

**Houston County Commissioners Meeting
July 17, 2018
Warner Robins, Georgia**

The Houston County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday July 17, 2018 at the Houston County Annex in Warner Robins, Georgia with Chairman Stalnaker presiding and Commissioners Walker, Robinson, and Thomson present. Also present were County Attorney Tom Hall, Director of Administration Barry Holland, Director of Operations Robbie Dunbar, Director of Personnel Ken Carter, Director of Purchasing Mark Baker, Chief Building Inspector Tim Andrews, Chief Magistrate Bob Turner, Magistrate Court Clerk Peggy Smith, Flint Energies VP of Member Solutions Rogie Roberson, Walton and Becky Wood, and Ansel Peck.

Commissioner Thomson gave the invocation.

TSgt. Rhonda Greenridge, USAF led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and briefed the Board on her nine years of military service. She grew up in San Diego, CA and her first duty assignment was in northern California where she worked with communications for intelligence missions. Her husband is also active duty Air Force and they have three children. They spent four years in Japan and have been at Robins AFB now for nearly two years where she is with the 52nd Combat Communications Squadron. She felt that our community was very supportive of the military's mission.

Chairman Stalnaker commented that Commissioner McMichael was absent from the meeting due to a medical procedure and that he was doing well and recuperating.

Chairman Stalnaker then recognized Ms. Peggy Smith for her 30-year service with the County presenting her with a certificate of achievement, a service pin and a check for \$300.

Chief Magistrate Bob Turner commented that Peggy is the epitome of loyalty and thanked her for her service to the Magistrate Court.

Motion by Mr. Thomson second by Mr. Walker to approve the minutes from the July 3, 2018 meeting. After voting Mr. Thomson, Mr. Walker and Ms. Robinson voted yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Thomson presented the uncollected debt that needs to be written off for the FY2018.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Ms. Robinson to approve the FY2018 Water Fund debt write-off of \$19,464.22; the Waste Collection (Sanitation) debt write-off totaling \$10,369.18 (\$7,819.16 for routes 10 thru 80 and \$2,550.02 for route 90). The Solid Waste Disposal (Landfill) debt to write-off of \$5,171.51. After voting Mr. Thomson, Ms. Robinson and Mr. Walker voted yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Thomson thanked Director of Operations Robbie Dunbar, Landfill Superintendent Terry Dietsch and their staffs for their efforts.

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County Attorney Tom Hall explained that the Landfill's debt write-off was due to one customer that the County has filed a court action against and received a judgement but it is unlikely that we will receive payment from the defunct company.

Mr. Thomson presented a request from the Purchasing Department for the approval of the emergency purchase of a Sheriff's Department Tahoe SUV to replace one that was totaled in a recent wreck.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Mr. Walker to approve ratifying the purchase of one new 2018 Chevrolet Tahoe SUV from Hardy Chevrolet of Dallas, GA for use in the Houston County Sheriff's Department Patrol Division for the unit cost of \$32,395. After voting Mr. Thomson, Mr. Walker and Ms. Robinson voted yes. Motion carried. This purchase is funded by the 2012 SPLOST.

Chairman Stalnaker asked Director of Purchasing Mark Baker when the vehicle would be delivered.

Mr. Baker confirmed that the vehicle had already been delivered.

Ms. Robinson presented a request for permanent easements and driveway easements for county property on Lake Joy Road. This is the location of the planned new Lake Joy Fire Station to be constructed in the near future.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Thomson to authorize Chairman Stalnaker signing permanent easements and driveway easements for both Houston County-owned Parcels 122 and 136 for the Lake Joy Road Phase 4 road construction project. After voting Ms. Robinson, Mr. Thomson and Mr. Walker voted yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Robinson presented an amendment to a contract with Tyler Technologies covering changes brought about by new legislation concerning the convenience fee that may be charged to the user.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Walker to authorize Chairman Stalnaker signing the Electronic Filing Agreement Amendment and the Online Repository Agreement with Tyler Technologies for the Houston County State Court. After voting Ms. Robinson, Mr. Walker and Mr. Thomson voted yes. Motion carried

Mr. Walker presented a request from the City of Warner Robins for annexation of a 5- acre portion of property located at Sutherlin Drive and south of Hwy 96. The property is currently zoned County C-2 and the proposed zoning upon annexation would be for Warner Robins C-2.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Ms. Robinson to concur with a City of Warner Robins annexation request for the property described as:

A five (5) acre portion of the of the property located at Sutherlin Drive and south of Hwy. 96, Tax Parcel 000780 227000, as shown on a plat of survey by Story Clarke & Associates dated June 13, 2018.

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After voting Mr. Walker, Ms. Robinson and Mr. Thomson voted yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Walker presented a request from the City of Perry for annexation and rezoning of the property located at 2019 Highway 41 Perry, Georgia. Current zoning for this property is County R-1 and the proposed zoning after annexation is Perry C-2.

County Attorney Tom Hall briefed the Board on the three different methods of annexation and stated that the City of Perry was not utilizing any of the three and therefore did not have the legal authority to annex this property.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Thomson to non-concur in the annexation and rezoning of the property located at 2019 Hwy 41 (HC 00031 022000); 1.08 acres, because annexation in this manner by the City of Perry lacks any legal authority. After voting Mr. Walker, Mr. Thomson and Ms. Robinson voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Thomson to approve the payment of the bills totaling \$1,521,909.74. After voting Ms. Robinson, Mr. Thomson and Mr. Walker voted yes. Motion carried

Chairman Stalnaker opened the meeting for Public Comments.

There being no comments the meeting continued.

Chairman Stalnaker opened the meeting for Commissioners Comments.

Chairman Stalnaker reminded everyone that this was the last week of early voting and asked that every citizen consider voting this week or on election day itself. Voter turnout is very low so far with only a 1.94% turnout through yesterday.

Mr. Walker commented that the voter apathy in general is very disappointing.

Chairman Stalnaker then announced that the Commissioners will hold public hearings at 11:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 23, 2018 in the Commissioner's Board Room of the County Annex building in Warner Robins to hear public comments on the proposed 2018 millage rate. A third public hearing will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Monday July 30, 2018 after which the Board will vote on the adoption of the 2018 millage rate. He reiterated that the proposed millage rate for 2018 is the same rate as last year but that the small amount of growth in the digest has triggered a rollback scenario. He also asked everyone to keep Commissioner McMichael in their thoughts and prayers as he is recuperating and commented that Commissioner McMichael is extremely dedicated to serving the citizens of Houston County.

Ms. Robinson also asked everyone to get out and vote and remarked that the amount of money that it takes a candidate or incumbent to actually run for office is considerable.

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Mr. Walker likewise encouraged everyone to vote saying that it was each citizen's obligation and civic duty.

Mr. Thomson thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and asked everyone to please vote.

Chairman Stalnaker called Mr. McMichael on his cell phone to wish him well.

Mr. McMichael said that he was there with the Board in spirit.

There being no further comments the meeting continued.

Motion to Adjourn by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Thomson. After voting Mr. Walker, Mr. Thomson and Ms. Robinson voted yes. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Barry Holland
Director of Administration

Chairman

Commissioner

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