

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on September 10, 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
Daphne Session	County Attorney
Darrel Bobbitt	Sheriff

Media:

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

Visitors: Brian Townsend, Denise Townsend, G. P. Shearer, Donna Baker and Representative Trent Ashby

County Judge Erin Ford called the meeting to order

Commissioner Roger Dickey opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge Allegiance

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the minutes of the last regular called meeting held on August 27, 2013. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the transfer funds and budget amendment #13-14. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept the County Treasurer's Report as information. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Judge Erin Ford stated he had received a letter from the State Comptroller, regarding the rose mallow Texas Golden glade cress plants. The designation would effectively end any potential for economic development in this part of Houston County and the comptroller had requested a six months extension before the federal government's final determination.

Judge Ford also reported that Houston County was classified as a three on a scale of four regarding the drought conditions. He also reminded everyone about the November 5th Constitutional Amendment Election.

Judge Ford recognized the guests

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the salary for Raymond Dale Lucas as a jailer at a pay rate of \$848.36 bi-weekly effective September 10, 2013 he is replacing Earnest Jackson. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the salary for Eloise Wade as a part time jailer at a pay rate of \$9.04 per hour effective October 16, 2013 she is replacing Raymond Lucas. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept a grant award under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program for the purchase of 2 fully equipped patrol vehicles, one for the Houston County Sheriff's Office and one for the City of Crockett Police Department in the amount of \$70,108.00, and make the necessary budget amendment. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to authorize payment of all accrued compensatory time earned by all county employees and make the necessary budget amendments.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to change the personnel policy and decrease the maximum number of hours of unused compensatory time to 240 hours in the Sherriff's Office. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve a budget amendment to transfer \$10,000.00 from Inmate Dental line item and dispersed as follows:

- \$3,000.00 to Jail Repair, Parts and Labor
- \$1,000.00 to Law Enforcement Supplies
- \$4,000.00 to Repair Parts and Labor
- \$1,000.00 to Supplies & DOE
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Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to abandon County Road 2105 effective September 10, 2013.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen to adopt an order establishing property tax rate for maintenance and operations for fiscal year 2013-2014 at 0.39632 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen to adopt an order establishing property tax rate for Debt Service for fiscal year 2013-2014 at 0.06868 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen to adopt the tax rate of 0.46500 for fiscal year 2013-2014. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Kennon Kellum to nominate Kathy Calvert, James Anderson, W. F. Kitchen, Brenda Stubblefield and Jerry Pipes for Board of Directors of the Houston County Appraisal District for 2014-2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the modification on Reimbursing Project Grant from the USDA, Forest Service, Davy Crockett National Forest. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept a donation of 697 tons oil sand valued at \$62.00/ton from Bartee Construction for improvement to County Road 2300 in Road and Bridge Precinct 2. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to adopt an order designating the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month as regular meeting dates for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the renewal grant for Routine Airport Maintenance Program for Houston County Airport. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to accept the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2013. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Willie Kitchen to change the date of the first Commissioners Court meeting in October to October 11, 2013 at 10:00 am due to schedule conflict with 91st Annual County Judges and Commissioners Conference. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve an extension of the SAVNS/VINE grant contract with the Office of the Attorney General. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Donna Baker addressed the court in regards to animal control measures in the County

The court heard remarks from Representative Trent Ashby

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey 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