

Houston County Commissioners Meeting
March 20, 2018
Warner Robins, Georgia

The Houston County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday March 20, 2018 at the Houston County Annex in Warner Robins, Georgia with Chairman Stalnaker presiding and Commissioners Walker, Robinson, Thomson, and McMichael present. Also present were County Attorney Tom Hall, Director of Administration Barry Holland, Director of Operations Robbie Dunbar, Director of Purchasing Mark Baker, Flint Energies VP of Member Solutions Rogie Roberson, Jim Taylor, James Erdmanczyk, Walton and Becky Wood and Ansel Peck.

Commissioner Robinson gave the invocation.

Capt. Kenneth Hawkins, USAF led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and briefed the Board on his 13 years of military service. He comes from a long line of family members who have served in various branches of the military. After graduating high school, he went on to earn a business degree from the University of Arkansas before joining the Air Force. He has been at various U.S. posts and also deployed to Iraq, Kuwait and Qatar. He has been at Robins AFB for three years and currently serves as the Executive Officer for Col. Lyle Drew, 78th Air Base Wing commander. He credits his wife for being supportive of his career and commented that the people of the middle Georgia area are also supportive of the military's mission. He recently received orders for MacDill AFB in Florida.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to approve the minutes from the meeting of March 6, 2018.

A first reading on an Alcohol License Application submitted by Tiana Collins for the retail sale of beer and wine at the newly constructed Publix Super Market located at 510 GA Hwy. 247 South, Bonaire was presented by Director of Administration Barry Holland.

A second reading and public hearing will be held at 9:00 am on April 3, 2018 during the regular Board meeting in Perry after which the Commissioners will vote on the issue.

Mr. Walker presented a request from Solicitor-General Amy Smith to hire Mr. Jeff McCommon for the vacant Investigator's position in her office. Staff has reviewed Mr. McCommon's experience and he would qualify for the E-step.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously by all to hire Jeff McCommon to fill the Investigator position at the Solicitor-General's office at Grade 18 Step E effective March 21, 2018

Mr. Walker presented a request from Flint Energies for a right of way easement that will accommodate the planned site lighting at the new Sheriff's Department firing range.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously by all to authorize Chairman Stalnaker signing the overhead and underground right of way easement with Flint Electric Membership Corporation commonly known as 1898 GA Hwy. 247, Kathleen, GA 31047 for the power line for site lighting at the Sheriff's Department firing range facilities.

Mr. Thomson presented Board appointments for both the Library Board and the Planning & Zoning Board.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously by all to approve the following Board appointments:

Library Board:

Lane Briscoe 2/1/2019	3/20/18	thru
Hazel Ann Gleaton 2/1/2022	3/20/18	thru

Planning & Zoning Board:

Dan Perdue 9/6/2020	3/20/18	thru
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Mr. Thomson presented two requests from the Airport Authority to annex six properties along Airport Road as well as a portion of the right of way of Airport Road from Joree Road to the Houston-Peach County line. The properties are currently zoned a combination of County R-AG and M-2. The proposed zoning upon annexation would be Perry M-2 Industrial District.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to concur with a City of Perry Annexation request for the property described in Exhibit A as:

Tax Parcel 000160 037000; comprising 7.37 acres; less and except that portion previously annexed

Tax Parcel 000160 039000 comprising 0.76 acres;

Tax Parcel 000150 025000 comprising 8.92 acres;

Tax Parcel 000300 042000 comprising 3.46 acres;

Tax Parcel 000300 005000 comprising 1.43 acres;

Tax Parcel 000300 007000 comprising 8.04 acres

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Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously by all to non-concur with a City of Perry annexation request of a portion of the right of way of Airport Road as depicted on Exhibit B from Joree Road to the Houston-Peach County line because it creates an unincorporated island.

Mr. Thomson presented a request for a change order on the Sheriff's Department Firing Range that increases the contract quantities for earthwork, concrete and erosion control items not addressed on the original plans.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, 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 Sheriff's Department Firing Range project. The original contract price of \$297,627.68 will increase by \$30,237.58 to a new total of \$327,865.26 with no change in contract time.

Mr. McMichael presented a request from the Engineering Department to extend the Cul-De-Sac bond for one year on Rosales Drive of Harley Estates Extension Phase 2 to give the developer an opportunity to extend Rosales Drive. If the bond is not extended by May 1, 2018, the County will draw the bond and contract the work.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously by all to approve the extension of the Cul-De-Sac bond (Persons Banking Company Letter of Credit #432946, expiring May 1, 2018) for Rosales Drive of Harley Estates Subdivision Phase 2. If the bond is not extended by May 1, 2018, the County will draw the bond and contract the work.

Mr. McMichael presented a request from the Purchasing Department for approval of a bid on two new tractors for use in the Roads Department. Three vendors responded and staff recommends award of two Kubota tractors to low bidder Walker Rhodes Tractor Company.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously by all to approve the award of two new 2018 Kubota M5-091 HFC tractors for use in the Roads Department to Walker Rhodes Tractor Company of Perry at a unit cost of \$44,500 or \$89,000 total. SPLOST 2012 will fund the purchase of this equipment.

Mr. McMichael presented a request for approval of a bid on the joint Local Maintenance and Improvements Grant road projects. Houston County, Warner Robins, Centerville, Perry, Byron, Hawkinsville, Pulaski County and Dooly County consolidate the LMIG road projects for each entity in order to secure the best pricing.

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Bids have been received and the low bidder for all joint projects is Georgia Asphalt of Juliette, GA at \$3,914,669.68. Houston County is responsible for \$336,096 which is our match after GDOT funds of \$826,595.60. The County matching funds will be paid from SPLOST funds.

This project includes resurfacing of a combined 15.32 miles on 45 Houston County roads.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously by all to approve the award for the joint 2018 LMIG road resurfacing and repair projects to Georgia Asphalt of Juliette, GA in the total amount of \$3,914,669.68 of which Houston County's portion is \$1,162,691.60. The cities of Warner Robins, Centerville, Perry, Byron, Hawkinsville and Pulaski County and Dooly County will be responsible for the balance of \$2,751,978.08.

Ms. Robinson presented a request from the District Attorney for approval to accept the Violence Against Women Act Grant which helps to offset the personnel costs associated with an Assistant District Attorney and a domestic violence Investigator in the District Attorney's office. This grant is meant to aid the County in providing specialized investigation and prosecution services for domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking cases.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to approve Chairman Stalnaker signing and accepting the 2017 Stop Violence Against Women Grant (W17-8-026) in the amount of \$50,000. These grant-funded positions will terminate if and when grant funding is discontinued or if funding is reduced to a level at which it can no longer support the positions.

Ms. Robinson presented a request for approval to accept the Hazard Mitigation Grant. Federal law mandates that Houston County will prepare and maintain a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan and update that plan every five years. This grant will allow the County to secure the funds necessary to complete the required five-year update. The cities of Warner Robins, Perry and Centerville have each indicated that they will participate with the County in this multi-jurisdictional endeavor.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously by all to authorize Chairman Stalnaker signing a Hazard Mitigation Grant from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency / Homeland Security in the amount of \$28,000.00 with a federal share of \$21,000, a state share of \$2,800 and a local share of \$4,200 to formally update the Houston County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Middle Georgia Regional Commission will prepare the plan update. Local match is in-kind services only.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously by all to approve the payment of the bills totaling \$843,862.52.

Chairman Stalnaker opened the meeting for Public Comments.

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James Erdmanczyk, 123 S. 3rd Street, Apartment 9, Warner Robins read a letter he wrote addressed to Chairman Stalnaker concerning an incident that recently occurred at First United Methodist Church.

Kathy Brown, 104 Musket Fire Lane, Warner Robins spoke of safety concerns for the school age children of Houston County and asked the Board to collaborate with the Board of Education on various matters such as bussing children and sidewalks in proximity of schools.

Chairman Stalnaker asked Mr. McMichael, who is the Commissioner's liaison with the Board of Education, to meet with Ms. Brown to discuss her concerns.

Karen Allen, 207 Markwood Court, Warner Robins brought forth various concerns including sewer connections to multiple City of Warner Robins properties, unincorporated County islands within the City of Warner Robins, and a drainage ditch behind the Peachbelt nursing home on Elberta Road.

Chairman Stalnaker explained that the City of Warner Robins owns and operates the sanitary sewer system and suggested that Ms. Allen request a meeting with Mayor Toms to discuss those issues and also to request a map of the city limits. He further explained that if residents living in an unincorporated island did not request annexation into the City of Warner Robins that the city could annex those properties if it so chooses by resolution without the property owners consent. He also commented that Mr. Dunbar and his staff are currently looking into the issue of the ditch to see what the County's responsibility might be.

There being no further comments the meeting continued.

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Mr. McMichael commented on the severe weather from yesterday that hit northern Alabama and Georgia and asked everyone to keep those affected in their prayers.

Mr. Thomson thanked everyone for coming and also asked for thoughts and prayers for those affected by the severe weather.

Ms. Robinson thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and participating.

Mr. Walker thanked everyone for coming and offered prayers for those affected by the weather.

Chairman Stalnaker remarked that we were fortunate here in Houston County to have no more damage than we did from the storms.

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

Barry Holland
Director of Administration

Chairman

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