

**Houston County Commissioners Meeting
October 19, 2021
Warner Robins, Georgia**

The Houston County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday October 19, 2021, at the Houston County Annex in Warner Robins, Georgia, with Chairman Stalnaker presiding and Commissioners Byrd, Perdue, Robinson, and Walker present. Also present were County Attorney Tom Hall, Director of Administration Barry Holland, Director of Personnel Ken Carter, Caroline Smith, and Walton and Becky Wood.

Chairman Stalnaker led the audience in the Invocation and then the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to approve the minutes from the meeting of October 5, 2021.

Mr. Walker presented a request from Acting District Attorney William Kendall to fill the vacant Crime Victim Advocate position.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Byrd and carried unanimously by all to approve hiring Amanda Stables Woody for the Crime Victim Advocate position in the District Attorney's Office at a Grade 14-B effective October 20, 2021.

Ms. Robinson presented a renewal of a Memorandum of Agreement between HEMA and Robins Air Force Base.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Perdue and carried unanimously by all to authorize Chairman Stalnaker signing the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Robins Air Force Base and Houston County Emergency Management Agency to provide for mutual aid. This MOA will expire on September 30, 2031.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to approve the following appointment to fill an unexpired term:

Library Board	Samantha Hulbert	10/19/2021 thru 2/01/2022
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And the following reappointment:

Adjustments & Appeals	Ronnie Blalock	11/02/2021 thru 11/01/2024
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Mr. Perdue presented a request for an addition to the 2021 LMIG project list to meet the 30% match required of the County.

Motion by Mr. Perdue, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously by all to approve the addition of County Line Road (from 0.75 miles west of the Loggins Road intersection to the Dooly County line) to the 2021 LMIG project list. The estimated cost of this resurfacing project is \$69,695.15.

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Mr. Perdue presented a request to complete a Sales Contract with the City of Perry approved at the April 21, 2020 Commissioners meeting.

Motion by Mr. Perdue, second by Mr. Byrd and carried unanimously by all to authorize Chairman Stalnaker signing any and all documents to complete the sale of the Houston County Government Building located in downtown Perry to the City of Perry according to the terms contained in the Sales Contract dated April 22, 2020.

Chairman Stalnaker commented that the closing transaction on this sale would be held this coming Friday.

Motion by Mr. Byrd, second by Mr. Perdue and carried unanimously by all to approve the following FY2021 year-end budget adjustments:

General Fund (100):

Increase Expenditures:

Executive	1300-53.1100 General Supplies	\$ 11,200
Elections	1400-51.1200 Temporary Employees	\$ 146,500
	1400-51.1300 Overtime	\$ 17,900
	1400-51.2200 Social Security	\$ 12,500
	1400-51.2600 Unemployment Insurance	\$ 6,100
	1400-54.1300 Buildings	\$ 1,069,000
Law	1530-52.1200 Professional Services	\$ 262,200
Personnel	1540-51.1120 FFCRA-EPSLA/EFMLEA	\$ 3,950
	1540-52.1200 Professional Services	\$ 18,000
Audit	1561-52.1200 Professional Services	\$ 14,700
Superior Court	2150-51.1200 Temporary Employees	\$ 16,200
	2150-51.2200 Social Security	\$ 200
State Court	2300-51.1120 FFCRA-EPSLA/EFMLEA	\$ 1,650
	2300-51.1200 Temporary Employees	\$ 3,575
	2300-51.2220 FFCRA-Social Security	\$ 125
Probate Court	2450-51.1200 Temporary Employees	\$ 6,250
Sheriff-GOHS HEAT	3310-52.2200 Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 3,000
Coroner	3700-51.1200 Temporary Employees	\$ 17,750
Emergency Management	3920-52.1200 Professional Services	\$ 21,100
	3920-52.2200 Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 22,900
Vital Statistics	5120-52.3900 Other	\$ 425
Recreation	6100-52.1200 Professional Services	\$ 1,450
Agricultural Resources	7130-51.1200 Temporary Employees	\$ 3,050
	7130-51.2200 Social Security	\$ 5
Building Inspection	7200-51.1120 FFCRA-EPSLA/EFMLEA	\$ 2,500
Planning & Zoning	7400-52.3300 Advertising	\$ 3,250
	Total	\$ 1,665,480

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Decrease Expenditures:

Other	1599-57.9000 Contingency	\$ 227,000
District Attorney	2200-51.1100 Regular Employees	\$ 50,000
Victim Advocates	2220-51.1200 Temporary Employees	\$ 80,000
Public Defender	2800-51.1100 Regular Employees	\$ 48,000
Sheriff	3300-51.1100 Regular Employees	\$ 230,000
Jail Operations	3326-51.1100 Regular Employees	\$ 700,000
	3326-51.2200 Social Security	\$ 90,000
Roads	4200-51.1100 Regular Employees	<u>\$ 237,230</u>
	Total	\$ 1,662,230

Increase Revenues:

	100-32.3100 Building Permit Fees	\$ 3,250
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SPLOST Fund (320):

Increase Expenditures:

Executive	1300-53.1600 Small Equipment	\$ 8,800
Public Buildings	1565-52.2200 Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 3,000
	1565-54.2500 Other Equipment	\$ 384,800
Superior Court Clerk	2180-54.2500 Other Equipment	\$ 5,300
Public Defender	2800-53.1600 Small Equipment	\$ 450
Jail Operations	3326-52.2200 Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 143,500
	3326-54.2500 Other Equipment	\$ 195,600
Fire	3500-54.2500 Other Equipment	\$ 11,900
Water	4400-54.1400 Infrastructure	\$ 323,950
Intergovernmental SPLOST	4960-57.1001 Centerville	\$ 240,400
	4960-57.1002 Perry	\$ 466,100
	4960-57.1003 Warner Robins	\$2,223,600
Airport	7563-57.2000 Payments to Other Agencies	<u>\$ 516,100</u>
	Total	\$4,523,500

Decrease Expenditures:

Highways & Streets	4200-54.1400 Infrastructure	\$4,523,500
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Water Fund (505):

Increase Expenditures:

Water	4400-52.2110 Disposal (garbage p/u)	\$ 100
	4400-52.2200 Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 190,900
	4400-52.3200 Communications	\$ 4,600
	4400-52.3400 Printing & Binding	\$ 300
	4400-52.3600 Dues & Fees	\$ 15,100

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4400-53.1100 General Supplies	\$ 268,700
4400-53.1210 Water/Sewerage	\$ 600
4400-53.1230 Electricity	\$ 45,900
4400-53.1600 Small Equipment	\$ 9,100
4400-55.1100 General	<u>\$ 30,900</u>
Total	\$ 566,200

Increase Revenues:

505-34.4216 Sandy Run (Water Sales)	\$ 566,200
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Solid Waste Fund (540):

Increase Expenditures:

Disposal	4530-52.2110 Disposal (garbage p/u)	\$ 241,200
	4530-52.2200 Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 234,300
	4530-61.1000 Transfers Out	<u>\$ 12,700</u>
	Total	\$ 488,200

Increase Revenues:

34.4150 L/F Fees	\$ 488,200
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Internal Service Fund (600):

Increase Expenditures:

Risk Management (P&L)	1557-52.3100 Ins (Oth than Empl Bene)	\$ 19,000
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Increase Revenue:

600-13.3603 Retained Earnings (P&L)	\$ 19,000
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Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously by all to approve the payment of the bills totaling \$2,479,964.66.

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

Caroline Smith, 127 Elaine Drive, Warner Robins presented each Commissioner with a brochure for the 2021 – 2022 Warner Robins Community Concert Association detailing the planned six concerts. Although the September 26th Wellston Winds concert was postponed until May 2022, the first concert of the season has already been held. She welcomed everyone to attend one or more of these musical performances and mentioned that students, elementary through college, may attend free of charge. Ms. Smith also mentioned that she is a member of the League of Women Voters of Georgia and has been tasked to observe the local county commissioner’s meetings.

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There being no further comments Chairman Stalnaker closed Public Comments and reopened the regular portion of the meeting.

Chairman Stalnaker closed the regular portion of the meeting and opened Commissioner's Comments.

Mr. Byrd extended congratulations to the Board, staff, and volunteers of the Georgia National Fair for another successful year which included many different educational experiences in livestock and agriculture for our youth.

Mr. Perdue agreed with Mr. Byrd's comments about the fair and expressed appreciation for the first responders from the Houston County Fire Department and Houston County Sheriff's Department as well as the various other local agencies that tended to the safety of each fairgoer.

Ms. Robinson thanked everyone for attending the meeting and remarked that she enjoyed the fair as it was a great event.

Mr. Walker likewise thanked everyone for attending and agreed that the fair was a great success which included the County's 200th Anniversary event. He asked for continued prayers for all public safety and healthcare workers as they continue to keep us safe. He thanked the great employees of Houston County for what they do every day.

Chairman Stalnaker remarked on a milestone topping-out, or last structural beam signing event held just yesterday at the site of the State Court expansion project. The progress of the job is very evident, and he remarked that when this building is dedicated in a little over a year that it will be completely paid for thanks to the SPLOST program. He then presented Commissioner Perdue with a 200th Anniversary hat since he was unable to attend the event at the fair. He thanked Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter Executive Director Stephen Shimp and Chairman Foster Rhodes for their recognition of both the County's 200th Anniversary and Robins AFB's 80th Anniversary with the events held during the fair. He then explained that Flint Energies had recently requested a letter of support for their Broadband Infrastructure Grant application which will be submitted in an effort to secure State Fiscal Recovery Funds to expand broadband into unserved areas of Houston County. He presented each commissioner with a copy of that letter and noted that there is no fiscal responsibility on behalf of the County. Lastly, he reminded everyone of the next regularly scheduled Board meeting which will be November 2nd at 9:00 a.m. in Perry at the courthouse.

Robert and Marilu Cowan, 137 Bear Lake Drive, Warner Robins stated that they have been residents in the Statham's Landing subdivision since 2004 and that they have a desire to be involved and to stay informed concerning local city and county government. Although they will not be able to attend morning Commissioner's meetings, they would like to attend the evening meetings.

Chairman Stalnaker commented that they are most welcome to attend any and all meetings but if they could not attend in person, they could view the meetings via Facebook Live or the next day on the County's website.

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Chairman Stalnaker thanked the Sheriff's Deputy for providing security for the meeting and service to our community.

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

Barry Holland
Director of Administration

Chairman

Commissioner

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