

Houston County Commissioners Meeting
August 20, 2019
Warner Robins, Georgia

The Houston County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday August 20, 2019, at the Houston County Annex in Warner Robins, Georgia, with Chairman Stalnaker presiding and Commissioners Thomson, Walker, Robinson and McMichael present. Also present were County Attorney Tom Hall, Director of Administration Barry Holland, Fire/HEMA Chief Chris Stoner, Director of Operations Robbie Dunbar, Chief Building Inspector Tim Andrews, Walton and Becky Wood and Ansel Peck.

Commissioner Thomson led the audience in the Invocation.

Chairman Stalnaker led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2019 meeting.

A second reading was held of the proposed ordinance amendment to Section 2.2.2, 2.3.; and 3.3. of the Houston County Local Design Manual and amendments to Section 4.d.1. of the Houston County Water Resource Protection Ordinance.

Chairman Stalnaker closed the regular meeting and opened a public hearing.

Walton Wood, 426 Sandefur Road, Kathleen asked about language in Section 2.2.2 Culverts & Pipe Systems specifically questioning whether the use of the term surcharging meant that the County was considering implementing any kind of stormwater fee.

Mr. Hall replied no that the term surcharging referred to a condition where the water level would overwhelm the storm water structure or piping.

Mr. Wood then submitted several photographs showing the drain near Mr. Bridge's property at 452 Sandefur Road, the accumulation of silt or dirt on portions of his own property at 426 Sandefur Road, and of the intersection at Sandefur Road and Weeping Moss Way. Each of the pictures were taken after a rain event on July 4th and shows the ineffective manner in which the stormwater was being managed. He concluded by saying that he would support the ordinance amendment if there is to be proper enforcement after its adoption.

Mr. Dunbar spoke to Mr. Wood's concerns and also related that the County must pass this amendment to the ordinance in order to remain in compliance with new EPD requirements.

There being no further comments Chairman Stalnaker closed the public hearing and reopened the regular meeting.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to approve the amendments to Sections 2.2.2. 2.3.; and 3.3. of the Houston County Local Design Manual and amendments to section 4.d.1. of the Houston County Water Resource Protection Ordinance. The Houston County Local Design Manual and the

Houston County Water Resource Protection Ordinance were both adopted in the Code of Ordinances of Houston County at Chapter 30 Article VI, Section 30-121. The amendments are outlined on the Amendment to Code of Ordinances Houston County, Georgia.

Mr. Walker presented a Rural Fire Defense Cooperative Lease Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously by all to authorize Chairman Stalnaker signing the Rural Fire Defense (RFD) Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to include the addendum showing the Georgia Forestry Commission (GFC) equipment that covers the County and any and all vehicles, equipment and/or other apparatus GFC provides to the Houston County Fire Department.

Mr. Thomson presented a contract for personal property audits.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously by all to authorize Chairman Stalnaker signing an agreement (#1036) with Traylor Business Services, Inc. (TBS) for personal property audits in FY2020. Audits will only be performed when requested specifically by the Chief Tax Appraiser.

Mr. McMichael presented a request for approval of a bid for three SUVs.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously by all to approve the award of three new 2020 Ford Explorer SUVs from Brannen Ford of Perry for a unit cost of \$27,465.70 and a total cost of \$82,397.10. One vehicle is for the Investigations Division and will be funded by the 2018 SPLOST (320-3300-54.2200) and the other two vehicles are for the Detention Center to be reimbursed by Inmate Funds (100-3326-54.2200).

Mr. McMichael presented a request for approval of a bid for two vans.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to approve the award of two new 2020 Chevrolet Express 3500 Extended Passenger Vans to Hamby Automotive of Perry at a unit cost of \$29,746.83 and a total cost of \$59,493.66. One van is for the Detention Center and will be reimbursed by inmate funds (100-3326-54.2200) and the other van is for the Extension Office and will be funded by the 2018 SPLOST (320-7130-54.2200).

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously by all to approve the payment of the bills totaling \$1,364,767.01.

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

As there were no public comments, Chairman Stalnaker closed the public comments portion of the meeting and reopened the meeting.

Chairman Stalnaker then opened the meeting for Commissioner Comments.

Ms. Robinson thanked everyone for coming.

Mr. Walker likewise thanked everyone for coming.

Mr. Thomson thanked Deputy Durham for providing security during the meeting.

Mr. McMichael thanked everyone for participating in the meeting either in person or by way of the livestream on the internet.

Chairman Stalnaker asked the Commissioners to carefully review the packet of information concerning the draft of a small cell (wireless facilities) and antennas ordinance that was given to them by County Attorney Hall. This information concerns the establishment of regulations for small cell 5G facilities and/or poles in the County’s rights of way. The County must pass this ordinance before October 1st to preserve the right to charge certain fees and to outline the permitting process that will be required of any provider wishing to establish facilities. There will be a first reading of the ordinance at the September 3, 2019 Board meeting to be followed by a second reading and public hearing at the September 17, 2019 Board meeting at which time the Board may consider adoption of the ordinance.

Mr. Hall explained that a committee made up by the ACCG, GMA and industry representatives hashed out a compromise after the passage of Senate Bill 66 which created statewide regulations for cellphone companies to set up 5G networks and equipment in public rights of way.

Chairman Stalnaker then recognized Deputy Travis Durham and thanked him for coming and providing security to the meeting. Upon hearing that Deputy Durham was a veteran Chairman Stalnaker asked if he would speak about his military service.

Deputy Durham said that he was born and raised in Warner Robins and was a 1996 graduate of Northside High School. After graduation he joined the Marines and served for eight years. After leaving the Marines for a short period, he went back and served until he took an early retirement at 18 years of service. He and his wife returned to Warner Robins where he briefly worked at a factory job before taking a job with the Houston County Sheriff’s Office at the Detention Center. After almost three years he went to mandate school and now serves in the Patrol Division. During his career he served in Japan, North Carolina, Hawaii, New York and has been deployed several times.

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

Barry Holland
Director of Administration

Chairman

Commissioner

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