

**Houston County Commissioners Meeting
June 25, 2019
Warner Robins, Georgia**

The Houston County Board of Commissioners met in special called session at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25, 2019, at the Houston County Annex in Warner Robins, Georgia, with Chairman Stalnaker presiding and Commissioners Thomson, Walker, Robinson and McMichael present. Also present were Attorney Tom Hall, Director of Administration Barry Holland, Director of Operations Robbie Dunbar, Director of Personnel Ken Carter, Director of Purchasing Mark Baker, Fire / HEMA Chief Chris Stoner, Community Planner Jake Cox, and Walton and Becky Wood.

County Attorney Tom Hall led the audience in the Invocation.

Director of Administration Barry Holland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously by all to approve the payment of the bills totaling \$1,258,933.91.

Chairman Stalnaker read the FY2020 Budget Resolution into the record.

WHEREAS, the Houston County Board of Commissioners has prepared a line-item budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Houston County Board of Commissioners has adhered to the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 36-81-3, as amended; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on June 18, 2019, and it is now in the best interest of the County that the budget be adopted,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Houston County Board of Commissioners that the annual budget for Houston County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby approved and adopted in the amount of:

General Fund	\$ 59,224,495
E911 Telephone Fund	\$ 4,429,706
Fire District Fund	\$ 2,689,713
SPLOST Fund	\$ 33,928,315
Water Fund	\$ 7,180,500
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 8,513,573
Internal Service Fund	\$ 13,145,000
Special Revenue Funds	<u>\$ 505,000</u>
	\$129,616,302

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, the General Fund shall appropriate \$53,200 from prior year fund balance for the County's "Code Red" early warning communications system and outdoor siren maintenance. The Solid Waste Fund shall appropriate \$56,100 in prior year host fees for equipment to be transferred out to the General Fund. Prior year SPLOST revenue in the amount of \$7,919,195 shall be appropriated for construction.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the annual budget beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 includes a two (2) percent salary adjustment (effective July 2, 2019 pay period) for all merit system employees, full-time county elected and appointed officials, and salary adjustments on supplements for all full-time employees receiving county supplements. Merit and longevity pay increases remain suspended for all employees. The FY2020 Position Control listing, attached hereto, is hereby approved and adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any increase in appropriation for any department or salary line-item in excess of the approved budget shall require approval by the Board of Commissioners authorizing said funds to be expended.

Chairman Stalnaker explained that the Code Red funds were originally raised during the 2009 tax year through a one-year millage rate increase voted on by the citizens and that these funds remain and are appropriated each year to cover the operating and maintenance costs of the early warning communications system. He likewise explained that the HOST fees and prior year SPLOST revenues were appropriated each budget year to cover those respective costs as well. He thanked everyone involved for their contributions during the budget process, including the other commissioners and Mr. Holland, and thanked all department heads, elected officials and employees for their excellent management of the current year budget. The hope is that the tax digest will experience positive growth for this coming year. He concluded by saying that the \$1.7 million in new money was severely stretched in order to cover increased fixed expenses and the salary adjustment for employees. The Board does not anticipate a millage rate increase in order to support this adopted budget.

Ms. Robinson thanked everyone involved for their hard work and looked forward to more growth in the future.

Mr. Walker expressed his appreciation for his fellow commissioners and the Chairman for his leadership.

Mr. Thomson likewise thanked his fellow commissioners and the Chairman.

Mr. McMichael thanked everyone including, most importantly, the citizens for their support, for the SPLOST dollars that help the County fund capital purchases and projects and stated that he was pleased that the Board could provide the 2% salary increase for each County employee. He especially thanked Mr. Holland and Sandi Stalnaker for their efforts.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously by all to authorize Chairman Stalnaker signing the FY2020 Budget Resolution adopting the FY2020 budget totaling \$129,616,302 as presented.

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

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Chief Stoner thanked the Board on behalf of his staff for their hard work governing the County, for the 2% salary increase and for the benefits that they continue to provide for all employees. He thanked the Board for their continued support of the Fire Department and for the soon to be constructed Lake Joy Fire Station and Emergency Management facility.

Director of Personnel Ken Carter thanked the Board for the salary adjustment and for the extra day off on July 5th.

Director of Purchasing Mark Baker also thanked the Board for the salary adjustment and remarked that it has truly been a pleasure to work for this Board for the past seven years.

Community Planner Jake Cox thanked the Board for governing the County well and hoped that they would each remain in office for a very long time.

There being no further comments Chairman Stalnaker closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Chairman Stalnaker then opened Commissioners Comments portion of the meeting.

Chairman Stalnaker reminded everyone that the Board would meet again for their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 2nd at 9:00 a.m. at the courthouse in Perry.

Mr. Walker wished everyone a safe holiday period coming up on July 4th.

Mr. Thomson thanked Mr. Cox for the kind words.

There being no further comments Chairman Stalnaker closed the Commissioners Comments portion of the meeting.

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

Barry Holland
Director of Administration

Chairman

Commissioner

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