

**Houston County Commissioners Meeting  
December 18, 2018  
Warner Robins, Georgia**

The Houston County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday December 18, 2018 at the Houston County Annex in Warner Robins, Georgia with Chairman Stalnaker presiding and Commissioners McMichael, Walker, Robinson, and Thomson present. Also present were County Attorney Tom Hall, Director of Administration Barry Holland, Director of Operations Robbie Dunbar, Director of Purchasing Mark Baker, Director of Personnel Ken Carter, Assistant Fire Chief Chris Stoner, Flint Energies Chief Operating Officer Ty Diamond, Jim Taylor, Elaine and Ken Pritchard, Ansel Peck, and Walton and Becky Wood.

Commissioner Thomson gave the invocation.

CMSgt. Lynda Washington, US Air Force led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and briefed the Board on her 32 years of military service. Currently serving at Robins AFB in the Georgia Air National Guard 116th Air Control Wing she has been active duty Air Force, in the Reserves and since 2004 in the Guard. Although the 116th operates the E-8C J-STARS, she has worked with F-4s, F-15s, F-16s, A-10s and B-1Bs during her career. CMSgt. Washington has 15 deployments to her credit with three to Japan and the rest to the Middle East. She has found her long service to be very rewarding.

Chairman Stalnaker recognized Miss Warner Robins Pageant Board of Directors Vice President Elaine Pritchard who introduced Teeny Miss Warner Robins Avery Miliner, Tiny Miss Warner Robins Princess Abigail Goss, Junior Miss Warner Robins Princess Madison Sorrow, Pre-Teen Miss International City Princess Brooke Story, Miss Warner Robins Outstanding Teen Kandice Lumpkin, and Miss Warner Robins Kelsey Hollis. Many of the parents were also in attendance. Pre-Teen Miss Warner Robins Princess Clara Mae Johnson was unable to attend. The Board congratulated each young lady on their accomplishments and presented each a small gift.

Chairman Stalnaker recognized Scout Leader Marty Hoover and the young men of Boy Scout Troop #566 who were in attendance working on the requirements for their Citizenship in the Community merit badges. The Board welcomed them, congratulated them on their efforts and presented each a small gift.

Chairman Stalnaker then recognized Mr. John Trussell who gave the Board an update on the Oaky Woods Wildlife Management Area. Mr. Trussell, author of "Saving Oaky Woods", which details the efforts to preserve the Oaky Woods Wildlife Management Area, presented for display various artifacts found in the area.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to approve the minutes from the meeting of December 4, 2018.

Chairman Stalnaker asked for a motion to add payment of an invoice to the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority for Robins AFB encroachment funds to the agenda as Item #13.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously by all to add the payment of an invoice to the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority for Robins AFB encroachment funds as Item #13 to the agenda.

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Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Walker. After voting, with Mr. Thomson abstaining, Mr. McMichael, Mr. Walker and Ms. Robinson voted yes, motion carried to appoint Mr. Larry Thomson as Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2019.

The Chairman and other Board members thanked Mr. McMichael for his service as Vice-Chairman during the 2018 year.

County Attorney Tom Hall conducted a first reading of an amendment to Section 2-217; of the Code of Ordinances, Houston County, Georgia wherein the appointment of members and terms of office for the Library Board will be amended. The changes made will enable Library Board members to serve an unlimited number of terms and give the Board of Commissioners the authority to appoint members to the Library Board that represent the incorporated and the unincorporated areas of Houston County.

Director of Administration Barry Holland presented the second reading of an Alcohol License Application submitted by Tam Thanh Pham representing Juji Nail Lounge for the on-premise sale of wine (by the glass) located at 520 GA Hwy. 247 South, Bonaire. The property is zoned C-2. A first reading was held at the 9:00 a.m. regularly scheduled Board meeting in Perry on December 4, 2018.

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

The applicant was present.

There was no opposition.

As there were 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 alcohol license application submitted by Tam Thanh Pham representing Juji Nail Lounge for the on-premise sale of wine (by the glass) located at 520 GA Hwy. 247 South, Bonaire.

Mr. Walker presented a request for the County to title over three surplus vehicles to the Perry-Houston County Airport. The vehicles will be titled over to the Airport Authority and removed from the County's inventory and insurance coverage.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously by all to approve the transfer of one 2005 Ford Crown Victoria VIN# 2FAFP71W85X120600, one 2006 Ford Crown Victoria VIN# 2FAFP1W26X119069, and one 2001 Ford F-150 truck VIN# 1FTZX17281NA58040 to the Houston County Airport Authority. The Airport Authority will accept title to each vehicle.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to approve the following reappointments:

Airport Authority:	Ned Sanders	1/01/2019 thru 12/31/2022
	Danny Wilson	1/01/2019 thru 12/31/2020
Board of Elections:	Barbara Waddle	1/01/2019 thru 12/31/2022
	Henry Childs	1/01/2019 thru 12/31/2022
	Phyllis Taylor	1/01/2019 thru 12/31/2022

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Mr. Thomson presented change order #2, the final adjusting change order for the Sheriff's Training Facility / Firing Range project.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously by all to authorize Chairman Stalnaker signing Change Order #2 on the Sheriff's Training Facility / Firing Range project with Peed Bros., Inc. of Butler, GA increasing the current contract amount of \$377,806 by \$9,236.70 bring the final contract total to \$387,042.70.

Mr. Thomson presented the Landfill Gas Purchase and Sale Agreement Addendum with Flint Energies. This addendum will amend the original agreement signed in December of 2009 setting the price of methane gas to \$1.65 per MMBTU effective at the beginning of the second renewal term on January 5, 2021; and changes the Economic Change adjustment effective date to the beginning of the third renewal term on January 5, 2026.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously by all to authorize Chairman Stalnaker signing the Landfill Gas Purchase and Sale Agreement Addendum to the original agreement signed December 15, 2009 with Flint Electric Membership Corporation.

Chairman Stalnaker clarified that the addendum needed to be done this far in advance due to specific language in the original agreement. He then recognized Flint Energies Chief Operating Officer Ty Diamond thanking both him and President/CEO Bob Ray for Flint's efforts in our community and for the partnership that the County and Flint enjoy.

Mr. McMichael presented a request from the Landfill to replace a 1996 Peterbilt day cab semi-truck that pulls the leachate tanker. The Purchasing department has sourced several trucks from three different dealers that will meet our needs and recommends purchase of a Mack truck from Nextran of Macon.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously by all to approve the award of one new 2019 Mack Anthem day cab semi-truck for use at the Landfill from Nextran Truck Center of Macon in the amount of \$114,073 to include the extended warranty (84 months/ 250,000 miles). Solid Waste Capital Funds will fund the purchase of this vehicle.

Mr. McMichael presented a request from Purchasing to award the bid of the annual vehicle maintenance contract to Five Star Ford. Five Star Ford has performed well in the past and has held the line on nearly all pricing for services, parts and labor.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to approve the award of the annual vehicle maintenance bid for the Sheriff Department and certain other County fleet vehicles to Five Star Ford of Warner Robins for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 and an option for January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Mr. McMichael presented a request for approval to award the Solid Waste Collection Contract. Public Works staff as well as the selection committee and our Landfill consultant recommend award to Advanced Disposal.

The recommendation follows an intensive process of a Request for Proposal that was obtained by twelve companies, followed by evaluation of the proposals by a

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committee and interviews. Finally, the committee considered whether to use Rear Loader trucks or continue the use of Automatic Side Loader trucks.

Chairman Stalnaker thanked Commissioner McMichael as he was the Board's appointee to the selection committee and worked many long hours on the issue. He also thanked Director of Operations Robbie Dunbar, Landfill Superintendent Terry Dietsch, Collections Manager Larry Fairchild, Public Works staff member Janet Marcella, Mr. and Mrs. Wood, and Murray Griffin with Atlantic Coast Consulting for their service on that committee. Chairman Stalnaker felt that the charge to the customers needed to be addressed since the current monthly charge is \$11 while the cost to the County is actually \$13.86. He explained that the difference is subsidized by the insurance premium tax which is paid by residents of the unincorporated portion of the County. That gap between the actual cost and the charge to the customer will only get larger as the seven-year contract progresses. He felt strongly that the Board was not prepared at the moment to make a recommendation on a planned rate increase.

Mr. McMichael then made the motion to approve the contract with Advanced Disposal and Mr. Thomson seconded it for discussion purposes.

Mr. McMichael recommended that the monthly rate increase by \$2.

Chairman Stalnaker thought that further discussion was needed before making that decision commenting that Mr. Dunbar has run an extensive analysis covering various options for the rate increase. He recommended voting on the contract award but waiting until the next Board meeting on January 8th to make a decision on the rate increase.

Motion carried unanimously by all to authorize Chairman Stalnaker signing the Houston County Solid Waste Collection contract with Advanced Disposal Services of Kathleen effective April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2024 with two additional option years with the understanding that the rate increase recommendation would be made on January 8th.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to approve the support for the upcoming 9<sup>th</sup> Annual "Run 2 End Alzheimer's at the Landing's" to benefit the Central Georgia Alzheimer's Association. The event will take place on Saturday, April 6, 2019 starting and finishing at the Landing Pointe Plaza in Bonaire. The Sheriff Department has agreed to assist with traffic control during the hours of the race.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously by all to approve the payment of the bills totaling \$960,719.42.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously by all to approve the payment of the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority invoice for Robins AFB encroachment funds.

Chairman Stalnaker explained that this is the final payment from the County to fulfill its \$6.2 million commitment for encroachment funds for Robins AFB. A total of \$6 million of this came from SPLOST while the General Fund of the County contributed \$200,000.

Chairman Stalnaker made an announcement to remind everyone that the next Board meeting would be held on Tuesday, January 8th at 9:00 am at the Courthouse.

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Chairman Stalnaker opened the meeting for public comments.

Frank Lumpkin, representing the Youth Infrastructure Coalition, asked the Board to pass a resolution advocating for support of a proposed interstate that would begin in west Texas and end in Augusta, GA to be known as I-14. Chairman Stalnaker commended Mr. Lumpkin for his efforts but felt that any such infrastructure improvement proposal in the state of Georgia should be led by the Georgia Department of Transportation. Houston County's priorities would lie first with connectivity between GA96 and I-16.

Walton Wood, 426 Sandefur Road, Kathleen commented that the Board of Commissioners know what is best for Houston County.

Chairman Stalnaker closed the public comments portion of the meeting.

Chairman Stalnaker then opened the meeting for commissioners' comments.

Ms. Robinson commented that there are plenty of projects and conceptualized proposed projects such as Interstate 14 that compete for both support and funding. She wished everyone happy holidays and thanked them for coming.

Mr. Walker wished everyone happy holidays and remarked that he enjoyed each of the presentations made during the meeting.

Mr. McMichael thanked everyone for coming, wished everyone a happy holiday and wished Mr. Thomson the best during his tenure as the 2019 Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Thomson thanked everyone for coming and wished them a Merry Christmas.

Chairman Stalnaker also wished everyone to have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and remarked that he appreciated his fellow Board members, each County employee, all department heads and constitutional officers as well as each citizen of the County for all the hard work and effort during the year.

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

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