

**Houston County Commissioners Meeting  
December 18, 2012  
Warner Robins, Georgia**

The Houston County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 18, 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, Purchasing Agent Mark Baker, Fire/HEMA Chief Jimmy Williams, Walton and Becky Wood, James Erdmanczyk, Flint Energies Vice-President Jimmy Autry, Attorney Billy Jerles, President and CEO Morgan Law and Chairman Shaw Blackmon of Robins Regional Chamber of Commerce and County Attorney Tom Hall.

Chairman Stalnaker asked for a moment of silent prayer for the 20 first graders and 6 adults lost in the Newtown, Connecticut tragedy last Friday.

Chairman McMichael led the audience in the Invocation.

Husband and wife, Sgt. Johnny Burns-US Army (retired) and TSgt Tabitha Burns-US Air Force (active duty), shared their experiences during their years of service. Ms. Burns has been active duty for 18 years and has served at five different bases, both here in the States and overseas, before being assigned to Robins Air Force Base. She has been assigned to several different programs, but her favorite was the C-5 squadron. She now serves as a scheduler and has been here at Robins for almost two years and plans to retire to Houston County soon. She related that her service in the Air Force has been the best decision she ever made and she would not trade her collective experience for anything. Mr. Burns served in the Army from 1989 to 1997 primarily in the logistics management field. His favorite duty assignment was to Berlin, Germany. He felt that every young adult should serve their country in some fashion. Both felt that being back on U.S. soil and seeing the American Flag after returning from overseas duty assignments was the best thing in the world.

Chairman Stalnaker read a resolution for each of the varsity cheerleading squad members and coaches from Veterans High School and Houston County High School for winning the 2012 AAAA and AAAAA, respectively, GHSA State Championships for their schools. Each squad member was recognized by name and given a small gift.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of December 4, 2012.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously to reappoint Joyce Herndon and Brian Jones to three year terms on the Houston County Board of Tax Assessors. Both terms will expire on December 31, 2015.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously to appoint Ms. Faye Coulter to fill Mr. Joe Bishop's unexpired term on the Phoenix Center Community Service Board. Ms. Coulter's term will expire June 30, 2013.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously to adjust all County Officials salaries to the minimum effective January 1, 2013 as outlined in a memorandum from Personnel Director Ken Carter dated December 11, 2012.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously to authorize Chairman Stalnaker to sign contracts with the Houston County Cooperative Extension for the 4-H Coordinator, the Ag Agent and the FACS Agent for a total of \$34,415 in salaries per year. The Ag Agent position will have use of a County provided pickup truck to include fuel. Additionally, the County agrees to pay \$550 per month, for a period not to exceed six months, for an interim County Extension Coordinator. This interim position will terminate with the hire of permanent personnel. Effective date of the employment contracts will be upon hire.

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Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously to provide support for Wyatt's Wish 5K Road Race to be held at the Landings to benefit Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA). The event will take place on Saturday, January 5, 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. Walker and carried unanimously to ratify the emergency purchase of two 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe PPVs from Brannen Motors of Unadilla in the amount of \$55,895.00 (\$27,800.00 for one and \$28,095.00 for the other). Both vehicles will replace units in the Sheriff's Department Patrol Division. Funds for one vehicle (\$27,800.00) will be drawn from the 2012 SPLOST. Sheriff Talton will reimburse the County for the cost of second vehicle (\$28,095.00) from Drug Funds. The County Comptroller is authorized to amend the FY2013 General Fund budget to reflect the purchase of this vehicle with drug funds as follows:

Increase Revenue Line Item #39.1200 – Transfer In: \$28,095.00  
Increase HCSO Line Item #3300-54.2200 – Vehicles: \$28,095.00

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously to authorize Chairman Stalnaker to sign the County Right of Way Agreement for the Highway 41 (SR11) Widening Project, known as Project Number S014284-TSA, (from SR247 Connector to White Road) with the Georgia DOT.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously to authorize Chairman Stalnaker to sign an Intergovernmental Contract with the City of Perry for one inmate work detail to maintain the rights-of-way on SR-127 (from Perry Parkway [SR11] to Moody Road); Lake Joy Road (from beginning of urbanized section just south of Sandefur Road to Cohen Walker Drive); Sandefur Road (from US 41 to the end of urbanized section just east of Lake Joy Road); and Danny Carpenter Drive (from Sandefur Road to SR 96). The contract will become effective July 1, 2013 and continue until June 30, 2016.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously to authorize Chairman Stalnaker to sign an Interagency Services Agreement between the County, the Houston County Board of Education and the Sheriff's office to provide for the installation and ongoing operation of cameras with recording devices on Houston County school buses for the purposes of capturing video of motor vehicles unlawfully passing a school bus while it has its red flashing lights on and the stop arm deployed loading or unloading children on the roadway.

Mr. Billy Jerles, Attorney for the Board of Education briefed the Board on some of the specifics of the contract. He explained that there would be a media campaign to help inform the public about the enforcement program and felt that the implementation would be sometime in the month of January. Mr. Jerles also took the opportunity to thank the Board for their continued support of the Perry-Houston County Airport.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously to approve the low bids for the Water Department supplies. Seven vendors responded, and the award is made on a per group basis. The award amounts listed below is an approximation of the coming six month requirements, and will be ordered on an "as needed" basis only. Bidder awards are broken down as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Award Amount</u>
Lanier Supply Lakeland, GA	\$ 93,241.96

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H.D. Supply – Waterworks Byron, GA	\$ 28,951.19
Macon Supply Macon, GA	\$ 24,004.08
Dublin Winnelson Co. Dublin, GA	\$ 21,994.00
Consolidated Pipe & Supply Co. Macon, GA	\$ 9,496.00
Ferguson (FEI-GA) Waterworks Macon, GA	\$ 4,531.92
East Jordan Iron Works Lithia Springs, GA	\$ - 0 -
TOTAL	\$182,219.15

Motion by Commissioner McMichael, second by Commissioner Thomson and carried unanimously to table the award of the vehicle maintenance contract for the Sheriff's Department to allow for further review. This matter will be reconsidered at the January 8, 2013 Board meeting.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously to approve the payment of bills totaling \$1,623,939.78.

Chairman Stalnaker then opened the meeting for public comments.

Mr. Shaw Blackmon, Chairman of the Robins Regional Chamber of Commerce, thanked the Board on behalf of the Chamber and President and CEO Morgan Law for their support throughout the year. Chairman Stalnaker in turn thanked Mr. Blackmon for his leadership of the Chamber.

Mr. James Erdmanczyh commented on the local Lions Club efforts to establish a park for disabled children and their need for playground equipment.

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

Chairman Stalnaker thanked the citizens, County employees, the Commissioners, and the elected officials for their contributions and participation in the County government during the year. He also thanked the media for their efforts informing the public of important events and happenings related to County government. He wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Chairman Stalnaker also reminded everyone that the Commissioners would not meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays in January, but rather on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays.

Mr. Walker asked that we remember the less fortunate during the holiday season.

Ms. Robinson thanked everyone for coming and participating in the meetings and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. Thomson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Mr. McMichael remarked that the County had a good year overall and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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

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