

**Houston County Commissioners Meeting
September 20, 2022
Warner Robins, Georgia**

The Houston County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday September 20, 2022, at the Houston County Annex in Warner Robins, Georgia, with Chairman Stalnaker presiding and Commissioners Byrd, Robinson, Talton, and Walker present. Also present were County Attorney Tom Hall, Director of Administration Robbie Dunbar, Director of Operations Brian Jones, Director of Personnel Ken Carter, Director of Purchasing Mark Baker, Chief Building Inspector Tim Andrews, Fire/EMA Chief Chris Stoner, Landfill Superintendent Terry Dietsch, Community Planner Jacob Cox, Houston County Coroner James Williams, Meg Mehserle, Melissa Feagin, Bryce and Brock Feagin, Marilu Cowan, Daryl Allen, Dan Perdue, Johnnie Rozier and Jacqueline Rozier.

Commissioner Byrd gave the Invocation and then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Byrd and carried unanimously by all to approve the minutes from the September 6th meeting.

Mr. Walker presented a request from the City of Warner Robins for annexation of property located at 700 Hwy 96.

Chairman Stalnaker opened the floor for public comments. There were none.

Chairman Stalnaker opened the floor for Commissioner's comments. There were none.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously by all to concur with the City of Warner Robins request for annexation of property located at 700 Hwy 96, also known as a portion of Tax Parcel 000780 337000 totaling 1.58 acres. Property is currently zoned County C-2 proposed zoning is City of Warner Robins C-2, with the stipulation that all county utilities remain with the County.

Mr. Walker presented a request from the City of Warner Robins for annexation of property located at 210 Cohen Walker Drive.

Chairman Stalnaker opened the floor for public comments. There were none.

Chairman Stalnaker opened the floor for Commissioner's comments. There were none.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Talton and carried unanimously by all to concur with the City of Warner Robins request for annexation of property located at 210 Cohen Walker Drive also known as a portion of Tax Parcel 000780 13A000 (total of 6.49 acres). Property is currently zoned County R-AG and proposed zoning is City of Warner Robins R-AG with the stipulation that water service will remain with the County.

Mr. Talton presented a request from the City of Perry for annexation of property located at 2440 and 0 Hwy 127.

Chairman Stalnaker opened the floor for public comments. There were none.

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Chairman Stalnaker opened the floor for Commissioner's comments.

Commissioner Robinson had a question about the zoning listed on the signs being R-3.

County Attorney Tom Hall addressed this question and advised that at the Perry Planning Commission meeting the applicant changed the request to ask for R-3 zoning instead of C-2.

Chairman Stalnaker advised that this parcel of land would be used by a church as an expansion of their facility for a parking lot.

Motion by Mr. Talton, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to concur with the City of Perry request for annexation of property located at 2440 and 0 Hwy127, also known as Tax Parcel 000800 059000 containing 7.5 acres and Tax Parcel 000810 081000 containing 1.93 acres with the recommendation it be zoned City of Perry C-1 in place of City of Perry C-2 as Perry C-2 appears to be unsubstantiated.

Mr. Talton presented a list for submission to the Georgia Department of Transportation for consideration on the LMIG (Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant) funding.

Motion by Mr. Talton, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously by all to approve the proposed LMIG priority list to be submitted to Georgia D.O.T. The estimated grant funding would total \$899,637.57 and the 30% minimum mandatory match from the County is \$269,891.27. The road names and mileage are as follows:

Road Name	from	To	Length (Miles)
Alexander Dr	Flournoy Dr	Taylor St	0.114
Azalea Ave	Old Perry Rd	Dead End	0.431
Ashwood Dr	Oakwood Dr	Cedarwood Dr	0.093
Birchwood Dr	Sandelwood Dr	Cedarwood Dr	0.134
Brownson Ln	GA Hwy 96	Dead End	0.200
Creekwood Dr	Sandy Run	Cul-de-sac	0.173
Custer Ct	Cul-de-sac	Cul-de-sac	0.284
Durango Pass	Avondale Circle	Santa Fe Trail	0.317
E. Railroad Ave	Ellis Rd	Dead end	0.184
Free Providence Dr	Dead End	Grovania Rd	0.294
Johannes Square	Shannon Ridge	Cul-de-sac	0.118
Leconte St	Cul-de-sac	Cul-de-sac	0.076
Lee Paul Rd	Graham Rd	Cul-de-sac	1.139
Old Perry Rd	GA Hwy 96	Sandy Run Rd	1.236
Taylor St	Alexander Dr	Gilchrist Dr	0.322
Tipperary Trail	Gateway Dr	Cul-de-sac	0.060
Toomer Rd	Orchard Rd	County Line Rd	0.525
Waterford Ct.	Waterford Dr	Cul-de-sac	0.135
Wedgewood Dr	Lenox Dr	Greenview Ct	0.497
Westward Pointe	Moody Road	Cul-de-sac	0.325
Williams Way	Westward Pointe	Martin Terrace	0.093
Mulberry St	E. Railroad Ave	Dead End	0.062
TOTAL			6.81

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Ms. Robinson presented a parking plan for limited access parking lot at the Houston County Courthouse.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Byrd and carried unanimously by all to approve the secured parking plan at the Houston County Courthouse. This parking lot will have 20 assigned parking places. The activation date of the assignments will be determined by the Houston County Sheriff's Office. Only those with assigned places will have access into the parking lot.

Chairman Stalnaker advised that this secure parking lot would be in conjunction with the new State Court addition being built at the Courthouse and would be for the Superior Court Judges and State Court Judge, elected officials and Sheriff's Department.

Ms. Robinson presented a request from the Purchasing Department to hold a public auction for the sale of items declared surplus by the Houston County Commissioners.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Talton and carried unanimously by all to approve a sale by auction items declared surplus by the Houston County Commissioners. The auction would be held Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Houston County Warehouse with a rain date of October 13, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Stalnaker asked Mr. Baker if there was an estimate of what the total sales would be.

Mr. Baker replied not at this time.

Ms. Robinson presented a request from the Juvenile Court on 2 Courtroom Recording Systems.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to approve a bid on 2 Courtroom Recording Systems from BISDIGITAL, of Ft. Lauderdale, FL for a total cost of \$112,000 for the product, installation, and training for the intergraded audio/video system. A deposit of 50% is due at receipt of invoice upon delivery of product. Funding will be from 2018 SPLOST.

Chairman Stalnaker advised that this is much needed equipment in the Juvenile Court Courtrooms.

Mr. Byrd presented a request for approval of a bid on one new in-stock SUV for use in the Juvenile Division.

Motion by Mr. Byrd, second by Mr. Talton and carried unanimously by all to approve the purchase of one new in-stock SUV from Phil Brannen Ford of Perry for use in the Juvenile Division. The purchase price will be \$36,700, funds will come from 2018 SPLOST.

Mr. Byrd presented the proposed FY23 Budget for ARPA (American Rescue Plan).

Motion by Mr. Byrd, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to approve the American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Fund FY2023 Budget.

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Motion by Mr. Byrd, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously by all to approve the payment of the bills totaling \$2,027,816.06.

Chairman Stalnaker recognized Brock and Bryce Feagin for their interest in public service and local government. Chairman Stalnaker presented both young men with small gifts from the Commissioners and had each young man introduce themselves.

Chairman Stalnaker closed the regular portion of the meeting and opened Public Comments.

Marilu Cowan of 137 Bear Lake Drive Warner Robins GA spoke about the Genesis Joy House which is a homeless shelter for women veterans. Ms. Cowan spoke about the work the organization does to support these women veterans and assist them to get back on their feet.

Chairman Stalnaker commended Ms. Cowan for the work she is doing to give back and help others.

Meg Mehserle, of 1002 Main St in Perry, quoted scripture, said a short prayer, and then spoke about elections and the need to have secure elections.

Daryl Allen of 105 Stonewall Drive asked the board a question regarding his last comments at the September 6th meeting.

Chairman Stalnaker asked each of the commissioners to answer and each commissioner responded negatively.

Mr. Allen then addressed the Board regarding zoning and annexation questions and issues he had.

Chairman Stalnaker asked County Attorney Tom Hall to give Mr. Allen code sections in the State Law regarding annexations by the cities.

There being no further comments Chairman Stalnaker closed Public Comments and opened Commissioner's Comments.

Commissioner Byrd said it was an honor to serve the citizens of Houston County with honor and integrity and that the Board's compliance with the law in all areas is above reproach which is one of many things he takes pride in. He spoke about his appreciation of retiring Chief John Wagner of the Warner Robins Police Department. He also recognized September as childhood cancer awareness month and spoke of his appreciation to Joe Posey for organizing a golf tournament to raise money for childhood cancer research in memory of his granddaughter who passed away from childhood cancer.

Commissioner Talton thanked Brock and Bryce Feagin for attending the meeting and Ms. Cowan for volunteering her time and for Meg Mehserle's concern for voting integrity.

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Commissioner Robinson thanked everyone for coming and being part of the meeting and expressed her appreciation to Ms. Cowan for her work assisting women veterans and Meg Mehserle for her important work on elections issues.

Commissioner Walker expressed that it was an honor to serve the residents of Houston County and thanked the two young men for attending the Commissioners meeting. He thanked everyone for attending and recognized former Commissioner Tom McMichael.

Chairman Stalnaker thanked Bryce and Brock for attending and the leadership they both were showing at their school. He echoed Mr. Byrd's comments about the integrity of the Commissioners and thanked Mr. Byrd for his wisdom and work for the citizens of Houston County.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Byrd, meeting adjourned.

Robbie Dunbar
Director of Administration

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