

## **Houston County Commissioners Meeting April 19, 2016 Warner Robins, Georgia**

The Houston County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at the Houston County Annex Building in Warner Robins, Georgia with Chairman Stalnakner presiding and Commissioners Walker, McMichael, Thomson and Robinson present. Also present were Director of Administration Barry Holland, County Attorney Tom Hall, Director of Operations Robbie Dunbar, Personnel Director Ken Carter, Purchasing Director Mark Baker, County Extension Coordinator Charlotte Meeks, Administrative Secretary Cheryl Scarborough, Development Authority Executive Director Angie Gheesling, MGCAA Executive Director Nancy Smith, District 8 Congressional candidate Angela Hicks, Walt & Becky Wood, and Ansel Peck.

Commissioner McMichael led the audience in the Invocation.

MSgt. Lester Moes, US Air Force led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and detailed his 28-year career. A veteran of five campaigns and having served in duty stations in South Dakota; Clovis, New Mexico; and Korea, he has worked at Robins AFB in the J-Stars program for the past ten years. Of those ten years, he has spent roughly eight years deployed. He described a typical J-Stars mission as 12 to 16 hours. He remarked that his wife Kathryn's support during his military service was an extreme blessing.

Chairman Stalnakner recognized retiring Middle Georgia Community Action Agency Executive Director Nancy Smith and read a resolution of appreciation for her 38 years of work with the agency. Ms. Smith described the various programs and services that the agency provides to reduce the impact of poverty and to improve the quality of life for local families.

Chairman Stalnakner then recognized Executive Director Angie Gheesling of the Development Authority who in turn introduced Carl Mays, General Manager at Anchor Container in Warner Robins. Chairman Stalnakner read a proclamation naming the week of April 18<sup>th</sup> thru the 22<sup>nd</sup> as Manufacturing Appreciation Week and congratulated Anchor Container and their employees for being nominated for the Manufacturer of the Year award. Mr. Mays gave the Board a brief description of the past few years' activities at Anchor and thanked Angie and the Development Authority for helping to make the recent plant improvements possible. Chairman Stalnakner noted that existing industry in the County is just as important as bringing in new industry.

Chairman Stalnakner read a proclamation recognizing Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> as Deborah Roberts and Al Roker Day in Houston County in honor of their upcoming book signing at the Perry branch library on that day from 3:30 to 5:30 pm.

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Chairman Stalnakar read a resolution in support of the Lions Clubs of Houston County for 2016 White Cane Days. Mr. J.C. Cofield accepted the resolution and briefed the Board on the Lions Clubs mission of saving the sight of impoverished Georgians.

Chairman Stalnakar read a proclamation declaring April as Confederate History and Heritage Month and presented it to several local members.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2016 Board of Commissioners meeting.

Chairman Stalnakar asked for a motion to add an item to the agenda.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously by all to add the approval of a bid for the roof replacement on the Water Department warehouse to the agenda as Item 1A.

Mr. Walker presented a request from Assistant Public Defender Megan Allen for an extended leave of absence due to continued health complications. Public Defender Nick White is requesting that this leave of absence be granted until June 6, 2016. Ms. Allen's FMLA expired on April 12<sup>th</sup>; therefore, this leave will be without pay.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously by all to approve an unpaid extended leave of absence for Assistant Public Defender Megan Allen until June 6, 2016. Ms. Allen will be responsible for her insurance cost under COBRA while on leave.

Mr. Walker presented a request from Public Works to approve a bid for the replacement of the roof on the Water Department warehouse at Public Works. Three contractors submitted bids with McCallum Metal Works being the low bidder at \$101,240.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously by all to approve the award of the roof replacement for the Water Department warehouse building (Public Works) to McCallum Metal Works, Inc. of Macon in the amount of \$101,240. This project is funded by Water Department capital funds.

Ms. Robinson presented a Memorandum of Understanding between the County and the City of Centerville spelling out the agreement whereby the County will install landscaping (shrubs, trees, grassing and irrigation system) within the right of way along a portion of Gunn Road in conjunction with the 2001 SPLOST road improvements that are currently underway. The City, in turn, agrees to provide all future maintenance and pay for the cost of the irrigation of the landscaping.

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Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to approve Chairman Stalnaker signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Centerville concerning the landscaping of a portion of the Eagle Springs area within the right of way of Gunn Road according to a landscaping plan developed by the County.

Chairman Stalnaker explained that the landscaping adjacent to Eagle Springs was damaged or destroyed during the Gunn Road construction project and that SPLOST dollars will cover the cost of the replacement.

Mr. Walker remarked that the City of Centerville was very grateful for the County's action on this matter.

County Attorney Tom Hall briefed the Board on the business known as Area 41, located at 2132 Highway 41 North, Perry, Georgia, owned by Jennifer McPhail. Ms. McPhail has failed to pay the Business/Alcohol License renewals for this year. The fees were due February 29<sup>th</sup>, and attempts have been made to have the fees paid. According to County Ordinance a hearing is to be held before the Board of Commissioners to determine if the Licenses will be revoked or suspended due to nonpayment.

Chairman Stalnaker then opened a public hearing on the Alcohol License Revocation of Area 41.

Applicant was not present and there was no opposition.

There being no public comments, the meeting was continued.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously by all to revoke the Occupational (business) and Alcohol Licenses (beer, wine, and liquor) of the business known as Area 41, located at 2132 Highway 41 North, Perry, Georgia, owned by Jennifer McPhail, and to bill the owner for one fourth of the fee for 2016 in the amount of \$1,635.52.

Mr. Thomson presented a final adjusting change order that increases the quantities set up for the 2015 LMIG so that the required 30% match that the county must pay will be met and exceeded. This will allow for the resurfacing of Gateway Drive and Barrett Road.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously to approve Chairman Stalnaker signing the final adjusting Change Order #1 with Reeves Construction Company to the 2015 LMIG project increasing the original contract price of \$712,603.83 by \$51,416.27. The amended contract price will be \$764,020.10 with no increase in contract time.

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Mr. Thomson presented a change order to the 2016 LMIG project that will include some patching outside of the area already scheduled for paving on Thompson Mill Road between SR96 and Southwick Drive. This will repair some deeper load cracking in this section of the roadway that would not be adequately addressed with a surface overlay.

Chairman Stalnakar remarked that this repair work will be a temporary fix and will have to be improved in a few years possibly widened to a three-lane road.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to approve Chairman Stalnakar signing Change Order #1 with Georgia Asphalt on the 2016 LMIG project increasing the original contract price of \$781,664.23 by \$34,609. The amended contract price will be \$816,273.23 with no increase in contract time.

Mr. Thomson presented a request from Public Works for approval of Water Tank Maintenance Agreements for the 60,000-gallon Elko, 100,000-gallon Henderson, and 100,000-gallon Haynesville elevated water tanks with American Tank Maintenance. American Tank Maintenance currently maintains our 200,000-gallon Grovania tank.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously by all to approve Chairman Stalnakar signing Water Tank Maintenance Agreements with American Tank Maintenance for the Elko Road 60,000-gallon elevated water tank at an annual fee of \$7,174; for the Henderson 100,000-gallon elevated water tank at an annual fee of \$7,807; and for the Haynesville 100,000-gallon elevated water tank at an annual fee of \$7,829. Each contract is effective April 2016. The annual fees for years 1, 2, and 3 will remain the same and are to be paid in quarterly installments.

Mr. McMichael presented a request for the approval of a bid for the spot overlay of various County roads to be funded by 2001 SPLOST resurfacing dollars. Bids were solicited and staff recommends award to the low bidder, Womack Paving, in the amount of \$69,880.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to approve the award of the spot overlay project for certain portions of Houston Lake Road, Millpond Plantation Way, Pheasant Ridge, Sandefur Road, Short Road, Graham Road, Oasis Avenue, Sylvia Drive, Cardiff Court and Wessex Drive to Womack Paving of Gray, Georgia in the amount of \$69,880. Funds are to come from the 2001 SPLOST.

Mr. McMichael presented a request for approval of a bid for the repair of the storm drainage pipe at 211 Traders Pass in Settler's Landing subdivision. This is a process of rehabilitating the pipe in place and is a very specialized service where qualified contractors are severely limited. The one bid received aligns with previous unit costs of similar projects. The Engineering Department has also compared this cost to their estimates for performing the repairs using more conventional means of pipe replacement and recommends award to Enviro Trenchless, LLC in the amount of \$51,000.

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Chairman Stalnaker remarked that this job would replace a pipe system located in an existing easement that is failing.

Director of Operations Robbie Dunbar briefed the Board on the specialized rehab process that would be used on this particular section of steel corrugated pipe which is completely deteriorated. He indicated that this section of pipe was originally installed sometime in the early 1990's.

Chairman Stalnaker commented that the County has tried to get away from metal pipe installations because they tend to deteriorate much faster under certain conditions.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously by all to approve the award of the Traders Pass (Settler's Landing) storm drainage pipe repair to Enviro Trenchless, LLC of Warner Robins in the amount of \$51,000.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously by all to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$1,477,923.18.

Chairman Stalnaker then opened the meeting for public comments.

District 8 Congressional Candidate Angela Hicks briefly described her self-funded grassroots campaign for office.

Becky Wood, 426 Sandefur Road, Kathleen reminded everyone of the upcoming Friends of the Library "Old Book Sale" to be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> thru April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Georgia National Fairgrounds.

Charlotte Meeks, Houston County Extension Coordinator, briefed the Board on her office's activities over the last couple months. She spoke of two new hires: La Keshia Levi who is the new EFNEP/FACS Agent for the County and Alison Stubbs who is the new 4-H Program Assistant. She also spoke of the Master Gardener's ten new volunteers; the Green Up 2016 workshop for commercial landscapers; the Winter weeds research trial; the 2016 Middle Georgia production meetings with the surrounding counties; and of the Spring series of homeowner's gardening classes. She reminded everyone that the Extension Office is here to serve our community.

There being no further public comments the meeting was continued.

Chairman Stalnaker then asked for comments from the Commissioners.

Mr. Thomson thanked the Houston County Sheriff deputies who provide security for the meeting.

Mr. McMichael thanked each of the guests for attending the meeting.

Mr. Walker commented that he would personally miss Nancy Smith in her retirement.

Chairman Stalnaker also commented on Ms. Smith's commitment to her job and her friendship. He also related that he has received numerous comments from citizens who expressed their appreciation for the County's employee's part in helping clean up after the April 1<sup>st</sup> tornado damage. He thanked all crews and first responders for their efforts.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Thomson, and carried unanimously by all.

Barry Holland  
Director of Administration

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