

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a special called meeting on February 5, 2019 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
Jimmy Henderson	Commissioner, Precinct #4

Also present:

Sharon Luker	Assistant to the County Commissioners
Jan Pigford	Administrative Assistant to the County Judge
Melissa Jeter	Houston County Auditor
Danette Millican	Houston County Tax Assessor Collector
Janis Omelina	Houston County Treasurer
Terri Meadows	Houston County Clerk
Jo Smith	District Extension Administrator for AG/NR
Tasha Brent	Houston County Extension Agent-Family and Community Health
Michael Molnes	Chief Baliff/Deputy
Daphne Session	Houston County Attorney

Media:

Alton Porter	Houston County Courier
Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger

Visitors: Darrell Jones (City Councilman), Nelson Varghese and Karthik Sundaram (Texas Futura LLC), Dina Herrera, Pancho Herrera, Wayne Northcutt, Lynn Northcutt, Jessica McRae, Dr. Ianthia Fisher (CEIDC), James Gentry (CEIDC), and Warren Taylor

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

Judge Lovell recognized the guests and asked if there were any comments. There were none.

A motion was made by Gary Lovell to approve Terrell Jones as a volunteer road hand/equipment operator. Willie Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Jo Smith with Houston County AgriLife Resources introduced Tasha Brent as the new Houston County Extension Agent – Family and Community Health. Tasha Brent commented that she is honored to serve in this position.

Willie Kitchen moved to approve the supplemental salary (\$14,634 per year) provided by Houston County for Tasha Brent as the Houston County Extension Agent-Family and Community Health. Gary Lovell seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Commissioners' Court discussed "years of continuous service" meaning that is located in the Houston County Employee Handbook on page 55. Judge Lovell asked Daphne Session, County Attorney if she would like to speak. Ms. Session spoke a minute about the need to clarify if you the policy refers to full time, part time, or a combination. Willie Kitchen stressed the need for clarification of full time and part time. Gary Lovell and Jimmy Henderson echoed Commissioner Kitchen's concern. Gary Lovell made a motion that the wording be clarified by saying "years of continuous part time and full time service". Willie Kitchen seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion to approve the 100% tax abatement for Texas Futura LLC beginning January 1, 2020. In no event shall the abatement continue after December 31, 2021. Gary Lovell seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made the motion to adjourn. Gary Lovell seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0 and the meeting was adjourned.

Jim Lovell, County Judge

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Jimmy Henderson, Commissioner, Precinct #4

Attest:

Terri Meadows, County Clerk