

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on April 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
Daphne Session	County Attorney
Donna Kaspar	District Attorney

Media:

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

Visitors: G.P. Shearer, Roy Langford (ETMC-EMS), Randy Whittington (TDEM), David Lamb, Sr., Steve Meadow (Pastor Westside Baptist Church), Sheila Thomas (Chamber of Commerce)

County Judge Erin Ford called the meeting to order

Steve Meadows Pastor of Westside Baptist Church 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 on April 9, 2013. 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.

Judge Ford reminded everyone about the County Employees Appreciation Luncheon which is part of County Government Month.

The court heard a presentation from David Lamb, Houston County Emergency Manager/Fire Marshall

Judge Ford recognized all guests

Sheila Thomas with Chamber of Commerce invited everyone to the Sell on the Trial on May 4, 2013 along Highway 21 to Louisiana

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the salary of Michael Hickerson

as deputy in the Sheriff's Department at a pay rate of \$1,031.91 bi-weekly, effective April 23, 2013. He will be replacing Clayton Smith.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the position with an amendment in the sheriff's part-time line item to be adjusted to accommodate the above motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion carried Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept a donation of \$406.00 from Lions Effort Against Drugs. Motion carried 5 to 0

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Kennon Kellum to authorize the Sheriff's Department to apply for a vehicle equipment grant through Federal Signal. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen to adopt Proclamation declaring the month of May as Elder Abuse Prevention Month. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept donation in the amount of \$358.16 from The Consolidated Water Supply Corporation for improvement to County Road 2300. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen to accept donation for repairs to County Road 2320 from Masters Timber, LLC for Road and Bridge Precinct 2 and necessary budget amendment. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to opt out of the Regional Public Defender Association capital murder trial insurance. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

