

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on June 25, 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
Danette Millican	County Tax Assessor-Collector
Darrel Bobbitt	Sheriff

Media:

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

Visitors: Reggie Gregory (Calvary Baptist Church), Kathi Calvert (General Manager Houston County Electric Cooperative), Kim Johnson (Todd, Hamaker & Johnson Certified Public Accountants), G. P. Shearer and Amber Bewley.

County Judge Erin Ford called the meeting to order

Reginald Gregory Minister of Calvary Baptist Church opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the minutes of the last regular called meeting held on June 11, 2013. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve budget amendment #13-10 and any line item transfers. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve payment of bills and expenses and approval of related budget transfers. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Judge Ford reported that the fund Applications for Hurricane Ike Recovery Disaster closes on July 15th

Kathi Calvert General Manager of Houston County Electric Cooperative addressed the court about the issue of a critical habitat designation by the Texas Forest Service concerning two plants, the Neches River rose mallow and the Texas Golden Glade cress plants.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve a budget amendment for additional funding for part-time salaries in the County Clerk's office. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Kim Johnson, with the accounting firm of Todd, Hamaker and Johnson, Certified Public Accountants addressed the court and informed them that the court will be receiving an unqualified opinion from her firm and it reveal three significant deficiencies. The first one concerned the County Treasurer's office, the control that were by passed relative to the signing of checks due to the absence of the Treasurer. The second deficiency concerned a lack of posting of adjustments from the outside auditor, and the third deficiency involved an inventory tracking control. This has been resolved with the implementation of new software.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept the independent outside audit for Fiscal Year 2012 as presented. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve 2013-2014 Website Hosting Agreement with Pritchard & Abbott, Inc and the County Tax Assessor Collector's Office. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept donation in the amount of \$800.00 from Temple Inland for improvement to County Road 2180 for Road and Bridge 2. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Pat Perry to receive the change on Interlocal Agreement with Trinity County for housing of inmates as information. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the request to state Comptroller for refund of unclaimed capital credits received from electric cooperatives in accordance with 381.002 of the Texas Local Government Code. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Kennon Kellum to appoint the County Auditor as the additional chief investment officer. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the updated County Investment Policy. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to appoint Judge Erin Ford to serve on the Deep East Texas Council of Governments' Board of Directors. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Judge Ford that this meeting be adjourn.

Erin Ford, County Judge

Roger Dickey, Comm. Pct #1

Willie Kitchen, Comm. Pct #2

Pat Perry, Comm. Pct #3

Kennon Kellum, Comm. Pct #4

Attest:

Bridget Lamb, County Clerk