

**Houston County Commissioners Meeting
June 28, 2016
Warner Robins, Georgia**

The Houston County Board of Commissioners met in special session at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at the Houston County Annex building in Warner Robins, Georgia with Chairman Stalnaker presiding and Commissioners Walker, McMichael, and Thomson present; Commissioner Robinson was not present. Also present were Director of Administration Barry Holland, County Attorney Tom Hall, Director of Operations Robbie Dunbar, Personnel Director Ken Carter, Chief Building Inspector Tim Andrews, Fire/HEMA Chief Jimmy Williams, Roads Superintendent Travis McLendon, and Ansel Peck.

County Attorney Tom Hall led the audience in the Invocation.

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

Mr. Thomson presented a request to appoint the Chief Deputy Clerk as interim State Court Clerk.

Motion by Mr. Thomson, second by Mr. Walker to approve the appointment of the Chief Deputy Clerk as interim State Court Clerk effective July 1, 2016 until such time that a permanent State Court Clerk is appointed. Upon voting, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Walker, and Mr. McMichael voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Mr. McMichael, second by Mr. Thomson. Motion carried to approve the payment of the bills totaling \$727,485.40. Upon voting, Mr. McMichael, Mr. Thomson, and Mr. Walker voted yes.

Director of Administration Barry Holland read the FY2017 Budget Resolution into the record.

WHEREAS, the Houston County Board of Commissioners has prepared a line-item budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Houston County Board of Commissioners has adhered to the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 36-81-3, as amended; and

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WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on June 21, 2016, and it is now in the best interest of the County that the budget be adopted,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Houston County Board of Commissioners that the annual budget for Houston County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby approved and adopted in the amount of:

General Fund	\$ 54,814,021
E911 Telephone Fund	\$ 3,913,058
Fire District Fund	\$ 2,126,984
SPLOST Fund	\$ 21,676,711
Water Fund	\$ 6,352,642
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 8,075,963
Internal Service Fund	\$ 10,160,000
Special Revenue Funds	<u>\$ 680,000</u>
	\$107,799,379

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, the General Fund shall appropriate \$46,200 from prior year fund balance for the County's "Code Red" early warning communications system and outdoor siren maintenance. The General Fund shall also appropriate \$500,000 in prior year fund balance for airport improvements construction. The Solid Waste Fund shall appropriate \$49,000 in prior year host fees for equipment to be transferred out to the General Fund. The Solid Waste Fund shall also appropriate \$795,516 in prior year fund balance for Closure/Post Closure of Landfill cells and other costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the annual budget beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017 includes a three (3) percent cost-of-living adjustment (effective July 5, 2016 pay period) for all merit system employees and full-time county elected and appointed officials. Merit and longevity pay increases remain suspended for all employees. The FY2017 Position Control listing, attached hereto, is hereby approved and adopted.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any increase in appropriation for any department or salary line-item in excess of the approved budget shall require approval by the Board of Commissioners authorizing said funds to be expended.

Motion by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. McMichael, to approve Chairman Stalnaker signing the FY2017 Budget Resolution adopting the FY2017 budget totaling \$107,799,379 as presented. Upon voting Mr. Walker, Mr. McMichael, and Mr. Thomson voted yes, motion carried

Chairman Stalnaker thanked the employees, department heads, elected officials and the Commissioners for their combined efforts during the budget process. He remarked that although there was less revenue programmed for FY17 than there was in FY16, he was proud that the County was able to compensate the employees for their efforts and that although he supports both the COLA and the merit pay we are not currently in a position to do both. He thanked Barry, Sandi and her staff for their long hours and hard work helping to put together the budget.

Mr. McMichael clarified for the record that the appropriations being made in the budget resolution were to come from prior year fund balances and not from the County's reserve fund.

Mr. Thomson thanked the Chairman, the other Commissioners, Barry and all employees for their efforts.

Mr. Walker thanked the Chairman for his leadership and remarked that we are very fortunate to live in a community such as Houston.

Mr. McMichael also thanked the citizens for the four SPLOSTs that have been passed by the voters which have gone a very long way toward Houston's current sound financial well-being.

Chairman Stalnaker opened the floor for public comments.

Mr. Ansel Peck, 109 Latham Drive, Warner Robins stated that he feels the people of the County appreciate the hard work of both the staff and the Board of Commissioners.

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Personnel Director Ken Carter thanked the Board not only for the 3% COLA, but also for leaving the employees benefits intact and for not raising taxes.

There being no further public comments, the meeting was continued.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Walker, second by Mr. McMichael. Upon voting Mr. Walker, Mr. McMichael, and Mr. Thomson voted yes. Meeting Adjourned.

Barry Holland
Director of Administration

Chairman

Commissioner

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