

Houston County Commissioners Meeting
August 21, 2018
Warner Robins, Georgia

The Houston County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday August 21, 2018 at the Houston County Annex in Warner Robins Georgia with Chairman Stalnaker presiding and Commissioners McMichael, Walker, Robinson, and Thomson present. Also present were County Attorney Tom Hall, Director of Administration Barry Holland, Director of Operations Robbie Dunbar, Director of Personnel Ken Carter, Chief Building Inspector Tim Andrews, Director of Purchasing Mark Baker, District Attorney George Hartwig, Solicitor General Amy Smith, Houston County Development Authority Executive Director Angie Gheesling, 21st Century Partnership President and CEO Chrissy Miner and Walton and Becky Wood.

Chairman Stalnaker gave the invocation.

Col. Lyle K. Drew, USAF led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and briefed the Board on his twenty three years of military service. Originally from Fairhaven, MA he entered the Air Force through the ROTC program at Purdue University in 1994. An aircraft maintenance officer by trade he has held a variety of positions in aircraft maintenance as well as other diverse assignments such as serving as a deputy legislative fellow and assistant to the Chairman-Joint Staff at the Pentagon. He currently serves as the 78th Air Base Wing Commander at Robins AFB where he has been for a little over a year. He remarked that the community here is the most welcoming that he has experienced in his long career and that the community wholly embodies the EDIMGIAFAD (Every Day in Middle Georgia is Armed Forces Appreciation Day) motto.

Chairman Stalnaker recognized 21st Century Partnership President & CEO Chrissy Miner and Houston County Development Authority Executive Director Angie Gheesling both of whom thanked Col. Drew for his leadership not only on Robins AFB but among our community as well. He also recognized Ms. Miner's daughter, McKenna, who was in attendance.

Chairman Stalnaker recognized Boy Scout Jeremiah Ricker from Troop 566 who was in attendance to finish a merit badge requirement. Jeremiah's parents, Lee and Mary, attended with him and extolled the virtues of the Scouts and how they have helped Jeremiah develop as a young man.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to approve the minutes from the meeting of August 7, 2018.

Mr. Walker presented a request to hire Ms. Kimberly Wancus for the vacant secretary position in the District Attorney's office. Ms. Wancus has the necessary experience to be hired as a Grade 8 Step E.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously by all to approve the hiring of Kimberly Wancus for the vacant secretary position in the District Attorney's office at a Grade 8 Step E effective August 22, 2018.

Chairman Stalnaker recognized District Attorney Hartwig who introduced his new employee Ms. Wancus.

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Mr. Walker presented a request from the Solicitor-General's office to hire Ms. Emery Sims at a Grade 13 Step F for the vacant legal secretary position in her office. Ms. Sims does have the necessary experience to meet the qualification for the F step.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously by all to approve the hiring of Emery Sims for the vacant legal secretary position in the Solicitor-General's office at Grade 13 Step F effective August 22, 2018.

Mr. McMichael presented a request from the City of Warner Robins for annexation of a three-acre tract of property located at 500 Feagin Mill Road. The property is currently zoned County R-2 and after annexation zoning would be Warner Robins C-1.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously by all to concur with a City of Warner Robins annexation request for the property described as:

A three (3) acre property located at 500 Feagin Mill Road, Tax Parcel 001000 007000, as shown on a plat of survey by Waddle & Co., dated August 21, 1974.

Mr. McMichael presented a request from the City of Warner Robins for annexation of a 1.69 acre property located West of Old Perry Road and South of Misty Leaf Path. The property is currently zoned County R-1 and upon annexation would be Warner Robins R-3.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously by all to concur with a City of Warner Robins annexation request for the property described as:

A 1.69 acre portion of property located West of Old Perry Road, South of Misty Leaf Path, Tax Parcel 001040 22A000, as shown on a plat of survey by McLeod Surveying, dated June 6, 2018.

Mr. Thomson presented a request from the City of Perry for annexation of a two acre tract of property located at the corner of Perry Parkway and US Hwy 341. The property is currently zoned County R-AG and the proposed zoning upon annexation would be for Perry C-2.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously by all to concur with a City of Perry annexation request for the property described as:

A two (2) acre property located at 2100 Main Street, Tax Parcel 000570 017000, as shown on a plat of survey by Wellston Associates Land Surveyors, LLC., dated December 30, 2015.

Mr. Thomson presented a request from Public Works to enter into a design services agreement with Saunder's Engineering Consultants.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to approve entering into a design services agreement for the right of way plans on the St. Patrick's Drive Extension project with Saunder's Engineering Consultants, Inc. of Centerville for a total amount of \$115,000. The City of Perry will reimburse the County for 50% or \$57,500 of the project cost.

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Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to authorize Chairman Stalnaker signing the Quit Claim deed to convey an approximately 382.92 acre tract of land on Oaky Woods Road, commonly known as the Davis Tract, to the Development Authority of Houston County and to sign the agreement detailing the specifics of the transfer with the Development Authority of Houston County in order to have the Development Authority of Houston County attempt to sell the property for economic development purposes.

The property is more particularly described as follows:

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lots 27 and 28 of the Eleventh Land District of Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Tract "A", containing 40.95 acres, Tract "B", containing 71.95 acres, Tract "C", containing 135.44 acres and Tract "D", containing 134.58 acres, according to a plat of survey prepared by Marty A. McLeod, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 2991, dated June 2, 2012 and recorded in Plat Book 72, Page 159, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. The said plat and the recorded copy thereof are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

Ms. Robinson presented a request from Mr. Thomas Hollingsworth for the abandonment of the sixty foot road right of way for Sage Meadows Lane between Lots 7 and 22 in Southfield Plantation, Section 5, Phase 1.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously by all to table the abandonment of the sixty foot road right of way for Sage Meadows Lane between Lots 7 and 22 in Southfield Plantation, Section 5, Phase 1.

Chairman Stalnaker asked Mr. Dunbar and Mr. Andrews to assemble the necessary parties to work out any issues concerning this request for abandonment.

Ms. Robinson presented a request from the Engineering Department for the release of the cul-de-sac bonds for The Windmill at Mossy Lake subdivision, Section 2, Phase 2 since the road has been extended as a part of the construction of Section 2, Phase 3; and McCarley Downs subdivision, Section 1, Phase 1 since the road has been extended as a part of the construction of Section 1, phase 3.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously by all to approve the release of the cul-de-sac bonds for The Windmill at Mossy Lake Subdivision, Section 2, Phase 2 SunMark Community Bank Letter of Credit #4023412-1; and McCarley Downs Subdivision, Section 1, Phase 1, SunMark Community Bank Letter of Credit #21023-2.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously by all to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$882,487.28.

Mr. McMichael mentioned a bill from ENT Surgical Associates for \$3,000 concerning an inmate receiving hearing aids by way of a court order.

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Chairman Stalnaker commented that he and the other commissioners shared Mr. McMichael's concerns and that there had already been some discussions with the judge about this issue. The general consensus was that a much cheaper solution may have been employed in this situation and hopefully would be entertained in future cases.

Chairman Stalnaker then closed the meeting and opened public comments.

There being no public comments, Chairman Stalnaker closed the public comments and reopened the regular meeting.

Chairman Stalnaker then opened the meeting for commissioners comments.

Mr. Walker thanked everyone for attending the meeting especially Col. Drew.

Ms. Robinson likewise thanked everyone for attending remarking that she appreciated Col. Drew taking the time out of his busy schedule to speak.

Mr. Thomson thanked Col. Drew for coming and also the Sheriff's deputy for providing security for the meeting.

Mr. McMichal thanked the other commissioners for their thoughts and prayers during his recuperation after his surgeries and also thanked Col. Drew for attending and for the leadership he provides on Robins Air Force Base.

Chairman Stalnaker thanked Col. Drew for his service to country and the Sheriff's deputy for his service to community. He asked everyone to remember Sgt. Guy Fussell and his family as they mourned the recent loss of his father. He also thanked Col. Drew for delivering a message to Brigadier General Chris Hill at Tinker AFB wishing him a happy birthday. General Hill was formerly the Commander of the 78th Air Base Wing at Robins AFB from June of 2013 to June of 2015.

There being no further comments, Chairman Stalnaker reopened the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously by all, meeting adjourned.

Barry Holland
Director of Administration

Chairman

Commissioner

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