

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a regular, called meeting on May 22, 2018 with the following members present, to wit:

Jim Lovell	County Judge
Gary Lovell	Commissioner, Precinct #1
Willie Kitchen	Commissioner, Precinct #2
Kennon Kellum	Commissioner, Precinct #4

Also present:

Melissa Mosley	Houston County Auditor
Janice Turner	Chief Deputy County Clerk

Media:

Alton Porter	Houston County Courier
Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger

Visitors: Glen Barnhart, PWFAA; Rhonda Loving; Sharon Luker; Jan Pigford and John Nathan Turner

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

Judge Lovell recognized the guests and asked if there were any comments from the audience. Rhonda Loving asked why there are no sidewalks in certain parts of the City of Crockett. Judge Lovell referred her to City Hall since the County is not responsible for the sidewalks inside the city. Judge Lovell also introduced our new IT employee, Nathan Turner.

Kennon Kellum made a motion to approve the minutes of the prior Commissioners Court meeting. Motion was seconded by Willie Kitchen and the motion carried 4 to 0.

There were no budget amendments.

Motion was made by Gary Lovell to approve the payment of all bills and expenses and to ratify payroll expenses. The motion was seconded by Willie Kitchen. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Melissa Mosley received a favorable response to her announcement that Houston County had received in the bank \$258,728 in timber funds to be split with the school districts in the county.

Willie Kitchen made a motion to receive as information the Houston County Treasurer's Report and the Compensatory report. The motion was seconded by Gary Lovell and the motion carried 4 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion, which was seconded by Kennon Kellum, to approve hiring Billy Hoch as a part-time heavy equipment operator for Precinct 2 to replace Terrell McKnight at a pay rate of \$14.13 per hour. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion, with Gary Lovell seconding the motion, to hire Nathan Turner as a full-time employee in the Information Technology department to replace Matthew Moore. Motion carried 4 to 0.

A motion was made by Gary Lovell and seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the payment for accumulated vacation, holiday and compensatory time of Charles Graham. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Kennon Kellum made a motion, which was seconded by Gary Lovell, to approve the payment of earned overtime to part-time employee Frank Womack. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion to approve a new contract with TAKET Holdings, LLC, a Texas limited liability company doing business as T&A Medical Solutions for inmate healthcare. Gary Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

A motion was made by Willie Kitchen, seconded by Kennon Kellum, to amend the contract between Houston County and the Department of Public Safety to a rate of \$20,000 per year to cover the costs of electricity, gas, water, sewer and solid waste for the premises. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion to accept a donation from Walsh Timber of \$3,136.00 for improvement of County Road 4065 in Precinct 3. Gary Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Glenn Barnhart gave a presentation regarding Piney Woods Fine Arts Association's summer *Lightnin' Concert Series: Tunes by the Tracks* coming up every Thursday in June. Willie Kitchen made a motion, and Gary Lovell seconded the motion, to approve the Hotel Occupancy Tax Application and Interlocal Agreement for this series. Motion carried 4 to 0.

A motion was made by Willie Kitchen to approve the Hotel Occupancy Tax Application and Interlocal Agreement for the Crockett Lions Club Rodeo held May 10-12, 2018. Gary Lovell seconded the motion and the motion carried 4 to 0.

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

Jim L. Lovell, County Judge

Gary Lovell, Commissioner, Precinct #1

Willie Kitchen, Commissioner, Precinct #2

Kennon Kellum, Commissioner, Precinct #4

Attest:

Bridget Lamb, County Clerk