Houston County Commissioners Meeting June 29, 2023 Warner Robins, Georgia

The Houston County Board of Commissioners met in special called meeting at 9:30 am on Tuesday June 29, 2023, at the Houston County Annex in Warner Robins, GA, with Chairman Perdue presiding and Commissioners Talton, Gottwals, and Robinson present. Also present were County Attorney Tom Hall, Director of Administration Robbie Dunbar, Director of Operations Brian Jones, Community Planner Jake Cox, Chief Financial Officer Danyelle George, Fire/HEMA Chief Chris Stoner, Chief Building Inspector Tim Andrews, Director of Animal Control Alan Smith, Utility Director Terry Dietsch, and Senior Accountant Will Davis. Commissioner Byrd was unable to attend the meeting.

County Attorney Tom Hall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director of Administration Robbie Dunbar gave the Invocation.

Chairman Perdue presented the FY24 Budget Resolution, highlighting the total budget in the amount of \$175,098,844 with the General Fund Budget being in the amount of \$75,944,781. He stated that he was pleased that this budget maintains the fiscal conservatism that the County has known while having a focus on supporting County employees through merit raises and cost of living adjustments and funding public safety to a high degree.

Motion by Mr. Talton, second by Ms. Robinson to approve the signing of the FY24 Budget Resolution adopting the FY2024 budget in the amount of \$175,098,844. Upon voting, Mr. Talton, Ms. Robinson and Mr. Gottwals voted yes. Motion approved.

Motion by Mr. Talton, second by Mr. Gottwals to approve the payment of the bills totaling \$1,536,903.78. Upon voting, Mr. Talton, Mr. Gottwals and Ms. Robinson voted yes. Motion approved.

Chairman Perdue thanked the Commissioners for meeting today to pay year end bills which helps the accounting department.

Chairman Perdue closed the regular portion of the meeting and opened Public Comments.

Personnel Director Ken Carter thanked the Board for the merit and cost of living increases for County employees without any disruption to employee benefits and expressed his appreciation for the additional July 3rd holiday for County employees.

With no further comments, Chairman Perdue closed Public Comments and opened the floor for Commissioner Comments.

Mr. Talton expressed his appreciation to all the County employees present for the meeting and the work they do every day for the citizens of Houston County, and he thanked the county employees who were involved in developing the FY24 Budget.

Ms. Robinson recognized those who put together the FY24 budget and reflected on the fiscal responsibility within it and expressed how glad she was to serve the citizens of Houston County.

Mr. Gottwals expressed how impressed he was that the County was able to provide merit and cost of living raises and hire additional employees without raising property taxes and thanked those County employees who had a hand in developing the FY24 budget.

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Chairman Perdue expressed his thanks to all the County staff who helped develop the FY24 budget and the department heads and constitutional officers who participated as well. He gave special thanks to Sheriff Talton and his staff for the flexible and accommodating way in which they helped with the budget. In closing, Chairman Perdue recognized the recent passing of former County Commissioner Stewart Bloodworth and spoke of the impact Mr. Bloodworth had on Houston County and his friends and family. Chairman Perdue expressed condolences for the loss of Mr. Bloodworth on behalf of the Commission.

Motion by Mr. Gottwals, second by Mr. Talton to adjourn the meeting. Upon voting, Mr.

Robbie Dunbar
Director of Administration

Chairman
Mr. Byrd was not in attendance, he does not sign.

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