

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a regular, called meeting on October 5, 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 Jeter	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: Albert and Erline Kreger, Rusty Baker, Patricia Hill, Reginald Berry, Sharon Luker and Jan Pigford

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

Reginald Berry had a request for the Court regarding extra polling places for early voting. He gave an explanation of why he was requesting to have early voting at two extra sites: Grapeland and Lovelady. He was told that the issue needed to be on the agenda prior to the meeting in order to have the Commissioners consideration. He will be requesting that it be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

There were no other comments from the audience.

Gary Lovell made a motion to approve the prior Commissioners Court minutes. Willie Kitchen seconded the motion and the motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Willie Kitchen to approve the budget amendments after Melissa Jeter went over them with the Court. Gary Lovell made a second to the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Kennon Kellum made a motion to pay the bills and expenses. The motion was seconded by Pat Perry. The motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Willie Kitchen and seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept as information the Houston County Monthly Environmental and Community Service Reports. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion, which was seconded by Kennon Kellum, to approve the hiring of Lucious Wallace as a part-time delivery driver to replace Jesse Johnson; James Burlson as a part-time equipment operator for Precinct 3 to replace Jason Allemore and James Mitchell as a new part-time road and bridge hand for Precinct 2. Motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Willie Kitchen to approve payment of compensatory time of \$1095.74 for Roy May and compensatory time of \$530.51 for Lynn Gentry for payroll of 9/21/2018 and \$92.10 for 10/5/2018 payroll. The motion was seconded by Gary Lovell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion, seconded by Gary Lovell, to approve the appointment of members to the 2019-2020 term of the Houston County Historical Commission. Motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Willie Kitchen and seconded by Gary Lovell to approve the Cooperative Agreement for Community Service Restitution between the Houston County Community Supervision and Corrections Department and Houston County Courthouse Community Service Organization to allow offenders an opportunity to repay debt by performing court-ordered community work. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion, seconded by Gary Lovell, to accept a donation of 294 yards of clay by Puzzlewood Ranch for County Road 2210. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Pat Perry made a motion to which Kennon Kellum made a second, to approve equipment purchases for Precinct 3 from received bids: a 2014 John Deere 772 GP motorgrader and an 18-foot boom mower and John Deere 6110m cab, 4-wheel drive tractor. Motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Willie Kitchen to approve the 2019 County Title IV-E Legal Services Contract Number 24095781 with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services which allows expenses to be reimbursed to the County for the period October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2025. Gary Lovell seconded the motion and the motion carried 5 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion to order a local option election for the sale of beer, malt liquor and wine in a bar or restaurant in the Houston County Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 for the May 7, 2019 election. Gary Lovell seconded the motion and the motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Judge Lovell to adjourn. Kennon Kellum seconded 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