

**Houston County Commissioners Meeting  
November 20, 2012  
Warner Robins, Georgia**

The Houston County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at the Houston County Annex in Warner Robins, Georgia with Chairman Stalnaker presiding and Commissioners McMichael, Walker, Thomson and Robinson present. Also present were Director of Administration Barry Holland, Director of Operations Robbie Dunbar, Director of Personnel Ken Carter, Chief Building Inspector Tim Andrews, Engineer Brian Jones, Purchasing Agent Mark Baker, Landfill Superintendent Terry Dietsch, Major Alan Everidge, Fire/HEMA Chief Jimmy Williams, Tax Commissioner Mark Kushinka, Chief Tax Appraiser James Moore, Assistant Chief Tax Appraiser Bob Braswell, Tax Assessor Board Member Ron Grace, Tax Assessor Chairman Bill Fowler, Walton and Becky Wood, Murray Griffin of Atlantic Coast Consulting, Director of Community Development Robert Sisa, Warner Robins Councilman Daron Lee, Warner Robins Housing Authority Contract Manager Oscar Mason, CDBG Program Director Sherri Windham, James Erdmanczyk and County Attorney Mike Long.

Chairman Stalnaker led the audience in the Invocation.

Mr. Charles Tyler led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and then gave a narrative of his service years. Mr. Tyler served as a Motor Machinist Mate 2<sup>nd</sup> class in the United States Navy. He joined the Navy in April of 1943 during World War II. He recounted his service during the war serving on a PT boat in the South Pacific where his primary duty was to contain the shipping traffic and disrupt the Japanese supply lines. Although Mr. Tyler served in the engine compartment as a mechanic, his secondary duty was to function as a loader for the 20mm bow-mounted gun. Mr. Tyler recounted an incident in which his craft was hit by enemy fire during an engagement and one of the crew was killed in action. Mr. Tyler eventually returned to the States in December of 1945 after the end of the war. He remarked that his time in the service was a good experience and that a lot of good people served during the war.

Director of Operations Robbie Dunbar presented an award to the Board from the Georgia Chapter of SWANA (Solid Waste Association of North America) for 'Landfill Management Excellence'. Mr. Dunbar stated that the Houston County Landfill is one of fifty-five operating landfills in Georgia. Chairman Stalnaker accepted the award on behalf of the Board and then recognized and thanked Landfill Superintendent Terry Dietsch and his staff for a job well done. In addition to Mr. Dietsch, the following Landfill Staff were present:

Larry Arnold, Craig Duke, Sarah Baumler, Cindy Mizer, Rickey Dickey, Alfred Brown, Juan Torres, Clarence Poole, Otha Sutton, Gary Foskey, Salvador Lopez, Brian Stone, Wallace Porter, Raymond Tanner, Terrell Smith, Terry Foskey, Willie Bolden and Roger Cothren. Mr. Murray Griffin, representing the landfill consulting engineering firm Atlantic Coast Consulting, was also in attendance.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of November 6, 2012.

Mr. Barry Holland, Director of Administration, presented a first reading of an Alcohol License Application submitted by Mahendra Patel representing Swami 4070 Inc. D/B/A Fastrip for the retail sale of beer and wine located at 4070 Hwy. 41 N., Warner Robins, Georgia. The property is zoned M-1. A second reading and public hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. on December 4, 2012 at the Perry Courthouse after which the Commissioners will vote on the issue.

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Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously to approve the changes to the Houston County personnel manual (Article VIII – Time Off, Article IX – Separations, and Article XIV – Employee Benefits) as outlined in the memorandum from Personnel Director Ken Carter dated November 8, 2012. The Personnel manual amendments will be effective January 1, 2013.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously to provide support for the upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Claxton Road Race at the Landings to benefit the Central Georgia Alzheimer's Association. The event will take place on Saturday, April 6, 2013 starting and finishing at the Landing Pointe Plaza in Bonaire. The Sheriff's Department has agreed to assist with traffic control during the hours of the race.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously to authorize Chairman Stalnaker to sign a Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) with GDOT to improve 8.98 miles of fifteen county roads, including Cohen Walker Drive, Granville Street, Harner Road, Wimbish Way, Wexford Circle, Peachtree Boulevard, South Spring Drive, Horseshoe Drive, Covey Drive, Jennifer Boulevard, Water Drive, Cardinal Ridge, Tanager Lane, Falcon Crest and Cliff Point at an estimated cost of \$714,419.60.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously to authorize Chairman Stalnaker to sign the renewal contract with Southern Health Partners to provide medical services to Houston County inmates at the base contract price of \$760,800.00 to begin January 1, 2013 and end on December 31, 2013 with monthly installments in the amount of \$63,400.00. The agreement may be extended for an additional one-year term if mutually agreeable to both parties.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously to approve the 2013 Meeting Schedule of the Houston County Board of Commissioners. January's meetings are changed to the second and fourth Tuesday of the month; the first meeting in February is changed to Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup>; and the remaining meeting dates all fall on either the first or third Tuesday of each month.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously to approve Monday, December 31, 2012, as a paid day off for Houston County employees in absence of the traditional holiday gift certificates. Shift workers scheduled to work that day will be given an additional day off at a later date with their department heads approval.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously to approve the imposition of charges for document reprints as outlined in a memorandum from Director of Personnel Ken Carter dated November 1, 2012 to be effective January 1, 2013.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously to approve the payment of bills totaling \$1,194,047.57.

County Attorney Mike Long presented the Development Authority resolution necessary to complete the promissory note transaction with State Bank and Trust Company concerning the \$9.8 million land purchase that the Board approved at the October 16, 2012 meeting.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously to approve the resolution as presented in connection with the Development Authority of Houston County Promissory Note transaction with State Bank and Trust Company and the execution and delivery of the intergovernmental contract in connection therewith.

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Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously to add an item to the agenda as Item 11 for investment recommendations.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously to award \$6,609,021 in investment funds to BB&T Bank in accordance with the maturities and interest rates as outlined.

A Land Bank presentation was made by CDBG Program Director Sherri Windham and Warner Robins Housing Authority Contract Manager Oscar Mason. Following the presentation, there was discussion between the presenters, the Board of Commissioners, Warner Robins Councilman Lee, members of the Tax Assessors, Tax Commissioner Mark Kushinka, and several interested citizens. As more information becomes available, Mr. Mason and Ms. Windham will present it to the Board.

Chairman Stalnaker then opened the meeting for public comments.

Mr. James Erdmanczyh thanked the Board for accommodating the Land Bank presentation and also thanked the Board for recognizing him and responding to his inquiries in the past.

Mrs. Becky Wood suggested the Board consider changing the County's policy in regards to new hires being brought in at higher than an 'A' step. She felt that it was not fair to current employees who are frozen in regards to merit raises and it would also save the County money.

Mr. Walton Wood commented on the Land Bank presentation and felt there were unanswered questions concerning the funding and also expressed concerns about who would have oversight over the Land Bank Authority once it was established.

There being no further public comments, the meeting was continued.

Mr. Walker thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

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Director of Administration

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