

**Houston County Commissioners Meeting
July 3, 2018
Warner Robins, Georgia**

The Houston County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday July 3, 2018 at the Houston County Courthouse in Perry, Georgia with Chairman Stalnaker presiding and Commissioners Walker, Robinson, Thomson and McMichael 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, Chief Building Inspector Tim Andrews, Fire/HEMA Chief Jimmy Williams, Houston County Development Authority Executive Director Angie Gheesling, Walton and Becky Wood, James Erdmanczyk and Ansel Peck.

Commissioner Walker gave the invocation.

2nd Lt. Ashley Bacon, USAF led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and then detailed her military career. She received her degree from Louisiana State University and was commissioned through the ROTC program as a 2nd lieutenant. Her first assignment was here at Robins AFB where she is a logistics readiness officer in the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron. Her squadron's focus is to support the warfighters by supplying them with everything they need to fulfill their mission. She commented that the community here is strong and that it makes Robins AFB even stronger.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to approve the minutes from the June 19, 2018 and June 26, 2018 meeting.

County Attorney Tom Hall made a blanket statement for the benefit of all applicants for Special Exceptions for home occupations that even if the Board of Commissioners approves an application, neighborhood covenants may still impose certain restrictions upon or against home occupation businesses. These restrictive covenants are superior to any action taken by the Board of Commissioners. The actions taken by the Board will not change any provision within the covenant that prohibits any commercial or business activity.

Chief Building Inspector Tim Andrews presented Special Exception Applications #2184 thru 2190.

Chairman Stalnaker opened the meeting for a public hearing.

#2184 - Applicant was present. No opposition.

#2185 - Applicant was present. No opposition.

#2186 - Applicant was present. No opposition.

#2187 - Applicant was present. No opposition.

#2188 - Applicant was not present. No opposition.

#2189 - Applicant was present. No opposition.

#2190 - Applicants were present. No opposition.

There being no comments the public hearing was closed and the meeting continued.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to approve the following applications to include any and all stipulations as noted on the Zoning & Appeals recommendations and Section 95 Requirements staff report:

Application #2184	Gerald Morgan	Home Inspection
Application #2185	Michael Lewis	Admin Office for Produce
Application #2186	Ryan Roundtree	Landscaping
Application #2187	Reed Crumley	Photography
Application #2188	Ragan Shaw	Clothing & Acces. (Internet)
Application #2189	Jared Lindley	Clothing (Internet)
Application #2190	Jason & Lisa Duke	Tax Services

Mr. Andrews gave each applicant approved for a home occupation instruction on the next step of the process which is obtaining their occupational business license from the Commissioner's office.

County Attorney Tom Hall conducted a second reading of the Amendment and Re-Adoption of Code of Ordinances (Sec. 30-42).

Chairman Stalnaker commented that this re-adoption of the noise ordinance adds restrictive times during which fireworks cannot be ignited and that all three cities are also making this unified change. He also clarified that the change would be effective immediately if passed today.

Chairman opened the meeting for a public hearing.

As there were no comments the public hearing closed and the meeting continued.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously by all to approve the re-adoption of Section 30-42; of the Code of Ordinances, Houston County Georgia which section 30-42 shall read as follows:

Sec. 30-42. - Loud, disturbing and unnecessary noise.

- (a) This section is enacted to protect, preserve and promote the health safety and welfare of the citizens of unincorporated Houston County through the control of noise. It is the intent of this section to establish standards that will reduce excessive community noises, which are harmful and otherwise detrimental to individuals and to the community in the enjoyment of life and property and in the conduct of business.

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- (b) *Generally.* It shall be unlawful for any individual in the unincorporated area of the county or upon property owned or controlled by the county to create any unreasonably loud, disturbing and unnecessary noise of such character, intensity or duration as to be detrimental to the life or health of any individual, or in disturbance of the public peace and welfare.
- (c) *Prohibited noises enumerated.* The following acts are declared to be loud, disturbing and unnecessary noises in violation of this section, but such listing shall not be deemed exclusive:
 - (1) The playing of any radio, phonograph or musical instrument in such a manner or with such a volume, particularly during the hours between 12:00 midnight and 7:00 a.m., as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of persons in any office, hospital, dwelling, hotel or other type of residence, or any persons in the vicinity.
 - (2) Yelling, shouting, whistling or singing on the public streets, particularly between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 7:00 a.m., or at any time or place so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of persons in any office, hospital, dwelling, hotel or other type of residence, or any persons in the vicinity.
 - (3) The erection, including excavating, demolition, alteration or repair, of any building in a residential area, or the excavation of streets and highways in any residential area, other than between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., except by or on the behalf of the city, county or state, when the public welfare and convenience renders it impossible to perform this work during the day, or work performed by public utility companies under like conditions and circumstances.
 - (4) The creation of excessive noise on any street or property adjacent to any school, institution of learning, hospital, church or court, while in session, which unreasonably interferes with the workings or sessions thereof.
 - (5) The use of loudspeakers or amplifiers on moving motor vehicles for advertising or other purposes.
 - (6) The use of loudspeakers or amplifiers upon the streets, sidewalks, parks or other public places of the county, provided that nothing in this subsection shall apply to any governmental agency.
 - (7) The sounding of any horn or signal device on any motor vehicle while not in motion, except as a danger signal if another vehicle is approaching apparently out of control, or, if in motion, only as a danger signal, or the creation of noise by means of any signal device for an unnecessary or unreasonable period of time.
 - (8) Consumer Fireworks shall not be ignited between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. except for the days and times set out in O.C.G.A. § 25-10-2(b)(3)(B)(ii) and (iii).
- (d) *Penalty.* Any person convicted of a violation of any provision of this section shall be punished as provided in section 1-11 of this Code.

Chairman Stalnaker asked Mr. Hall to notify the Sheriff's office of the change and also to have it posted to the County's website.

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Mr. Walker presented an amendment to a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Warner Robins regarding ad valorem taxes on the property owned by Merganser Enterprises, Inc. in Bonaire to further clarify the term "collected".

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously by all to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Memorandum of Understanding between Houston County Board of Commissioners and the City of Warner Robins.

Chairman Stalnaker explained that this amendment simply clarifies an already existing agreement.

Mr. Walker presented professional services agreements between CSRA Probation Services and the Houston County Superior Court and the Houston County State Court that will continue our relationship with CSRA to provide probation supervision, counseling and collection services for all moneys to be paid by defendants according to the terms of their sentence.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. Thomson and carried unanimously by all to authorize Chairman Stalnaker signing professional services agreements with CSRA Probation Services, Inc. of Evans, GA for probation services to both the Houston County Superior Court and the Houston County State Court. These agreements will expire December 31, 2018 with four possible annual extensions through December 31, 2022.

Chairman Stalnaker commented that CSRA was at one time under scrutiny for certain practices.

Mr. Walker explained that CSRA has since complied with all requirements and mandates.

Mr. Thomson presented a request for the abandonment of a portion of the Green Island Road temporary cul-de-sac in the McCarley Downs Subdivision Section 2 Phase 4 due to the development of the next phase of the subdivision and the extension of the road.

Chairman Stalnaker opened the meeting for a public hearing.

As there were no comments the public hearing closed and the meeting continued.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously by all to approve the Board of Commissioners to sign the Resolution Abandoning a portion of the Green Island Road temporary cul-de-sac described as follows:

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 54 of the Eleventh Land District of Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Tract "A" and Tract "C", containing 0.14 acres, on a land survey done by Marty A. McLeod dated June 7, 2018, G.R.L.S. 2991.

Chairman Stalnaker commented that the County's practice of requiring platted right of way for temporary cul-de-sacs protects us in case the development goes unfinished.

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Mr. Thomson presented a Quit Claim Deed for a portion of Green Island Road cul-de-sac in the McCarley Downs Subdivision Section 2 Phase 4, that having just been abandoned should be conveyed to Silver Pine Development, LLC the adjacent property owner.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously by all to authorize Chairman Stalnaker signing the Quit Claim Deed to Silver Pine Development, LLC for the abandoned portion of right-of-way on the Green Island Road cul-de-sac described in the previous abandonment resolution.

Mr. Thomson presented a request for approval on Change Order #1 with Peed Bros. on the Sheriff's firing range buildings project increasing the contract total by \$37,080. The change order addresses a spray foam insulation package for the building, modification of the firing range knee-walls, and electrical work for the target control package.

Mr. McMichael asked for the definition of a knee wall.

Mr. Andrews explained that a typical knee-wall construction is a short wall that extends from the front of an attic, or above a suspended ceiling to the roof.

Mr. Baker further explained that the knee wall in question would be constructed from 6 x 6 timbers and would essentially be two walls roughly twelve inches apart with aggregate in between to protect the electronics that operate the targets on the range.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Mr. McMichael and carried unanimously by all to approve Chairman Stalnaker signing Change Order #1 with Peed Bros., Inc. of Butler, GA on the Sheriff's Office Firing Range Building project. The original contract amount of \$340,726 will increase by \$37,080 for an amended total of \$377,806.

Mr. Thomson presented a contract between Houston County and Traylor Business Services, Inc. (TBS) to provide personal property verification reviews of business taxpayers.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Ms. Robison and carried unanimously by all to authorize Chairman Stalnaker signing an agreement (#1036) with Traylor Business Services, Inc. (TBS) for personal property audits in FY2019. Audits will only be performed when requested specifically by the Chief Tax Appraiser.

Ms. Robinson presented a Memorandum of Agreement between the County, Phoenix Health Center, and the Mental Health Accountability Court.

Motion by Ms. Robison, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to authorize Chairman Stalnaker signing a Memorandum of Agreement between Houston County and Phoenix Health Center for the purposes of providing contracted clinical treatment services for the Mental Health and Veterans Accountability Court. The agreement term will cover the period from July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019. Payment under this agreement will come from the Mental Health and Veterans Accountability Court grant.

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Ms. Robinson presented a service contract with Community Solutions, Inc. (CSI) to provide Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) to youth of the Houston County Juvenile Court.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously by all to approve Chairman Stalnaker signing a service contract with Community Solutions, Inc. of Windsor, CT in the amount not to exceed \$356,000 for the provision of Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) to youth of the Houston County Juvenile Court. The Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant (Y19-8-018) will reimburse these costs quarterly.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Ms. Robinson and carried unanimously by all to approve the payment of the bills totaling \$2,976,154.93.

Chairman Stalnaker opened the meeting for Public Comments.

Houston County Development Authority Executive Director Angie Gheesling thanked the Board for their support and also several department heads in attendance that have helped her with various projects during the year. She also briefed the Board on a large existing industry expansion that is coming soon; potential new hires at the Perdue chicken plant; and the fact that our publicly-owned industrial sites will receive a military designation due to Robins AFB being within our County.

Chief Jimmy Williams updated the Board on the progress of the new ladder truck that has been ordered saying that it is still on target for delivery by November of this year. He also briefed the Board on the results of the Fire Departments recent ISO evaluation explaining that our rating will be reduced from a 6 to a 4 effective October 1st. He stated that he is extremely proud of the department's accomplishment in doing so.

Director of Operations Robbie Dunbar asked Chief Williams to bring the Board up to speed on the FEMA reimbursements due to the County from the aftermath of Hurricane Irma. Chief Williams explained that the County submitted nearly \$600,000 and to date we have received roughly \$350,000 in reimbursements. The balance of the reimbursements will likely take another six to seven months.

Chairman Stalnaker remarked that the County committed to the clean-up efforts before considering what reimbursements may be and that any amount received from FEMA was appreciated. He thanked all those involved with the clean-up efforts.

There being no further comments the meeting continued.

Chairman Stalnaker opened the meeting for Commissioners Comments.

Mr. Thomson thanked Director of Operations Robbie Dunbar, Travis McLendon, Chief Williams and their respective crewmembers for the combined efforts during the Hurricane Irma clean-up. He also wished everyone a happy new fiscal year and July 4th holiday.

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Ms. Robinson wished everyone a happy July 4th holiday.

Mr. Walker wished everyone a happy and safe July 4th holiday and also thanked County employees, department heads and elected officials for their efforts during the year.

Chairman Stalnaker asked everyone to be safe during the heat of the day while enjoying their July 4th holiday.

There being no further comments the meeting continued.

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

Barry Holland
Director of Administration

Chairman

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