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**Houston County Commissioners Meeting**

**July 21, 2015**

**Warner Robins, Georgia**

The Houston County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at the Houston County Annex in Warner Robins, Georgia with Chairman Stalnaker presiding and Commissioners McMichael, Walker, Thomson and Robinson present. Also present were Director of Administration Barry Holland, Chief Building Inspector Tim Andrews, Purchasing Director Mark Baker, HEMA/Fire Chief Jimmy Williams, Human Resources Director Ken Carter, Walton and Becky Wood and County Attorney Tom Hall.

Commissioner Robinson led the audience in the Invocation.

SrA Aaron Merlino, USAF led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and then detailed his 3 ½ year military career. Born in Pittsburgh, PA and a North Carolina resident since the age of 16 he joined the Air Force after two years in college. He recently returned from assignment in Kuwait where he was a team leader tasked with setting up six different combat mission operations. Currently he works as a team leader for Robins Air Force Base secure network. He had nothing but praise for the military leadership and felt that he has been given many opportunities to grow and succeed in his career. He introduced his wife and several other family members who came to the board meeting to support him. He commented that the appreciation our community shows military service members is apparent everywhere.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of July 7, 2015.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously to concur with a City of Warner Robins annexation request for all that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 167 of the 10th Land District, Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as tax parcel #000790411000 totaling 2.6 acres, according to a survey prepared by Story, Clarke & Associates, dated June 2, 2012.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously to approve the engagement of Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting, LLC of Kennesaw to perform the County’s 2015 OPEB valuation. Cavanaugh Macdonald will be paid based on the schedule pricing negotiated with the ACCG as outlined in the Memorandum of Participation.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously to approve Chairman Stalnaker to sign an agreement with 5-Point Solutions, LLC for the provision of the Mental Health & Veteran’s Accountability Court case management system. The State of Georgia will fund the cost of the configuration, implementation, and training as well as the first year hosting and maintenance/support. Subsequent years will either be funded by the State or through the Mental Health & Veterans Accountability Court grant.

Chairman Stalnaker mentioned that the new court administrator, Angela Kidder, was on board and gearing up for court operations and that her office is located on the first floor of the courthouse adjacent to the security offices.

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Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously to approve Chairman Stalnaker to sign the CodeRed Services Agreement with Emergency Communications Network, LLC of Ormond Beach, FL for the CodeRed Emergency Notification System service to include the CodeRed Weather Warning Service Addendum which expands the service to include the automated notifications initiated by the issuance of severe weather alerts from the National Weather Service. Total annual cost of the agreement is $35,000. The term of the agreement is for five years and will begin July 22, 2015 and end July 21, 2020.

Mr. Thomson encouraged everyone to take advantage of the CodeRed service since it was free of charge.

Chairman Stalnaker asked Chief Williams if military service personnel were eligible to use the service. Chief Williams responded that they were along with any other resident of the County.

Ms. Robinson clarified that the total annual cost will be only $35,000 for the emergency notification system since the weather warning system would continue at no cost under the new agreement.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously to approve the FY2015 Water Fund debt write-off of $16,206.95; the Waste Collection (Sanitation) debt write-off totaling $10,146.21 ($7,810.80 for routes 10 through 80 and $2,335.41 for route 90); and the Solid Waste Disposal (Landfill) debt write-off of $122.16.

Chairman Stalnaker explained that the County could not carry bad debt from one fiscal year to another but that efforts would continue to collect each of these bad debts. He and Mr. Thomson commended staff for the great job in keeping the bad debt to a bare minimum.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously to approve the payment of bills totaling $1,682,091.12.

Mr. McMichael asked that one check in the amount of $966.87 for Artistic Monograms & More be held for further review.

Chairman Stalnaker then opened the meeting for public comments.

There being no public comments, the meeting was continued.

The Chairman then asked for comments from the Commissioners.

Chairman Stalnaker introduced Deputy Patrick Rutherford and explained that the Sheriff would be providing security from now on at the Commissioner’s meetings as well as the Zoning & Appeals and Planning & Zoning meetings. He thanked Deputy Rutherford for his service to the County.

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Chairman Stalnaker reminded everyone that the Board will hold a called meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 in the Commissioner Board Room of the County Annex Building in Warner Robins to set the 2015 tax levy and to make year-end budget adjustments.

He announced that the ACCG would be presenting one of their legislative awards to Senator Tolleson at the August 4th Board meeting in Perry and that several other Commission Chairmen would be in attendance.

He also announced the 10:00 a.m. September 3rd ground-breaking ceremony for both the State Patrol aviation hangar and the T-hangar at the Perry-Houston County Airport. Although it has not yet been scheduled, late September or early October will bring yet another ground-breaking for the new fire station to be located on the 247 Spur near Perdue.

Mr. Walker thanked all military members and their supportive families for their service.

Ms. Robinson also thanked the military and stated that she felt blessed to serve a great community such as Houston.

Mr. Thomson remarked that he recently returned from an extended trip to visit family in the Seattle area and expressed a similar sentiment about our community as Commissioner Robinson.

Mr. McMichael asked everyone to please remember the five military servicemen who lost their lives in the recent Chattanooga, TN shooting.

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

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