

Houston County Commissioners Meeting
July 20, 2021
Warner Robins, Georgia

The Houston County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday July 20, 2021, at the Houston County Annex in Warner Robins, Georgia, with Chairman Stalnaker presiding and Commissioners Byrd, and Robinson present. Also present were County Attorney Tom Hall, Director of Administration Barry Holland, Director of Operations Robbie Dunbar, Director of Personnel Ken Carter, Director of Purchasing Mark Baker, Landfill Superintendent Terry Dietsch, Chief Stoner, Walton and Becky Wood, Flint Energies VP of Member Solutions Rogee Roberson, Waste Management Operations Manager Jeanne Moyer, Dennis Moyer, and James Erdmanczyk.

Commissioner Robinson led the audience in the Invocation and then the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Stalnaker announced that Commissioner Perdue would not be present due to a prior commitment.

Commissioner Walker entered the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

Chairman Stalnaker recognized Principal Dr. Doug Rizer and Coach Matt Hopkins and the Houston County High School Bears baseball team for their recent 2021 GHSA 6A State Championship. Coach Hopkins introduced the baseball players who were able to attend the meeting. Chairman Stalnaker read a resolution and praised each player and the coaching staff for their accomplishment and presented each with a ball cap with the Bears logo and school colors. Coach Hopkins recognized Assistant Coach Allen who was in attendance and other members of the coaching staff who were unable to attend. Each Commissioner expressed their admiration for the team and congratulated them for their championship title.

Chairman Stalnaker recognized Director of Operations Robbie Dunbar and Landfill Superintendent Terry Dietsch for their 30-year service anniversaries with the County presenting each with a certificate of achievement, a service pin, and a check for \$300. Sergeant James Wheat of the Detention Center was also recognized for his 30-year service but could not be in attendance. The Board of Commissioners each thanked all for their exemplary service to the County and our community. Jeanne and Dennis Moyer of Waste Management and Mr. Walton Wood each expressed appreciation for their service to the County and community as well.

Motion by Mr. Byrd, second by Mr. Walker to approve the minutes from the meeting of July 6, 2021. Upon voting Mr. Byrd, Mr. Walker and Ms. Robison voted yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Byrd presented Special Exception #2507 submitted by Baker Donelson on behalf of Tillman Infrastructure that was tabled at the July 6, 2021 meeting.

Motion by Mr. Byrd, second by Ms. Robinson to table Special Exception #2507 submitted by Baker Donelson on behalf of Tillman Infrastructure for a telecommunications tower. Upon voting Mr. Byrd, Ms. Robinson and Mr. Walker voted yes. Motion Carried.

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Mr. Byrd presented the uncollected (bad) debt that needs to be written-off for FY2021.

Motion by Mr. Byrd, second by Ms. Robinson to approve the FY2021 Water Fund debt write-off of \$18,044.75 (\$17,994.75 for the water system and \$50.00 for stormwater management); the Waste Collection (Sanitation) debt write-off totaling \$11,746.75 (\$8,799.42 for routes 10 thru 80 and \$2,947.33 for route 90). The Solid Waste Disposal (Landfill) has no debt to write-off. Upon voting Mr. Byrd, Ms. Robinson and Mr. Walker voted yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Byrd shared that the percentage of uncollected debt for the Water system was only 0.21%, the Solid Waste Collection Department only 0.36%, and the Solid Waste Disposal Department of course was zero percent. He remarked that the low percentage of bad debt for each was truly remarkable.

Mr. Byrd presented a request from the Superior Court Accountability Court to renew the contract with Middle Flint Area Community Service Board.

Motion by Mr. Byrd, second by Mr. Walker to approve Chairman Stalnaker signing a contract for services with the Middle Flint Area Community Service Board to provide services for participants of the Houston County Accountability Court. The contract terms will be effective July 1, 2021 and terminate June 30, 2022. Upon voting Mr. Byrd, Mr. Walker and Ms. Robinson voted yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Byrd presented a request from Public Works to enter into an Engineering Consultant Services Agreement.

Motion by Mr. Byrd, second by Ms. Robinson to approve entering into an Engineering Consultant Services Agreement with R.K. Shah & Associates, Inc. of Suwanee, GA for the Houston Lake Road at Feagin Mill Road Intersection Improvements project in the amount of \$132,830. This is a county-wide 2018 SPLOST funded project. Upon voting Mr. Byrd, Ms. Robinson and Mr. Walker voted yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Stalnaker referred to a conceptual drawing of the proposed intersection changes which will include dual turn lanes and other improvements which should help the traffic situation a great deal. He commented that this is a joint effort with the City of Warner Robins and is a high priority for improvements for the city and the County.

Mr. Walker presented a request from the Sheriff's Department to fill the vacant Sergeant's position in the Investigations Division.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Byrd to approve hiring Eric Salter for the vacant Sergeant's position in the Sheriff's Department Investigations Division at a Grade 18-F effective July 21, 2021. Upon voting Mr. Walker, Mr. Byrd and Ms. Robinson voted yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Walker presented a request from Public Works staff to enter into a Professional Services Agreement on the Juvenile Justice Complex Roof project.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Ms. Robinson to approve entering into a Professional Services Agreement with Edifice Consulting, Inc. of Byron for the Houston County Juvenile Justice Complex Roofing project. Edifice will be paid six percent (6%) of the actual contract total for project document production, and four percent (4%) of the

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actual contract total for project administration. This is a 2018 SPLOST funded project. Upon voting Mr. Walker, Ms. Robinson and Mr. Byrd voted yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Walker presented a request to enter into a contract for personal property audits for the 2022 fiscal year.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Byrd to approve Chairman Stalnaker signing an agreement (#1036) with Traylor Business Services, Inc. (TBS) for personal property audits in FY2022. Audits will only be performed when requested specifically by the Chief Tax Appraiser. Upon voting Mr. Walker, Mr. Byrd and Ms. Robinson voted yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Walker presented a request to approve the FY22 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Ms. Robinson to approve Chairman Stalnaker signing all documents necessary to accept the 2022 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant award in the amount of \$272,000 (\$158,536 federal funds T17-8-006 and \$113,464 state funds Y22-8-020) which will provide funding for a local Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) program designed to serve youth in the community who would otherwise be committed to the Georgia's Department of Juvenile Justice; and to sign the Service Contract and Memorandum of Understanding with Community Solutions, Inc. Upon voting Mr. Walker, Ms. Robinson and Mr. Byrd voted yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Robinson presented a request from the Houston County School District to annex property into the City of Perry.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Walker to concur with a City of Perry annexation request for the property described as: 315 Langston Road, Langston Road Elementary School, Tax Parcel 000550 0198000, 38.57 acres. Upon voting Ms. Robinson, Mr. Walker and Mr. Byrd voted yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Stalnaker asked Mr. Holland to include the retention of this property as a county water system customer when notifying the Board of Education of the annexation concurrence.

Ms. Robinson presented a request to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement concerning the use of disaster management software.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Byrd to approve Chairman Stalnaker signing the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Warner Robins, the City of Perry, and the City of Centerville concerning the use and cost-sharing of the disaster management software Crisis Track; and to authorize Chief Stoner signing the Geopliant LLC License and Service Agreement. Upon voting Ms. Robinson, Mr. Byrd and Mr. Walker voted yes. Motion carried.

Chief Stoner commented that this agreement and cost-sharing of the software is a successful collaboration between the three cities and the County and is a stated goal in our Joint Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Robinson presented a change order on the Detention Center HVAC Project.

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Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Walker to approve Chairman Stalnaker signing Change Order #0001 with J.M. Clayton Company of Thomaston, GA on the Detention Center HVAC Upgrade project adding \$106,533 to the original contract price of \$3,065,000 for an amended contract total of \$3,171,533. An additional 55 days will be added to the original contract duration of 180 days due to the additional scope of work.

Upon voting Ms. Robinson, Mr. Walker and Mr. Byrd voted yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Stalnaker commented that the necessity for this change order on this project only came to light during the contracted HVAC replacements. The County has no other choice but to address this problem now.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Byrd to approve the payment of the bills totaling \$2,106,178.61. After voting Ms. Robinson, Mr. Byrd and Mr. Walker voted yes. Motion Carried.

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

James Erdmanczyk, 1501 Green Street, Apartment i1, Warner Robins favorably commented on a presentation made by Lt. Darin Meadows of the Juvenile Division of the Sheriff's Department at the February 14, 2019 Eggs & Issues event.

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

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Mr. Walker remarked that it was a red-letter day in which we could recognize the Houston County High School baseball team for winning the state championship and the three outstanding County employees for their achieving the 30-year service mark.

Ms. Robinson thanked everyone for coming and for those viewing via the internet and thanked Mr. Dunbar, Mr. Dietsch and Mr. Wheat again for their service to the County.

Mr. Byrd recognized Mr. Roberson from Flint Energies and once again congratulated Mr. Dunbar and Mr. Dietsch.

Chairman Stalnaker commended Mr. Dunbar, Mr. Dietsch and Mr. Wheat once more for their service. He then acknowledged a special date tomorrow, July 21st, as Tom Hall, Cheryl Scarborough, and former Commission Chairman Ned Sander's birthdays.

Chairman Stalnaker then announced that the next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be August 3rd at 9:00 a.m. at the courthouse in Perry. Before that meeting, there is a special called meeting at 6:00 p.m. on July 27th at the Warner Robins Annex building which will serve as the first of three required public hearings on the tax digest. Lastly, he once again thanked the Houston County Bears baseball team and remarked that the Houston County school system means so much to the County as does Dr. Scott and his entire team of administrators and teachers.

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Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Byrd to adjourn the meeting. Upon voting Mr. Walker, Ms. Robinson and Mr. Byrd voted yes. Motion carried.

Barry Holland
Director of Administration

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