



HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 23, 2019

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a regular, called meeting on July 23, 2019 with the following members present, to wit:

Gary Lovell
Willie Kitchen
Pat Perry
Jimmy Henderson

Commissioner, Precinct #1
Commissioner, Precinct #2
Commissioner, Precinct #3
Commissioner, Precinct #4

Also present:

Brittani Womack
Sharon Luker
Jan Pigford
Janis Omelina
Danette Millican
Justin Killough
Daphne Session
Joel Martin
Terri Meadows

First Assistant County Auditor
Assistant to the County Commissioners
Administrative Assistant to the County Judge
County Treasurer
County Tax Assessor/Collector
Chief Deputy at S/O
County Attorney
Bailiff/S/O
Houston County Clerk

Media:

Alton Porter
Will Johnson

Houston County Courier
The Grapeland Messenger

Visitors: Gwendolyn Scott, Denny Wheeler (Piney Woods Sanitation), John Angerstein (City Administrator), Paul Stringer (Fiddler's Festival)

(1) Welcome, Invocation and Pledges:

Commissioner Kitchen called the meeting to order and Commissioner Henderson gave the opening prayer. Commissioner Kitchen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag. Commissioner Kitchen announced that Judge Lovell was absent because he was attending surgery of a family member. He also asked how Steve Meadows was recovering from his gall bladder surgery.

(2) Recognition and comments from guests:

is trying to help with the trash situation and is about to complete the Citizen Collection Station for waste. He said this will give citizens another option to help dispose of the trash and large items. The plan is to open August 1, 2019 and be open 5 days a week.

- (3) Consider approval of prior Commissioners Court Minutes:
Commissioner Lovell made a motion to approve the Commissioners Court minutes from July 23, 2019. Commissioner Perry seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.
- (4) Consider approving budget amendments:
None at this time
- (5) Consider payment of bills and expenses:
 - a. Accounts payable
 - b. Fund transfers
 - c. Ratify Salary expensesCommissioner Lovell made a motion to pay the all of the bills and expenses for a. (Accounts payable), b. (Fund transfers), and c. (Ratify Salary expenses). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Henderson. The motion carried 4 to 0.
- (6) Receive information, announcements and reports from County Departments:
 - a. Treasurer's Report
 - b. Compensatory ReportCommissioner Kitchen moved to receive as information the Treasurer's Report and Compensatory Report. Commissioner Lovell seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.
- (7) Consider approving salaries for new and/or transfer employees:
Commissioner Lovell made a motion to approve the promotion of Detric Murray from Full-Time Deputy to Full-Time Sgt Deputy at pay grade 22 and bi-weekly salary of \$1461.68 and the hiring of Matthew Millican as Full-Time Deputy at pay grade 19 and bi-weekly salary of \$1238.37. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion and the motion carried 4 to 0.

Commissioner Henderson moved to approve the hiring of Pam Fannett as a Part-Time Driver for Aging Services at pay grade 10 and hourly pay of \$9.98; he also moved to approve the mid-year pay increase for Judy Cardenas, Juvenile Probation Officer raising her from \$1412.09 bi-weekly to \$1512.09. Commissioner Perry Seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.
- (8) Discuss and consider approving payment of compensatory, vacation and holiday time for County employees and necessary budget amendments.
Commissioner Lovell moved to approve this request. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

(10) Discuss and consider taking action on terminating the contract for Home Delivered Meal program through Cigna, United Healthcare and HealthSpring Star Plus due to ineligibility under Medicaid provider requirements. Commissioner Lovell moved to table this item because there are still some negotiations to be completed. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

(11) Discuss and consider and consider approving Interlocal Agreement with the Division of Motor Vehicle for:

- a. Provision of equipment and consumables
- b. Additional RTS Workstation Lease Agreement.

County Tax Assessor/Collector Danette Millican spoke concerning this item. She said when Registry and Titling was under TXDot there was an Interlocal Agreement. After the process changed 10 years ago they came to realize an Interlocal Agreement was not made. Our county currently qualifies for 3 computers and 3 employees, but we need a fourth so we can lease that one for \$350.00 per year. The 3 qualifying employees take required webinars but there are 2 additional employees that we must pay for training. The total cost for the yearly lease of property and webinars is \$361.00. Mrs. Millican stated that getting all of this taken care of is important because there is some talk about the County Tax/Assessor Collector Office becoming a Driver's License Renewal Station. Commissioner Kitchen moved to enter into the Interlocal Agreement and pay the yearly fee of \$361.00 with necessary budget amendments. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

(12) Paul Stringer, a representative of the 83rd Annual World Champion Fiddlers Festival spoke about the event scheduled for the 4th Saturday in September at the Porth Ag Arena and requested the county's financial help. Commissioner Perry moved to approve Hotel Occupancy Tax Application and Interlocal Agreement for World Champion Fiddlers Festival in the amount of \$2000. Commissioner Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

(13) Discuss and consider declaring five used pickups as surplus and approve contracting with Auctioneer Express for dispersal. Commissioner Kitchen noted that the Court could only consider 3 pickups because the other 2 are vehicles, not pickups, and the agenda item says, "five used pickups". Commissioner Perry moved to contract with Auctioneer Express for the dispersal of 3 pickups and Commissioner Lovell seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

(14) Commissioner Lovell moved to receive as information the Fiscal Year 2018 Financial Statement and Audit Report for Houston County Emergency Services District No. 1. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

(15) Commissioner Lovell moved to approve FY 20/21 Interlocal Agreements for 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point Services & for 9-1-1 AII Services. Commissioner Perry seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0

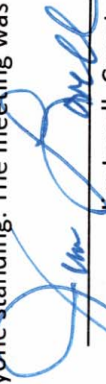
800 dumpsters. He said there was 1 missed pickup on the 15th by a sub-driver, but that was picked up the next day.

(16)Adjourn:

Commissioner Kitchen made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Lovell seconded. Motion carried with everyone standing. The meeting was adjourned



Gary Lovell, Commissioner, Precinct #1



Jim Lovell, County Judge

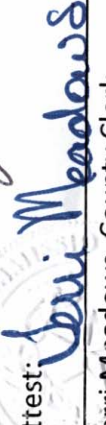


Willie Kitchen, Commissioner, Precinct #2



Pat Perry, Commissioner, Precinct #3

Jimmy Henderson, Commissioner, Precinct #4

Attest: 

Terri Meadows, County Clerk

