

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a regular, called meeting on January 23, 2018 with the following members present, to wit:

Jim Lovell	County Judge
Gary Lovell	Commissioner, Precinct #1
Pat Perry	Commissioner, Precinct #3
Kennon Kellum	Commissioner, Precinct #4

Also present:

Daphne Session	County Attorney
Danette Millican	County Tax Assessor/Collector
Janice Turner	Chief Deputy County Clerk
Doug King	Houston County Sheriff's Office

Media:

Edward Grisham	KIVY
Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger

Visitors: Roger Dickey, Brittani Womack, Jan Pigford; Cynthia Lum; Sharon Luker and Richard E. Ryan

Judge Jim Lovell called the meeting to order. Gary Lovell gave the opening prayer and Judge Lovell led the Pledges of Allegiance.

Judge Lovell recognized the guests and asked if there were any comments from the audience. There were no comments.

Motion was made by Gary Lovell to approve the minutes of the prior Commissioners Court Meetings. Motion was seconded by Pat Perry and the motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion was made by Kennon Kellum and seconded by Pat Perry to approve the budget amendment concerning the automobile expense for the County Attorney's vehicle. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion was made by Kennon Kellum to approve the payment of bills and expenses. The motion was seconded by Pat Perry. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Gary Lovell made a motion to accept as information the Treasurer's Report and the Compensatory Report. The motion was seconded by Kennon Kellum. Motion carried 4 to 0.

A motion was made by Kennon Kellum and seconded by Pat Perry to approve the salary of the Elections Administrator. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Kennon Kellum made a motion to approve the salary of Matthew Millican as a full-time jailer. Pat Perry seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

A motion was made by Pat Perry and seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the salaries for two part-time jailers: Neatis Montgomery and Darra Simon. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Kennon Kellum made a motion to approve the change in employee salary for Sharon Luker in her full-time, combined with part-time positions as Commissioners' Secretary and assistant in the Auditor's office. Gary Lovell made a second to the motion and it carried 4 to 0.

A motion was made by Gary Lovell and seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept as information Danette Millican's report on education hours for Danette Millican, Lynn Jansky and Laronica Smith after Danette explained the requirements for education hours. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Gary Lovell made a motion which was seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept the sealed bid for tax property at 809 Sycamore Street in Crocket. Motion carried 4 to 0.

A motion was made by Kennon Kellum to reappoint Dr. Christopher Haeckler as the Houston County Health Authority. Gary Lovell seconded the motion and the motion carried 4 to 0.

Kennon Kellum made a motion to accept as information the Fiscal Year 2017 Houston County Lateral Road and Bridge Expenditure Report. The motion was seconded by Pat Perry. The motion carried 4 to 0.

A motion was made by Pat Perry and seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the application for a boring permit on County Road 3300 in Precinct 3. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Gary Lovell made a motion to adopt a resolution accepting a grant in the amount of \$14,065 from the Office of the Governor for rifle resistant armor and approving the necessary budget amendments. The motion was seconded by Kennon Kellum. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Pat Perry made a motion to adopt a resolution to approve a match-fund grant in the amount of \$54,323.00 for a federal off-system bridge program to replace or rehabilitate structure number 111140AA0309002, Local Designation County Road 4180 at tributary of White Rock Creek with the necessary budget amendments. A second to the motion was made by Gary Lovell and the motion carried 4 to 0.

Kennon Kellum made a motion to amend the contract with Windstream for increased internet access for the Senior Citizens Center and Extension Agent offices from 6M for \$53.99 to 25M for \$80.00. Pat Perry seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

A motion was made by Kennon Kellum and seconded by Gary Lovell to approve the copier leases with Texas Document Solutions for the offices of the County Judge; District Attorney; County Clerk; District Clerk; Extension Agent and a new lease for the Elections Administrator. Motion carried by 4 to 0.

Gary Lovell made a motion to add a fax line to the Elections Administrator's office through the Windstream contract. Kennon Kellum made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Pat Perry made a motion to purchase a new pickup for Precinct #3 and authorize a lease/purchase agreement through Citizens National Bank in an amount not to exceed \$28,000.00 along with the necessary budget amendments. Kennon Kellum seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 0.

A motion was made by Gary Lovell to declare as surplus and approve sale of a 1991 Ford dump truck to the City of Crockett in the amount of \$6,000 per §LCG 263.152(a)(1). Kennon Kellum made a second to the motion and the motion carried 4 to 0.

Gary Lovell made a motion to approve the application for Fiscal Year 2018 Emergency Management Performance Grant. Pat Perry made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Judge Lovell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pat Perry made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0 and the meeting was adjourned.

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Jim L. Lovell, County Judge

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Gary Lovell, Commissioner, Precinct #1

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Pat Perry, Commissioner, Precinct #3

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Kennon Kellum, Commissioner, Precinct #4

Attest:

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Bridget Lamb, County Clerk