

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on July 23, 2013 with the following members present to wit:

Erin Ford	County Judge
Roger Dickey	Commissioner Precinct #1
Willie Kitchen	Commissioner Precinct #2
Pat Perry	Commissioner Precinct #3
Kennon Kellum	Commissioner Precinct #4

Also present:

Bridget Lamb	County Clerk
Melissa Mosley	County Auditor
Judge Sarah Clark	County Court at Law Judge
Daphne Session	County Attorney

Media:

Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger
Lynda Jones	Houston County Courier
Penny Webb	Houston County Life & Web

Visitors: Joby Hardwick (Holiday Inn Express), Tommie Ellis, Billy Allbright (Texas Forest Service), David L Lamb, Norman Moore, Terri Meadows, Dorothy Zink, Wyatt Webb and Walker Webb

County Judge Erin Ford called the meeting to order

Pastor Todd of First Baptist Church of Grapeland opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the minutes of the last regular called meeting held on July 12, 2013. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve budget amendment #13-12 and any line item transfers. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve payment of bills and expenses and approval of related budget transfers. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Jan Pigford, the county wellness coordinator, reported that the county had just completed a statewide wellness program and Houston County was one of 123 counties to participant in an eight week wellness program that encouraged participants to walk 3,500 steps. Those who completed were rewarded with a \$50.00 gift certificate.

Judge Ford reported he would have a preliminary budget for department heads to review by July 29<sup>th</sup> just in time for the budget workshop that will be held on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

County Court at Law Judge, Sarah Clark addressed the court concerning her office and duties.

The court took a moment of silence in remembrance of David Williamson

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the salary of Lona Smith as office manager for Houston County Extension Office at a pay rate of \$873.81 bi-weekly she is replacing Karen Oestmann. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to receive the annual road reports from the four Road and Bridge Precincts as information and file them with the District Court. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Roger Dickey to extend the burn ban until the next court meeting. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Pat Perry to approve an internet upgrade from residential grade DSL to business class service through Windstream. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept the bids for the sale of the following trust properties in suits: 06-0169 from Shanna Y. Hickman bid of \$500.00; 05-0235 from Bradley McClendon bid of \$400.00; 00-0035 from Weldon Davis bid of \$703.00; from Shanna Y. Hickman bid of \$1,000.00; 10-0152 from Bradley McClendon bid of \$600.00; 07-0084 (4 parcels) from Berta Harris bids of \$125.00, \$125.00, \$200.00 & \$125.00; 06-0295 from Andrew Falkenstin bid of \$552.00; 07-0295 from Antoinette Joyce Jones bid of \$51.00; 08-0213 from Andrew Falkenstin bid of \$1,052.00; 08-0203 from Douglas Patterson bid of \$307.23; 09-0042 from Bradley McClendon bid of \$3,000.00 and 06-0082 from Weldon Davis bid of \$953.00. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the renewal of the interlocal agreement with the Deep East Texas Council of government for the 9-1-1 Automatic Location Information Maintenance Services and the 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point Services (PSAP). Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve a tourism website for the county to be created by Landmarc Design for \$3,999.00. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum that this meeting be adjourn.

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Erin Ford, County Judge

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Roger Dickey, Comm. Pct #1

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Willie Kitchen, Comm. Pct #2

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Pat Perry, Comm. Pct #3

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Kennon Kellum, Comm. Pct #4

Attest:

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Bridget Lamb, County Clerk