

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a regular, called meeting on June 12, 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:

Melissa Mosley	Houston County Auditor
Daphne Session	Houston County Attorney
Cynthia Lum	Houston County Elections Administrator
Janice Turner	Chief Deputy County Clerk

Media:

Alton Porter	Houston County Courier
Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger

Visitors: Don Lymbery; Wanda Jordan; Barbara A. Wooten; Sharon Luker; Jan Pigford and Doug King

Judge Jim Lovell called the meeting to order and Willie Kitchen gave the opening prayer. Judge Lovell led the Pledges of Allegiance and introduced a special guest, Don Lymbery, Angelina County Judge Elect.

Judge Lovell made a presentation of the 2017 Distinguished Service Award to the Houston County Historical Commission in recognition of its active and well-balanced preservation program. Wanda Jordan accepted the award and introduced Cynthia Kennedy, an invaluable volunteer with the Historical Commission. Ms. Jordan also informed the Commissioners of the Historical Commission's events planned for the next few months.

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

Kennon Kellum made a motion to approve the minutes of the prior Commissioners Court meeting. Motion was seconded by Pat Perry and the motion carried 5 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 5 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion to receive as information the Environmental and Community Service reports. The motion was seconded by Kennon Kellum and the motion carried 5 to 0.

There were no new or transfer employees.

Willie Kitchen made a motion, which was seconded by Gary Lovell, to approve the payment of 44.98 vacation hours and 8.00 holiday hours to Cathy Minchew and 154.09 vacation hours and 8.00 hours holiday time to Kenneth McClellan. Motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Pat Perry and seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the appointment of William Money as a member of the Board of Directors for ESD #2, replacing John Morgan. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Gary Lovell made a motion to authorize the sale of Fourth of July Fireworks. Willie Kitchen made a second to the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Pat Perry and seconded by Kennon Kellum to declare as surplus and advertise for bids on a 2015 140M3 Caterpillar Motorgrader belonging to Precinct 3. Motion carried 5 to 0.

The agenda item to consider accepting the donation of a storage building located at 601 San Antonio Street from health and Human Services was tabled until someone can look at the storage building.

Motion was made by Willie Kitchen and seconded by Gary Lovell to renew the contract with the Department of State Health Services and Houston County for the period September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2023 for the County Clerk's remote birth certificate access. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion to approve the subscription agreement with Lexis Nexis for user access for the on-line law library through September 30, 2019. The motion was seconded by Gary Lovell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Kennon Kellum made a motion, seconded by Gary Lovell, to approve the hiring of Critter Team for attic cleanup and insulation replacement for the Houston County Courthouse Annex. The motion carried 5 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 with a rate of \$20,000 per year to cover the costs of electricity, gas, water, sewer and solid waste for the premises. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Judge Lovell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Lovell 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