

**Houston County Commissioners Meeting
December 30, 2020
Warner Robins, Georgia**

The Houston County Board of Commissioners met in special called session at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday December 30, 2020, at the Houston County Annex in Warner Robins, 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 Purchasing Mark Baker, Director of Personnel Ken Carter, and Commissioner-elect Mark Byrd.

County Attorney Tom Hall led those in attendance in the Invocation.

Director of Administration Barry Holland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Thomson presented an amendment to the contract with Sheridan Construction of Macon on the new Houston County Government Building project.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously by all to approve Chairman Stalnaker signing the amendment to the contract with Sheridan Construction of Macon on the new Houston County Government Building project accepting the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$3,489,172.

Chairman Stalnaker acknowledged Mark Baker, Robbie Dunbar, Barry Holland, Tom Hall and many others for their efforts and expressed his excitement about this project mostly because it will give the Board of Elections adequate space in the future. He thanked Mr. Thomson for 'sharpening his pencil' on this project budget.

Mr. Thomson thanked Mr. Dunbar for bringing a calmness to the process.

Mr. Walker and Ms. Robinson expressed their appreciation for everyone's efforts.

Mr. McMichael thanked the Chairman for his vision on this project.

Mr. McMichael presented a request to hire poll workers for the January 5th General Run-Off Election.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously by all to approve the hiring of poll workers for the upcoming January 5, 2021 General Run-Off Election.

Chairman Stalnaker pointed out that this was strictly the cost of the election day workers and not the entire cost of the election. He commended the Board of Elections for the outstanding job they have been doing during this long and grueling election cycle.

Mr. Thomson also thanked the Board of Elections and staff for their efforts and singled out Ms. Barbara Waddle for her many years of service as a Board member and as a volunteer before her service on the Board began.

Mr. McMichael recognized Andy Holland for his efforts.

Chairman Stalnaker also recognized Assistant Elections Supervisor Andy Holland, Elections Supervisor Debra Presswood and all other staff and volunteers.

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Ms. Robinson commended the Board of Elections and staff for the fabulous job.

Mr. Walker commented that they have all done a yeoman's job and that it is truly a privilege to vote in this country.

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

There being no 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 thanked Mr. Thomson and Mr. McMichael for their outstanding service to the County and remarked that there are two great commissioners coming onto the Board beginning January 1st.

Ms. Robinson thanked Mr. Thomson and Mr. McMichael for their commitment to the Board over the years. She remarked that the County has great employees and staff members and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Chairman Stalnaker thanked Mr. Thomson and Mr. McMichael for a job well done on behalf of the County's citizens and remarked that their friendship would last a lifetime.

Mr. Thomson remarked that he appreciated the continuity on the Board and challenged everyone to be prepared when their time to serve comes.

Mr. McMichael thanked the citizens for electing him once and re-electing him five times for a total of 24 great years on the Board. He remarked that Commissioner-elect Byrd will do a great job in his place. He thanked all County employees for their hard work during the year and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Walker, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously by all, meeting adjourned.

Barry Holland
Director of Administration

Chairman

Commissioner

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