

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a regular, called meeting on February 13, 2018 with the following members present, to wit:

Jim Lovell	County Judge
Gary Lovell	Commissioner, Precinct #1
Willie Kitchen	Commissioner, Precinct #2
Pat Perry	Commissioner, Precinct #3
Kennon Kellum	Commissioner, Precinct #4

Also present:

Danette Millican	County Tax Assessor/Collector
Janice Turner	Chief Deputy County Clerk
Michael Molnes	Houston County Sheriff's Office
Morris Luker	Houston County Sheriff's Office
Cynthia Lum	Houston County Elections Administrator

Media:

Edward Grisham	KIVY
Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger
Alton Porter	Houston County Courier

Visitors: Brittani Womack, Jan Pigford; Sharon Luker; James Gentry, Angie Alaniz and Bree Warner

Judge Jim Lovell called the meeting to order. Willie Kitchen 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. Kennon Kellum informed the Court of a conversation he had with Representative Trent Ashby concerning TXDOT making salvage material available to the precincts.

Motion was made by Gary Lovell to approve the minutes of the prior Commissioners Court Meeting. Motion was seconded by Willie Kitchen and the motion carried 5 to 0.

There were no budget amendments.

Motion was made by Willie Kitchen to approve the payment of bills and expenses with noted changes. The motion was seconded by Gary Lovell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Kennon Kellum made a motion to accept as information the Environmental and Community Service Reports. The motion was seconded by Pat Perry. Motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Pat Perry and seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the salary of Jason Brown, part-time Heavy Equipment Operator for Precinct 3, at a rate of \$13.02. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Gary Lovell made a motion to approve the salary of Matthew Van Egmond as a full-time deputy effective February 14, 2018. Kennon Kellum seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Willie Kitchen and seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the part-time Assistant Elections Administrator job description and pay scale. Jan Pigford explained the pay scale to be adopted for the position. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion to approve the purchase of new 140K motor graders for Precincts 1 and 2 in an amount not to exceed \$490,000. These motor graders have the old manual-style steering wheels. Pat Perry seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion that a lease/purchase agreement for the motor graders through Citizens National Bank via Buy Board with ten annual payments plus interest on each with the signers being Judge Lovell and Commissioner Lovell be made along with the necessary budget amendments. Gary Lovell made a second to the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Kennon Kellum and seconded by Pat Perry to approve the copier leases with Texas Document Solutions for the copiers to be located in the district courtroom and the Historical Commission. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion to accept as information the Republican Election Judges for the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 and to extend early voting to include Saturday and Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Kennon Kellum seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Willie Kitchen and seconded by Gary Lovell to receive the Racial Profiling Report from law enforcement agencies. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion which was seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept as information the Letter of Appreciation to George R. Pierson. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Gary Lovell made a motion to accept the donation of 120 yards of clay to Precinct #1. Willie Kitchen made a second to the motion and the motion carried 5 to 0.

Judge Lovell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pat Perry made a second to the motion. Motion carried 5 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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Willie Kitchen, Commissioner, Precinct #2

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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