

**Houston County Commissioners Meeting
June 19, 2018
Warner Robins, Georgia**

The Houston County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday June 19, 2018 at the Houston County Annex in Warner Robins, Georgia with Chairman Stalnaker presiding and Commissioners Walker, Thomson, Robinson and McMichael present. Also present were County Attorney Tom Hall, Director of Administration Barry Holland, Director of Operations Robbie Dunbar, Sheriff Talton, Chief Deputy Rape, Houston County Sheriff Office Division Commanders and personnel, Director of Purchasing Mark Baker, Director of Personnel Ken Carter, Chief Building Inspector Tim Andrews, Community Planner Jake Cox, Fire / HEMA Chief Jimmy Williams, Roads Superintendent Travis McLendon, Landfill Superintendent Terry Dietsch, County Engineer Brian Jones, County Civil Engineer Ken Robinson, Public Building Superintendent Michael Phillips, James Erdmanczyk, Walton and Becky Wood and Ansel Peck.

Chairman Stalnaker gave the invocation.

Sgt. Mark Krautkremer, US Army (ret.) led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and briefed the Board on his six years of military service. Originally from Brainerd, MN, he joined the Army in 1975 and received his basic training at Fort Knox, KY. He spent most of his career as a UH-1 Huey helicopter repairman and crew chief and spent time at Ford Ord, CA; Korea; and Colorado among other installations. He was medically retired and went on to vocational school from 1982 to 1984 training as an aircraft mechanic which eventually brought him to Robins AFB in 1987. He still works in the F-15 program as customer relations and quality assurance officer.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to approve the minutes from the June 5, and June 12, 2018 meetings.

Chairman Stalnaker presented the FY2019 Budget Resolution adopting the FY2019 budget. He reiterated that the millage rate will not be raised to balance this budget and thanked everyone involved in the process for their effort and sacrifices. He then read the resolution stating that the only change from the presentation at the public hearing the previous week was that the COLA for employees was raised from the proposed 2% to 2-1/2%. He remarked that the SPLOST has been so important to this County allowing for the purchase of a multitude of capital equipment and projects. He thanked Sheriff Talton especially for his assistance to the Board allowing the extra half of percent to be given. Budget management from the Sheriff and all constitutional officers, elected officials, department heads and employees was a key factor in the success of our budget process.

Mr. Walker thanked the Chairman for his leadership and everyone who had a hand in the budget process.

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Mr. McMichael remarked that there was a tremendous amount of thought and preparation during this budget process and that he was glad there was no reduction in the health insurance or retirement programs.

Mr. Thomson thanked the Chairman for his expertise relative to the budget.

Chairman Stalnaker thanked the other Commissioners and Barry Holland for their efforts and commented that the Board was keenly aware of the County's personnel needs. He then recognized Sheriff Talton.

Sheriff Talton thanked the Board for their service to the community and said that they were the best board in the state of Georgia who knew how to manage money. He also recognized his Chief Deputy Billy Rape, each of his Division commanders and other Sheriff's office employees in attendance remarking that they were the best employees of any Sheriff's office in the state.

Chairman Stalnaker thanked the Sheriff and expressed his admiration for the leadership he brings to the Sheriff's Department.

Director of Operations Robbie Dunbar remarked that he was very appreciative of the Board's support for County employees and recognized his department heads and employees that were attendance also showing their support.

Director of Purchasing Mark Baker remarked that he appreciates the COLA and the employee benefits that the Board has labored to provide. He also commented on the harmony with which the Board conducts the business of the County.

Director of Personnel Ken Carter expressed his appreciation for the Board not only as a department head but as a citizen.

Chief Jimmy Williams thanked the Board for the 2-1/2% COLA on behalf of himself and his department. He also thanked the Board for their continuing support of the department that has enabled it to grow tremendously over the past few years.

County Engineer Brian Jones remarked that prior to coming to work for the County he had worked many years in the private sector where employee benefits, such as the insurance and retirement that County employees enjoy, rested very heavily on the individual.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to authorize Chairman Stalnaker signing the FY2019 Budget Resolution adopting the FY2019 budget totaling \$116,622,681 as presented.

County Attorney Tom Hall conducted a first reading of the re-adoption of Houston County Code of Ordinances Section 30-42. This re-adoption will affect the use of consumer fireworks. A second reading and public hearing will be held during the

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July 3, 2018, 9:00 a.m. meeting at the Commissioner's Boardroom at the Houston County Courthouse, in Perry Georgia. Mr. Hall noted a correction to the code reference in C (8) that should be O.C.G.A §25-10-2 (b)(3)(B)(ii) and (iii).

Mr. Walker presented a request for annexation from Warner Robins for property located at 1250 Houston Lake Road. 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 Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously by all to concur with a City of Warner Robins annexation request from property described as a portion of the property located at 1250 Houston Lake Road, Tax Parcel 000770 003000, totaling 4.26 acres, known as Tract 3B.

Mr. Walker presented court reporter employment contract for all three Superior Court judges. The court reporters function as independent contractors and serve at the pleasure of the court.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously by all to authorize Chairman Stalnaker signing the Superior Court employment contracts for court reporters Wendy Nelson, Connie Montgomery, and Joy Malone for terms beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.

Mr. Walker presented Juvenile Court Contract Attorney agreements for FY2019 as recommended by Judge Edwards.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously by all to authorize Chairman Stalnaker signing Independent Contractor Agreements with Sherry Herrera Campbell at \$45,000 per year; Kameyan Sims at \$45,000 per year; and Caralyn J. Huddleston (part-time) at \$20,000 per year to provide for the defense of indigent persons appearing in the Houston County Juvenile Court. Each agreement will be effective July 1, 2018 and remain in effect until June 30, 2019. These agreements may be renewed from year to year subject to an annual review of performance conducted by the County in conjunction with the Juvenile Court.

Mr. Walker presented independent contractor agreement between the County and four local attorneys to provide for the defense of indigent persons in cases where the Houston County Public Defender's Office has declared a conflict of interest.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously by all to authorize Chairman Stalnaker signing independent contractor agreements for the purposes of providing defense of indigent persons in cases where the Houston County Public Defender's Office has declared a conflict of interest with David G. Daniell, Daniels Law (Ron Daniels), Jonathan Perry Waters, and Jeffrey L. Grube effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

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Mr. Thomson presented a request from the Juvenile Court to approve the acceptance of a Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant for FY19. Under this grant the Houston County Juvenile Court will refer youth to our contractor Community Solutions, Inc. to receive Multi-Systemic Therapy services.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously by all to approve the acceptance of the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant (#Y19-8-018) in the amount of \$356,000 from the State of Georgia – Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the purpose of reducing felony commitments to the Department of Juvenile Justice. Chairman Stalnaker is authorized to sign all grant documents.

Mr. Thomson presented contract between the Department of Corrections and the County for nine inmate work details from the McEver Probation Detention Center and one detail from the Dooly State Prison to be administered by Public Works.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously by all to authorize Chairman Stalnaker signing a contract with the Georgia Department of Corrections to provide the County with nine inmate work details from the McEver Probation Detention Center at a cost of \$39,500 per detail; and a contract for one inmate work detail from the Dooly State Prison at a cost of \$39,500. The contract will be effective July 1, 2018 and will expire June 30, 2019. Total cost to the County is \$395,000.

Mr. Thomson presented a request from the Engineering Department requesting approval to enter into a professional services agreement with local engineering firm Saunders Engineering Consultants. The project includes adding left turn lanes on both Davidson Road and SR247 and would be completed in a four-month timeframe.

Chairman Stalnaker pointed out that the four-month completion was for the design only not for the actual construction project.

Mr. McMichael commented that this transportation improvement project may well save some lives in this area.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Mr. McMichael to approve entering into a professional services agreement with Saunders Engineering Consultants, Inc. to provide construction plans and contract documents for the Intersection Improvements of Davidson Road at SR247 project in the amount of \$32,970. This project is funded by the 2012 SPLOST.

Mr. Thomson presented a request from the Engineering Department to enter into a supplemental professional services agreement with Saunders Engineering Consultants to provide additional services for the Moss Oaks Road project.

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Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to approve entering into a supplemental professional services agreement with Saunders Engineering Consultants, Inc. to provide additional services for the Moss Oaks Road project in the amount of \$29,335. This project is funded by the 2012 SPLOST.

Mr. McMichael presented a request from the Landfill for a change order to the Phase 6 Leachate Tank and Pond construction project to add the construction of a leachate storage tank and containment area, two leachate pump stations, additional earthwork, asphalt pavement, other related improvements and erosion control items.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to authorize Chairman Stalnaker signing Change Order #1 with Peed Bros., Inc. of Butler, GA on the Landfill Phase 6 Leachate Tank and Pond construction project. The original contract price of \$534,699.41 will increase by \$1,530,514.69 to a new total of \$2,065,214.10 with 180 days added to the contract time.

Mr. McMichael presented a request for approval of a bid for gasoline and diesel fuel. Twelve bids were received and the Purchasing Department recommends award to low bidder Brad Lanier Oil Company of Albany, GA.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously by all to approve the award of a bid for gasoline and diesel fuel requirements covering the period beginning July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 to Brad Lanier Oil Company, Inc. of Albany, GA at -.0499 and -.0199 OPIS markup for gasoline and diesel fuel, respectively.

Ms. Robinson presented a request from the Superior Court for approval of acceptance of a grant for continuing the operation of the Mental Health & Veterans Accountability Court. This grant is made available through the State of Georgia and is administered by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously by all to approve the acceptance of the Mental Health Accountability Court grant (J19-8-072) in the amount of \$208,926 from the State of Georgia – Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the purposes of continuing the Mental Health & Veterans Accountability Court. Of that \$208,926, Houston County's required match is \$20,893. Chairman Stalnaker is authorized to sign all grant documents.

Ms. Robinson presented a request from the Accountability Court to renew contracts with NAMI of Central GA and Infinite Health Wellness, LLC. to provide services covered under the current grant program.

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Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to approve Chairman Stalnaker signing a contract for services with NAMI of Central Georgia to provide transportation services for participants of the Houston County Accountability Court; and, to sign contract with both NAMI of Central Georgia and Infinite Health Wellness, LLC to provide therapeutic counseling services and healthcare education for participants of the Houston County Accountability Court. Each of the contract terms will be effective July 1, 2018 and terminate June 30, 2019.

Ms. Robinson presented a request from the Fire Department for approval to hold its annual "Family Portrait Fundraiser" for 2018. They propose to use Fire and Rescue Support Team (FIRST) to conduct the door to door sales and Cody Hensleigh Photography to take the pictures. The County attorney has reviewed both contracts.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously by all to approve the Fire Department's proposed 2018 Family Portrait Fundraiser to held between June 20th and November 30th. Chief Williams is authorized to sign all contracts.

Chairman Stalnaker remarked that this fundraiser has been very successful in the past and that the department uses the funds wisely to purchase needed equipment.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously by all to approve the following workers for the July 24, 2018 General Primary / Non-Partisan General Election Run-Off:

	<u>EACH</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
16 Managers (Precinct)	\$130.00	\$ 2,080.00
32 Assistant Managers (Precinct)	\$ 90.00	\$ 2,880.00
50 Clerks	\$ 80.00	\$ 4,000.00
7 Janitors	\$ 15.50	\$ 108.50
3 Janitors	\$ 25.00	\$ 75.00
80 TS Units	\$ 3.00	\$ 240.00
2 Election Supply Pick-Up	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
2 Election Night Supply return	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
3 Election Night Check-In	\$ 50.00	\$ 150.00
16 Supply Pick-Up / Return Supplies	\$ 10.00	\$ 160.00
16 Cell Phones	\$ 10.00	\$ 160.00
3 Optical Scan Clerks	\$ 100.00	\$ 300.00
3 DRE Clerks	\$ 100.00	\$ 300.00
Total		\$10,653.50

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Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously by all to approve the payment of the bills totaling \$1,257,863.48.

Chairman Stalnaker opened the meeting for Public Comments.

Carolette Redd, 135 Whitley Drive, Warner Robins stated that she is the head of the neighborhood watch for the Pike Acres and Echeconnee Heights subdivisions. She complained of the condition of certain lots and residences in the developments, as well as a sewage issue, abandoned properties, suspected criminal activity in the area and farm animals such as chickens. She provided pictures of various properties for the Board to review.

County Attorney Tom Hall commented that the County has already made contact with some of these property owners and has taken some to court and has had some success with others that are in the process of rectifying certain code violations.

Chairman Stalnaker assured Ms. Redd that the County would continue in its efforts to help clean up the neighborhoods.

David Levear, 131 Waterfront Way, Warner Robins complained of an individual who is living in a camper on a lot at the corner of Krisken Court and Waterfront Way.

Chairman Stalnaker asked Mr. Andrews if he was aware of that situation.

Mr. Andrews replied that he was not but that he would check on it.

Ansel Peck, 109 Latham Drive, Warner Robins recommended that the Board read a recent Center for Disease Control (CDC) report concerning backyard chickens and their safe handling to avoid sickness. He also thanked County department heads for their hard work during the year and complimented Sheriff Talton and his department for providing excellent public safety for the community.

There being no further comments the meeting continued.

Chairman Stalnaker opened the meeting for Commissioners Comments.

Mr. Walker thanked Mr. Peck for his comments.

Chairman Stalnaker reminded everyone that the Commissioners will hold a called meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 in the Commissioner's Board Room of the County Annex building in Warner Robins to approve year-end bills.

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

Barry Holland
Director of Administration

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