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**Houston County Commissioners Meeting**

**May 19, 2015**

**Warner Robins, Georgia**

The Houston County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at the Houston County Annex in Warner Robins, Georgia with Chairman Stalnaker presiding and Commissioners McMichael, Walker, Thomson and Robinson present. Also present were Director of Administration Barry Holland, Director of Operations Robbie Dunbar, Purchasing Agent Mark Baker, Human Resources Director Ken Carter, Chief Building Inspector Tim Andrews, District Attorney George Hartwig, HEMA/Fire Chief Jimmy Williams, County Attorney Assistant Kerrie George, Rick Saunders (Saunders Engineering Consultants), Walt and Becky Wood and County Attorney Tom Hall.

Chairman Stalnaker led the audience in the Invocation.

MSgt Kevin George, USAF, (ret.) led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and then detailed his 28-year military career. His service began in 1985 while a senior in high school through the delayed enlistment program. Beginning in 1986 he was active duty for four years working in aviation maintenance. He left the service after four years active duty and a year later joined the Reserves. After cross-training to become a flight engineer he spent many years flying mainly with the C-130. Four different deployments took him to both Iraq and Afghanistan. Eventually he and his family ended up at Robins Air Force Base, where after retiring from the Reserves in late 2014, he now holds a civilian position with the Air Force Reserve Force Generation Center. He commented on the support he received from his wife and daughter during his service. He also commented how much he appreciates everything the Houston County government does for the military in our community.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of May 5, 2015.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously to approve Chairman Stalnaker to sign the formal agreement among chief elected executive officials for the implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA) for the local workforce development area.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Ken Pritchard to another three-year term on the Phoenix Center Community Service Board beginning July 1, 2015 and expiring on June 30, 2018.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Thomson and carried to approve the appointment of Commissioner Jay Walker to another one-year term beginning June 17, 2015 and expiring on June 16, 2016. Upon voting Ms. Robinson, Mr. Thomson and Mr. McMichael voted yes. Mr. Walker abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Greg Bell to a five-year term on the DFACS Board beginning July 1, 2015 and expiring on June 30, 2020.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously to approve Chairman Stalnaker to sign an Engineering Service Agreement with Saunders Engineering Consultants, Inc. of Centerville for the Fire Tower Road improvement project in the amount of $82,000. This is a SPLOST 2006 funded project.

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Chairman Stalnaker recognized Rick Saunders of Saunders Engineering Consultants and thanked him for his past work on County projects and also for his service as a Houston County volunteer fireman. Mr. Saunders indicated that the project should be about a four month timeframe from the notice to proceed.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously to approve the award of two (2) new Ford Explorer SUV’s for use in the Sheriff’s Department at a unit cost of $26,451.68 each from Perry Ford. Sheriff Talton will reimburse the County for 100% of the total cost of these vehicles ($52,903.36) from available LLEBG Grant funds and drug funds.

Chairman Stalnaker confirmed with Barry Holland that both vehicles were readily available and that the reimbursement from the grant and drug funds could happen before the end of the fiscal year.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously to approve the payment of bills totaling $ 677,723.10.

Chairman Stalnaker then opened the meeting for public comments.

There being no public comments, the meeting was continued.

The Chairman then asked for comments from the Commissioners.

Chairman Stalnaker recognized District Attorney George Hartwig and thanked him for attending. He also thanked the County department heads and staff that were present. He reminded everyone of the Perry Branch Library dedication to be held on Thursday, May 21st at 2:00 p.m. at the newly renovated building. He also announced that the Landfill had received yet another 100 score on their inspection by the Department of Natural Resources-EPD Division and thanked all staff for their efforts. Finally, Chairman Stalnaker encouraged everyone to remember the men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country on Memorial Day.

Ms. Robinson wished everyone a safe and happy Memorial Day.

Mr. Walker congratulated Robbie Dunbar on the Landfill’s achievement.

Mr. Thomson thanked Purchasing Agent Mark Baker, International City Builders, and the many staff members for their excellent work on the Perry Branch Library project.

Tom McMichael encouraged everyone to fly the American flag at their homes and businesses on Memorial Day. He also commented on the loss of Janice Wiggins who passed away over the weekend.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously to enter into Executive Session for Attorney/Client matters as allowed by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1).

Upon returning, Chairman Stalnaker reconvened the regular Board meeting.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously to approve the full and final settlement of Houston Superior Court Case No. 2014-V-110683-K, Brian Gross v. Board of Commissioners of Houston County in the amount of $20,000. Payment should be in the form of a joint check to Brian Gross and Kelly Burke, Attorney at Law.

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Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

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