

**Houston County Commissioners Meeting**  
**October 6, 2020**  
**Perry, Georgia**

The Houston County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday October 6, 2020, at the Houston County Courthouse in Perry, Georgia, with Chairman Stalnaker presiding and Commissioners Walker, Thomson, McMichael, and Robinson present. Also present were County Attorney Tom Hall, Director of Administration Barry Holland, Director of Operations Robbie Dunbar, Director of Personnel Ken Carter, Director of Purchasing Mark Baker, Fire/HEMA Chief Chris Stoner, Chief Building Inspector Tim Andrews, Superior Court Clerk Carolyn Sullivan, District Attorney George Hartwig, Dan Perdue, and Walton and Becky Wood.

Chairman Stalnaker gave the invocation.

Lt. Col. Stephen Barbour, USAF led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and then detailed his 24-year military career. Serving the first seven years of his career in postings in Alaska, Missouri, and North Carolina as an enlisted man, he applied for a commission to officer training school in 2003. Completing Air Battle Manager training at Tyndall AFB, FL he then came for the first of three postings to Robins AFB in the J-STARS program. He and his wife, Dr. Amy Barbour principal of Veterans High School, love this community and made the decision to homestead here and raise their children in a stable environment. Although he has gone off to postings in Korea and Texas between his postings here at Robins AFB, his wife and children have stayed here. His daughter graduated last year and is now at Auburn University and his son still attends Veterans High. Lt. Col. Barbour has recently been named commander of the 461st Operations Support Squadron supporting the J-STARS program. He remarks that he enjoys serving in the military, being a member of this community and his church. He thanked the Board for their service to the community.

Chairman Stalnaker recognized Chief Stoner thanking him for the excellent job setting up the recent grand opening ceremony of the James W. Williams Jr. Fire & Emergency Management Complex on Lake Joy Road. He then called on Mr. and Mrs. Wood who presented Chief Stoner with a series of framed photographs taken on that day meant for display at the station or EMA Headquarters.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously by all to approve the minutes from the meeting of September 15, 2020.

County Attorney Tom Hall made a blanket statement for the benefit of all applicants for Special Exceptions for home occupations that even if the Board of Commissioners approves an application, neighborhood covenants may still impose certain restrictions upon or against home occupation businesses. These restrictive covenants are superior to any action taken by the Board of Commissioners. The actions taken by the Board will not change any provision within the covenant that prohibits any commercial or business activity.

Tim Andrews presented Special Exception Applications #2377 and #2385.

Chairman Stalnaker closed the regular portion of the meeting and opened a Public Hearing.

Special Exception Application #2377 applicant was not present, there was no opposition.

Special Exception Application #2385 applicant was not present, there was no opposition.

There being no comments Chairman Stalnaker closed the Public Hearing and reopened the regular meeting.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously by all to approve the following applications to include any and all stipulations as noted on the Zoning & Appeals recommendation and Section 95 Requirements staff report:

Application #2377	Mallory Greathouse	Photography
Application #2385	Michael Rountree	Woodworking

Tim Andrews presented Special Exception Applications #2392 through #2397 and #2399 through #2401.

Chairman Stalnaker closed the regular portion of the meeting and opened a Public Hearing.

Special Exception Application #2392, applicant was not present there was no opposition.

Special Exception Application #2393, applicant was not present there was no opposition.

Special Exception Application #2394, applicant was not present there was no opposition.

Special Exception Application #2395, applicant was not present there was no opposition.

Special Exception Application #2396 Application is recommended to be tabled and sent back to Zoning & Appeals.

Special Exception Application #2397, applicant was not present, there was no opposition.

Special Exception Application #2399, applicant was not present, there was no opposition.

Special Exception Application #2400, applicant was not present, there was no opposition.

Special Exception Application #2401 Applicant Jessica Fletcher was present and stated that she will only see one client at a time which will generate minimal additional traffic. Her plan is to see one client per day during the weekdays and a maximum of two clients per day on the weekend.

Guy Moulder, 103 Brantley Ridge, Warner Robins stated that he is the president of the Brantley Ridge Subdivision Homeowner's Association and opposes the application based on the fact that their subdivision covenants state that no lot shall be used except for residential purposes. He has received multiple calls from neighbors that object to the application. He also stated that the sign advertising the public hearing on the

application was removed at some point and then put back up. He presented pictures of the sign laying in the yard. He asked that the Board deny the application based upon the neighbors' concerns, the sign not being properly maintained and, as a representative of the HOA, the violation of the covenant that a home-based business would create.

Mike Smith, 109 Rachael Lane, Warner Robins stated that he received a copy of the covenants twenty-two years ago when he bought his property and that it does state that no lot shall be used except for residential purposes. He expressed his wish that the covenants would be upheld and that home-based businesses would not be an issue they would ever have to address again.

Duane Steven Maki, 107 Rachael Lane, Warner Robins stated that one of the main reasons he purchased a home in the subdivision was the protective covenants. He stated that the part-time salon that she contends she will be running sure does sound like a full-time salon to him. Traffic generated from her clients in the cul-de-sac is a big concern. He also presented pictures of the sign laying in the yard.

Another representative of the HOA Board of Directors objected and commented on the covenants, traffic, and the character of the neighborhood.

Applicant Jessica Fletcher stated that her home was not the only one in the cul-de-sac that generates traffic. She further stated that the sign had been knocked down several times by the weather but that it was put back up in a different location. She further stated that she is a 100% disabled veteran who is simply trying to earn funds to send her son to college and that she initially started this process because of COVID-19. There are other violations of the covenants that the HOA does not address.

Special Exception Application #2402, applicant was present with nothing further to add, there was no opposition.

Special Exception Application #2403, applicant was not present, there was no opposition.

Mr. Andrews stated that the procedure for special exceptions for home occupations include posting of the sign at the residence in a conspicuous place, but the County does not maintain or monitor the sign after that point. If notified that the sign is no longer standing, then staff will go back out to the residence in question and reinstall the sign. An advertisement is placed in the legal organ of the county, the Houston Home Journal, as well.

Chairman Stalnaker reiterated that the County does not enforce subdivision covenants. Zoning and Appeals qualifies their recommendation based on the Section 95 requirements only. The HOA or residents of the subdivision can take court action against the applicant if they so desire.

There being no further comments Chairman Stalnaker closed the Public Hearing and reopened the regular meeting.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Ms. Robinson to approve all applications as presented (#2392 thru #2395, #2397, and #2399 thru #2403), with the exception of #2396 which was tabled and sent back to Zoning & Appeals, to include any and all stipulations as noted on the Zoning & Appeals recommendation and Section 95 Requirements staff report.

Mr. Thomson remarked that he would prefer to send #2401 back to Zoning & Appeals if legal to do so to give the neighbors an opportunity to attend the hearing.

Mr. McMichael agreed with Mr. Thomson.

County Attorney Tom Hall stated that the Board could legally send it back to Zoning & Appeals for reconsideration if they chose, however they also could elect to take action today since they have complied with all necessary requirements.

Chairman Stalnaker asked Mr. Andrews if any other residents had attended the Zoning & Appeals hearing.

Mr. Andrews replied that there were no other residents in attendance concerning #2401.

Mr. Walker asked Mr. Andrews to clarify that all rules, regulations and requirements had been met by the applicant.

Mr. Andrews replied yes.

Mr. Walker stated that he had no change to the motion for approval that he made previously.

Upon voting, Mr. Walker and Ms. Robinson voted to approve, and Mr. Thomson and Mr. McMichael voted to deny. Chairman Stalnaker voted to approve. Motion passed 3 to 2 to approve all the following applications as presented, with the exception of #2396 which was tabled and sent back to Zoning & Appeals, to include any and all stipulations as noted on the Zoning & Appeals recommendation and Section 95 Requirements staff report.

Applicant #2392	Gregory Giedd	Photography
Applicant #2393	Kai Moyers	Handyman & Lawn Care
Applicant #2394	Michael & Amber Carter	Insulation
Applicant #2395	Melonie Pope	Bath & Body Products (Internet Sales)
Applicant #2396	Tabled	
Applicant #2397	Thorne Rape	Landscaping & Irrigation Services
Applicant #2399	Victor & Pamela Roberts	Commercial Facility Maintenance
Applicant #2400	Breyana Smith	Skincare App
Applicant #2401	Jessica Fletcher	Hair Salon
Applicant #2402	Macrina Courtney	Residential Cleaning
Applicant #2403	Robert & Leah Baker	Handyman

Mr. Andrews gave the applicants approved for a home occupation instruction on the next step of the process which is obtaining their occupational business license from the Commissioner's office.

Mr. Walker presented a request from Roads Superintendent Travis McLendon to hire Erik Pittman for the vacant Metal Fabricator position.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously by all to approve hiring Erik Pittman for the vacant Metal Fabricator position in the Roads Department at a Grade 15-C effective October 7, 2020.

County Attorney Tom Hall conducted a first reading of amendments to the Code of Ordinance, Houston County, Georgia at Chapter 50 - Solid Waste Sections 50-1; 50-5; 50-37; 50-41; 50-44; 50-45; 50-46; and 50-58. A second reading will be held at the October 20, 2020 Board of Commissioners meeting after which it will go before the Board for a vote.

Mr. Thomson presented a request from Registration/Election Supervisor Debra Presswood to adjust the rates of pay for poll workers.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to approve changes in the pay rates for poll workers, both early voting and pre-election workers hourly rates and election day only flat rates, as outlined in a memorandum from Registration / Election Supervisor Debra Presswood dated September 30, 2020. Rate changes are to be effective October 6, 2020.

Mr. Thomson presented a request for approval of a bid on a Timber Sales Contract.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously by all to approve the award of a timber-cutting contract on 33 acres at the Houston County Landfill as depicted on Exhibit B map drawn by American Forest Management to Piedmont Forestry in the amount of \$85,201.

Mr. Thomson presented a request for approval on an additional services agreement with Owen Lewis Consulting.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously by all to table an additional professional services agreement with Owen Lewis Consulting of Saline, MI for additional services required for project management and implementation on the Court Case Management and Jail Management systems. Additionally, to authorize the release of Check # 100712 in the amount of \$18,470 to Owen Lewis Consulting.

Mr. Thomson presented a request from Public Works staff to post the speed limit for Moss Oaks Road between SR127 and the city limits of Perry.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to approve posting the speed limit for Moss Oaks Road between SR127 and the city limits of Perry (Big Indian Creek) at 45mph. Public Works is authorized to forward this change in the speed ordinance to the Georgia Department of Transportation.

Ms. Robinson presented a request for the extension of a performance bond for Southfield Plantation Subdivision.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously by all to approve the six-month extension of the bond (OneSouth Bank Letter of Credit #410722), expiring October 6, 2020 for Southfield Plantation Subdivision Section 7. If the bond is not extended by the expiration date the County will draw the bond and contract the work.

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Mr. McMichael pointed out that the bond actually expires today.

Mr. Dunbar stated that they were aware and expected the bond extension before 5:00 p.m.

Mr. McMichael also pointed out that the request memorandum from County Engineer Ronnie Heald contained a typo which needed to be corrected for the record. The memo stated that "if the bond was not extended by April 6, 2021 then the County would draw the bond" while it should have read "if the bond was not extended to April 6, 2021 then the County would draw the bond."

Ms. Robinson presented a request for approval of a lighting agreement for the roundabout at the intersection of Hwy. 41 and Lakeview Road.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to approve Chairman Stalnaker signing a lighting agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the energy costs associated with the lighted bollard to be installed in the central island of the roundabout at the Hwy. 41 and Lakeview Road intersection. GDOT will fund the cost of the materials, installation, and maintenance of the bollard with the County paying for the energy consumption.

Ms. Robinson presented a request for approval of a bid on one 80KW generator with switch to be installed.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously by all to approve the award of one 150 KW diesel generator with a 400-amp switch for the new Lake Joy Fire Station plus one 225-amp switch for the EMS portion of the building to Anderson Power Services of Fort Valley, GA in the amount of \$61,629.62 plus \$1,500 for the yearly maintenance contract.

Ms. Robinson presented a request for approval of a bid on a warranty for a 2021 Mack Granite GR64B roll-off truck.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously by all to approve the purchase of an additional 24-months warranty coverage on the transmission and HVAC system for the 2021 Mack Granite GR64B roll-off Truck for use in the Landfill originally awarded on September 15, 2020 to Worldwide Equipment of Albany, GA. The Comptroller is authorized to issue an additional check in the amount of \$1,122 to cover the additional warranty period.

Mr. McMichael presented a request for approval of a bid for a new bulldozer for use at the Landfill.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously by all to approve the award of one new 2020 CAT D4 LGP bulldozer for use at the Landfill to Yancey Brothers of Macon at a cost of \$177,610. This price includes a 60-month powertrain plus warranty for \$25,040 and a trade-in value of \$15,000 on a 1995 CAT D5C dozer. This equipment is funded by Solid Waste Capital Funds.

Director of Operations Robbie Dunbar explained that Caterpillar recently changed the nomenclature of their bulldozer line-up and that the D4 model that we are purchasing is the equivalent of the D5 model that we are trading in. He introduced Yancey Bros. Company representatives Brandon Justice and Ron Lang who were in attendance.

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Mr. Justice assured the Board that the new D4 model meets or exceeds all the specs, including weight and horsepower, that the old D5 model possessed.

Mr. McMichael presented a request for approval of a bid on one new 2021 Ford F-350 1-Ton cab and chassis with a mounted service body.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously by all to approve the award on one new 2021 Ford F-350 1-Ton cab and chassis with a mounted service body for use in the Public Buildings Department from Peach State Ford of Cedartown, GA in the amount of \$32,983. SPLOST 2012 will fund the purchase of this vehicle.

Mr. McMichael presented a request for approval of a bid on four new replacement trucks for use in the Sheriff's Department.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously by all to approve the award of four new 2021 F-150 ½-Ton crew cab pick-up trucks for use in the Warrants Division and Investigations Division of the Sheriff's Department from Alan Vigil Ford of Morrow, GA at a unit cost of \$29,261 each or a total of \$117,044. SPLOST 2018 will fund the purchase of these vehicles.

Mr. McMichael presented FY 2020 year-end budget adjustments.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to approve the following FY2020 year-end budget adjustments and to further authorize the Comptroller to make any adjustments as may be necessary concerning the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) authorized expenditures on regular pay and benefits costs for employees who were substantially dedicated to COVID-19 mitigation and for employees who receive the emergency paid sick or paid expanded family and medical leave:

**General Fund (100):**

**Increase Expenditures:**

Elections	1400-52.3400	Printing	\$ 6,750
Law	1530-52.1200	Professional Services	\$ 245,800
Public Buildings	1565-53.1210	Water/Sewerage	\$ 79,000
	1565-54.2500	Other Equipment	\$ 3,000
District Attorney	2200-54.2500	Other Equipment	\$ 3,000
Domestic Violence Asst	2210-51.1120	FFCRA-EPSLA/EFMLEA	\$ 120
State Court	2300-51.1200	Temporary Employees	\$ 2,500
	2300-52.2200	Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 22,500
Sheriff	3300-51.1300	Overtime	\$ 74,800
Coroner	3700-51.1200	Temporary Employees	\$ 9,950
Hwys & Strs - State	4205-52.2200	Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 1,272,200
Storm Drainage	4250-52.2200	Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 10,800
Vital Statistics	5120-52.3900	Other	\$ 30
Other Vendor Pmnts	5452-52.3900	Other	\$ 1,600
Agricultural Resc	7130-51.1200	Temporary Employees	\$ 2,500
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,734,550</b>

**Decrease Expenditures:**

Governing Body	1110-52.3500	Travel	\$ 8,300
	1110-52.3600	Dues & Fees	\$ 4,000
Executive	1300-51.2100	Group Insurance	\$ 21,100
Purchasing	1517-51.2100	Group Insurance	\$ 3,600
Law	530-51.2100	Group Insurance	\$ 5,200
Tax Commissioner	545-52.3200	Communications	\$ 4,700
	1545-52.3400	Printing	\$ 3,800
	1545-52.3500	Travel	\$ 2,700
Tax Assessors	1550-51.2200	Social Security	\$ 7,400
	1550-52.1200	Professional Services	\$ 6,000
	1550-53.1100	General Supplies	\$ 5,000
	1550-53.1270	Gasoline	\$ 4,000
	1550-52.3500	Travel	\$ 2,100
Risk Mgmt – Health	1555-51.2100	Group Insurance	\$ 158,500
Superior Court	2150-51.1200	Temporary Employees	\$ 17,700
	2150-52.1200	Professional Services	\$ 80,600
	2150-52.1300	Technical	\$ 61,500
	2150-52.3600	Dues & Fees	\$ 52,000
Accountability Court	155-51.2100	Group Insurance	\$ 10,500
Clerk of Superior Court	2180-51-2100	Group Insurance	\$ 17,600
Domestic Violence Asst	2210-51.2100	Group Insurance	\$ 1,000
Victim Advocates	2220-51.2100	Group Insurance	\$ 37,400
	2220-51.1100	Regular Employees	\$ 12,100
	2220-51.1200	Temporary Employees	\$ 60,000
	2220-51.2200	Social Security	\$ 6,000
	2220-52.3500	Travel	\$ 3,000
	2220-53.1100	General Supplies	\$ 2,900
	2220-57.2000	Oth Agency	\$ 6,850
Solicitor-General	2320-51.2100	Group Insurance	\$ 17,100
Magistrate Court	2400-51.1100	Regular Employees	\$ 23,200
	2400-51.1200	Temporary Employees	\$ 2,300
	2400-51.2100	Group Insurance	\$ 2,400
Juvenile Court	2600-52.1200	Professional Services	\$ 20,300
	2600-52.1300	Technical	\$ 5,200
	2600-52.3850	Contract Labor	\$ 32,000
	2600-52.3900	Other	\$ 10,000
Sheriff - GOHS HEAT	310-51.2100	Group Insurance	\$ 8,500
Sheriff - SRO	3320-51.1100	Regular Employees	\$ 20,600
	3320-51-1300	Overtime	\$ 14,300
	3320-51.2200	Social Security	\$ 4,500
	3320-52.2200	Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 8,000
	3320-53.1600	Small Equipment	\$ 49,800
Sheriff – Juvenile	3325-51.1100	Regular Employees	\$ 36,500
	3325-51.1200	Temp Employees	\$ 5,800
	3325-51.2200	Social Security	\$ 6,000
	3325-53.1270	Gasoline	\$ 8,500
Jail Operations	3326-51.1100	Regular Employees	\$ 405,500
Animal Control	3910-51.2100	Group Insurance	\$ 9,600
Roads	4200-51.1100	Regular Employees	\$ 231,500
	4200-51.2100	Group Insurance	\$ 39,800
	4200-52.1200	Professional Services	\$ 29,300
	4200-52.1300	Technical	\$ 8,000
	4200-52.2200	Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 13,600
	4200-52.2320	Rental Equipment	\$ 5,000
	4200-54.1400	Infrastructure	\$ 30,000
Economic Development	7520-51.2100	Group Insurance	\$ 9,500
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,660,250</b>

**Increase Revenues:**

100-33.4311 State Highways	\$ 72,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 72,200</b>

**SPLOST Fund (320):**

**Increase Expenditures:**

MIS	1530-53.1600 Small Equipment	\$ 26,600
	1530-54.2500 Other Equipment	\$ 8,600
Probate Court	2450-54.2500 Other Equipment	\$ 5,500
Public Defender	2800-53.1600 Small Equipment	\$ 1,550
Sheriff - Juvenile	325-54.2500 Other Equipment	\$ 8,600
Jail Operations	3326-52.2200 Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 28,500
	3326-53.1600 Small Equipment	\$ 82,200
Fire	3500-54.1300 Buildings	\$1,181,900
Intergovernmental	4960-57.1001 Centerville	\$ 66,500
	4960-57.1002 Perry	\$ 128,900
	4960-57.1003 Warner Robins	\$ 607,700
Public Health Admin	5110-54.1300 Buildings	\$ 475,200
Economic Development	7520-52.1200 Professional Services	\$ 3,500
	7520-57.2000 Payments to Other Agencies	<u>\$2,600,000</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,225,250</b>

**Decrease Expenditures:**

Highways & Streets	4200-54.1400 Infrastructure	<b>\$5,225,250</b>
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**Water Fund (505):**

**Increase Expenditures:**

Stormwater Mgmnt	4320-52.2200 Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 2,900
	4320-52.3900 Other	\$ 100
Water	4400-53.1100 General Supplies	<u>\$ 343,000</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 346,000</b>

**Increase Revenues:**

505-34.4216 Sandy Run (Water Sales)	<b>\$ 346,000</b>
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**Solid Waste Fund (540):**

**Increase Expenditures:**

Collections	4520-52.1200 Professional	\$ 108,600
Disposal	4530-52.2200 Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 180,900
	4530-53.1100 General Supplies	\$ 9,900
	4530-53.1210 Water/Sewerage	\$ 4,000
	4530-56.1000 Depreciation	<u>\$ 91,500</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 394,900</b>

**Increase Revenues:**

Prior Year Fund Balance	<b>\$ 394,900</b>
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**Internal Service Fund (600):**

**Increase Expenditures:**

Risk Mgmt (P&L) 1557-52.3100 Ins (Oth than Empl Bene) \$ 51,200

**Increase Revenue:**

600-13.3603 Retained Earnings (P&L) \$ 51,200

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously by all to approve the payment of the bills totaling \$5,027,767.73.

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

Guy Moulder, 103 Brantley Ridge, Warner Robins apologized for Mr. Davis' earlier outburst during the public hearing on Special Exception Application #2401 as emotions are running a little high over this issue in their subdivision. He remarked that he fully understood the Boards action and that the HOA will just have to seek action against her in civil court.

Chairman Stalnaker said that he understood the emotional aspect of the issue and stated that we will review the procedures for posting the signs internally.

Mr. Andrews stated that there have been other home occupation applications approved within the Brantley subdivision over the years, but he was not aware if any are still in operation. The County has a record of these other approved home occupations if the HOA would like to request that information.

Chief Stoner thanked the Board for their attendance at the recent grand opening ceremony for the new Lake Joy Fire Station and EMA Headquarters. He also thanked Pastor Clyde Turner of Oak Level Missionary Baptist Church for offering the invocation and singing the national anthem, and he thanked Mr. and Mrs. Wood for their contributions. He also mentioned that they are watching the weather as we may see some effects from the remnants of hurricane Delta as they transition through the Middle Georgia area later this week and weekend.

There being no further comments Chairman Stalnaker closed the Public Comments portion of the meeting and reopened the regular meeting.

Chairman Stalnaker then closed the regular portion of the meeting and opened Commissioners Comments

Mr. Walker reminded everyone to stay safe and look after our friends, neighbors and loved ones.

Ms. Robinson thanked everyone for coming.

Mr. Thomson likewise thanked everyone for attending the meeting and specifically recognized Dan Perdue.

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Mr. McMichael thanked everyone for coming and reiterated that his vote on Special Exception Application #2401 concerning the hair salon was based solely on the reports that the sign advertising the public hearing was down and that people needed to have sufficient notice of the Planning and Zoning meetings.

Chairman Stalnaker reminded everyone once again of the importance of participating in the ongoing 2020 Census noting that the deadline has been extended to October 31st. Currently Houston County's response rate stands at just under 70%, which is good and surpasses our 2010 response rate, but is not good enough. He urged the media to continue their coverage of the census efforts. He also asked everyone to again support Constitutional Amendment #1 on the November 3rd ballot that would prevent the State of Georgia from diverting hazardous waste and landfill clean-up trust funds from their intended purpose of cleaning up tire dumps, landfills and hazardous waste sites. It has taken a long time to get this question on the ballot and he hoped that people would understand the issue and support the action.

Lastly, he announced that the next meeting of the Board of Commissioners would be Tuesday, October 20th at 5:00 p.m. at the County Annex building in Warner Robins. The meeting times for evening meetings have been changed from 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the remainder of the calendar year after which the Board will determine if they will keep the start times at 5:00 p.m. or move them back to 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Thomson reiterated that the census process is not meant to be punitive but rather to simply get an accurate count. He also commented that he has had several phone calls from people asking about Constitutional Amendment #1 and once educated on the issue they seem to be very supportive of the amendment.

There being no further comments Chairman Stalnaker closed the Commissioners Comments portion of the meeting.

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

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Barry Holland  
Director of Administration

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