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Walker, and Ms. Robinson voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Walker and carried to approve the payment of bills totaling \$1,481,362.38. Upon voting, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Walker, and Ms. Robinson voted yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Robinson noted that the check for the two new fire trucks (Deep South Truck & Equipment Sales-Check #66836 for \$459,940) should be held until Chief Williams takes delivery and performs a final inspection.

Chairman Stalnaker then opened the meeting for public comments.

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Sgt. Hamilton Halford, hangar commander of the Georgia State Patrol aviation unit in Perry, presented the Board with a framed photograph of the GSP helicopter and various GSP personnel that was taken at the September 3rd ground-breaking ceremony for the new aviation hangar at the Perry-Houston County Airport. With site work currently ongoing, he expressed hope that the building construction would begin at the first of the new year. Chairman Stalnaker commented that the County is looking forward to the completion of the project.

Chief Williams informed the Commissioners that the delivery of the two new firetrucks would be delayed until Friday morning due to a minor issue that is currently being resolved.

The Chairman then asked for comments from the Commissioners

Chairman Stalnaker wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and commented that this has been a good year but 2016 will bring many challenges. He thanked the Commissioners and the County employees as a whole for their efforts during the year. He also thanked Mr. and Mrs. Wood for their contributions to the County.

Each Commissioner wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and thanked the Chairman for his leadership and the employees for their support.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Thomson and carried to adjourn. Upon voting, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Walker, and Ms. Robinson voted yes. Motion carried.

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Barry Holland
Director of Administration

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