

**Houston County Commissioners Meeting  
August 3, 2016  
Warner Robins, Georgia**

The Houston County Board of Commissioners met in a special called session at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday August 3, 2016 at the Houston County Annex in Warner Robins, Georgia with Chairman Stalnaker presiding and Commissioners Walker, McMichael, and Robinson present. Also present were Director of Administration Barry Holland, County Attorney Tom Hall, Personnel Director Ken Carter, Chief Assistant Public Defender Angie Coggins, Managing Public Defender Kristie Locke, and other Public Defender staff members, and Walton and Becky Wood.

County Attorney Tom Hall led the audience in the Invocation.

Director of Administration Barry Holland led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Stalnaker announced that Commissioner Thomson was not able to attend due to personal reasons.

Mr. Walker presented a request to appoint Mr. Michael J. Long as interim Public Defender.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. McMichael to approve the appointment of Michael J. Long as interim Public Defender at Grade 36-A effective August 4, 2016 until such time that a permanent Public Defender is appointed. Further to authorize the posting of the full-time permanent position of Public Defender. Upon voting Mr. Walker, Mr. McMichael, and Ms. Robinson voted yes, motion carried.

Chairman Stalnaker commented for the record that he fully supported the appointment of Mr. Long as the interim Public Defender. He stressed that the normal daily operations of the office would continue under Mr. Long's direction and that the job posting and application process would begin this week. He reminded everyone of Mr. Long's lengthy tenure as County Attorney, his extensive experience with our court system and of his general background which includes a good amount of criminal law.

Chairman Stalnaker opened the meeting for comments from the commissioners.

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There being no comments from the commissioners the meeting continued.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all.

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Barry Holland  
Director of Administration

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