

Houston County Commissioners Meeting
January 8, 2013
Perry, Georgia

The Houston County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at the Houston County Courthouse in Perry, 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, HEMA/Fire Chief Jimmy Williams, Chief Building Inspector Tim Andrews, Human Resources Director Ken Carter, Director of Purchasing Mark Baker, Community Planner Jake Cox, Assistant Chief Tax Appraiser Bob Braswell, Representative Bubber Epps, Jeanne Moyer of Advanced Disposal, Walton and Becky Wood, and County Attorney Mike Long.

Commissioner Thomson led the audience in the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. (Scheduled speaker Brooks Bailey, outgoing Sole Commissioner of Pulaski County, could not attend).

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of December 18, 2012.

Chairman Stalnaker thanked Mr. Walker for his service during the 2012 calendar year as vice-chair. Mr. Walker thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to serve.

A motion and second were made by acclamation to appoint Ms. Gail Robinson as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2013. Upon voting, Commissioners McMichael, Thomson and Walker voted yes. Commissioner Robinson abstained. Motion passed.

County Attorney Mike Long briefed the Board on the Hospital Bond issue. Commissioner Thomson outlined the major projects that would be funded by the bond revenues.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously to authorize Chairman Stalnaker to approve the issuance of a Revenue Anticipation Certificate in a principal amount not to exceed \$20,335,000 by the Hospital Authority of Houston County for the benefit of Houston Hospitals, Inc. This approval of the bond issue will not constitute an indebtedness or obligation of the County in any way.

Mr. Barry Holland, Director of Administration gave a first reading of an Alcohol License Application for the Mini-Store convenience store for the retail sale of beer and wine located at 409 Hwy. 96, Bonaire, GA 31005. Chairman Stalnaker acknowledged the presence of the applicant, Adityakumar Patel, and Kanu Patel. The property is zoned C-2. A second reading and public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on January 22, 2013 in Warner Robins after which the Commissioners will vote on the issue.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously to authorize Chairman Stalnaker to sign a resolution affirming the designation of Mr. Tim Andrews as the principal representative for the County to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of the Middle Georgia Consortium, and to appoint Mr. Ken Carter as the first alternate representative.

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Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously to authorize the Chairman to sign Contract Change Order #1 on the MSW Landfill Phase 4, Cells 3, 4 and 5 construction contract. This change order results in a deduct of \$20,463.36 from the original contract price of \$1,236,449.56 making the new contract price \$1,215,986.20.

Director of Operations Robbie Dunbar also briefed the Board on a recent surprise inspection that was conducted by the EPD at the Landfill for which the Landfill received a 100% perfect score.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously to approve payment of the bills totaling \$2,920,699.51.

Chairman Stalnaker recognized District 140 Representative Bubber Epps who had attended the Board meeting to honor Commissioner Bailey. The Chairman remarked that the Middle Georgia area had three outgoing Chairmen that needed to be recognized for their spirit of cooperation and friendship to Houston County during their service to their respective Counties. They are former Sole County Commissioner Brooks Bailey of Pulaski County, former Chairman James Vaughn of Monroe County, and former Chairman Ray Bennett of Twiggs County.

Representative Epps thanked the Board for their commitment to issues that have a regional impact beyond the local government jurisdiction. He remarked that the General Assembly will be in session this coming Monday and that he is committed to the 54,000 plus constituents that make up his district.

Chairman Stalnaker then opened the meeting for public comments.

Ms. Jeanne Moyer of Advanced Disposal complemented the County Landfill operation and remarked that receiving a 100% score on their recent surprise EPD inspection is a big deal.

There being no further public comments the meeting was continued.

Mr. Walker thanked the Chairman, the other Commissioners and the County employees for their service to the public.

Mr. Thomson wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked the employees.

Mr. McMichael remarked that this is the beginning of a new four year term for himself and Commissioners Robinson and Thomson and that it is an honor to serve.

Chairman Stalnaker remarked that he and others will be attending a reception for retiring Bibb County Commissioner Elmo Richardson later in the day. He remarked that Commissioner Richardson had been a long-time friend to Houston County. He also remarked that even though the state sales tax is down, Houston County has still experienced a slight increase.

Chairman Stalnaker then called for a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the acquisition, disposal or lease of property matters.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously to enter into executive session to discuss the acquisition, disposal or lease of property matters.

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The Board reentered into open session with no action taken. The Chairman is authorized and directed to execute an affidavit in compliance with O.C.G.A. §15014-14(b) confirming that to the best of the Board's knowledge and based upon the advice of the County Attorney that said subject matter of closed session was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law. Said affidavit shall be included with the official minutes of the meeting and shall be in the form as required by the state.

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

Barry Holland
Director of Administration

Chairman

Commissioner

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