

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a regular, called meeting on May 8, 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
Michael Molnes	Houston County Sheriff's Office
G. P. Shearer	Houston County Sheriff's Office
Janice Turner	Chief Deputy County Clerk

Media:

Alton Porter	Houston County Courier
Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger

Visitors: James Kennedy; Ruenette Starr; Clayton Starr; Jeffield Jefferson; Jan Pigford and Sharon Luker

Judge Jim Lovell called the meeting to order and Kennon Kellum 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. 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 (with one deletion) and to ratify payroll expenses. The motion was seconded by Willie Kitchen. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion, which was seconded by Gary Lovell, to approve moving full-time jailer Charles Graham to a part-time jailer position at a pay rate of \$12.49 per hour; moving part-time jailer Neatis Montgomery to the full-time jailer position at a pay rate of \$998.83 bi-weekly and hiring Tiarah Bailey as a part-time jailer at a pay rate of \$12.49 per hour. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Pat Perry made a motion, with Kennon Kellum seconding the motion, to hire Jason Brown as a full-time heavy equipment operator for Precinct 3 effective May 8, 2018. Motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Willie Kitchen and seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept as information the Houston County Treasurer's Report; the April 2018 Employee Compensatory Report and the April 2018 Monthly Environmental Report. There was no Community Service report at this time. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Melissa Mosley made a report on the Timber funds for Houston County.

A discussion was held on the agenda item to consider a new contract with T & A Medical Solutions for inmate healthcare. Gary Shearer explained how this new contract would benefit the county by saving money up front and cut down on transfers to the area emergency rooms.

Daphne Session is reviewing the contract and it was decided to pass on this item until Ms. Session has finished her review.

Willie Kitchen made a motion, seconded by Gary Lovell, to table the agenda item to discuss and consider approving the first optional renewal for fiscal year 2019 and amending the contract between Houston County and the Department of Public Safety. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Clayton Starr gave a talk and read a Proclamation to make May 15, 2018 Law Enforcement Officer Appreciation Day. Willie Kitchen made a motion to adopt the Proclamation with a second to the motion by Kennon Kellum. The 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.

Jim L. Lovell, County Judge

Gary Lovell, Commissioner, Precinct #1

Willie Kitchen, Commissioner, Precinct #2

Pat Perry, Commissioner, Precinct #3

Kennon Kellum, Commissioner, Precinct #4

Attest:

Bridget Lamb, County Clerk