

HENRY COUNTY COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 13, 2024
11:00 A.M.

The Henry County Commission held its regular meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. The following members were in attendance: Chairman David Money and Commissioners Joe Falkner, John Ralph Saunders, Jason Hudspeth, Henry Grimsley and Jay Jones.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation was given by Henry Grimsley.

Chairman Money stated that all commissioners are present, we do have a quorum.

Public Comment from Citizens.

None.

Comment from other Elected Officials and Department Heads.

Chairman Money recognized Rhonda Harrison, Susie Horn, Matt Hatcher, Pam Dyson, Jimmy Jones, and Ray Marler.

Awards and Presentations

Consent Agenda

Chairman Money requested a motion to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2024, regular commission meeting. John Ralph Saunders moved to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2024, regular commission meeting seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Scheduled Public Hearing

None.

New Business

Chairman Money requested action to apply for the Byrne Jag Grant. Jay Jones moved to approve applying for the Bryne Jag Grant seconded by Jason Hudspeth. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested action to set date and time for Administrative and Commission meetings. Henry Grimsley moved to keep date and time for Administrative and Commission meetings the third Thursday of the month, 9:00 administrative meeting and 11:00 commission meeting seconded by John Ralph Saunders. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested action to proclaim November 21-29 as Farm-City week. Henry Grimsley moved to proclaim November 21-29 as Farm-City week seconded by John Ralph Saunders. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested action on resolution to levy 4% lodging tax passed by referendum on November 5, 2024. Joe Falkner moved to approve resolution to levy 4% lodging tax passed by referendum on November 5, 2024 seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested action to publish the annual financial report in *The Abbeville Herald*. Jay Jones moved to publish the annual financial report in *The Abbeville Herald* seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Money requested action on 2nd Amendment to IAC program maintenance and support membership agreement. Henry Grimsley moved to approve 2nd Amendment to IAC program maintenance and support membership agreement seconded by John Ralph Saunders. Vote was unanimous.

Old Business

None.

Reports from Staff

Chairman Money – See attached report.

Dawn Shirley, County Administrator – FY23 audit is nearing completion.

Chris Champion, Engineer. – JMR + H going through value engineer process. We will have documents ready for the December commission meeting.

Spence Danzey, County Attorney – none.

Rhonda Harrison, Economic Development Director – See attached report.

EMA/Maintenance – none.

Safety Director/Sanitation -See attached report.

Sheriff – See attached report.

Discussion items by Commissioners

Joe Falkner – It's an honor to be up here and to have been elected. I will do the best job I can for my constituents. I'm looking forward to working with you all.

John Ralph Saunders – Congratulations and welcome Commissioner Falkner and Commissioner Jones. Good to see all the family and friends here today. It's good to see this place full.

Jason Hudspeth – Echo what Commissioner Sanders said. Congratulations and I look forward to working with you all and hope we accomplish a lot. Thank you all for coming.

Henry Grimsley - Good to see each and everyone. Welcome two new commissioners. 15 years ago when I came here I told them the main thing we will do is to get the job done. From the top to the bottom. You are all doing a good job. Happy Thanksgiving to each and everyone!

Jay Jones – I want to thank you Mr. Reynolds for the job you did for four terms. I know you are a God loving man and you've had this county top notch. I hope with the help of these four men

and Judge we can carry on and do what's best for Henry County to make it one of the best counties in the state. Pray for us – we don't make decisions without prayer. I hope we can stand up and do what God wants us to do.

On a motion by Henry Grimsley seconded by Jay Jones and a unanimous vote, the commission adjourned the meeting at 11:46 a.m.