

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on June 11, 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
Darrel E. Bobbitt	Sheriff

Media:

Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger
Lynda Jones	Houston County Courier

Visitors: Father Peter McGrath (St. Francis of The Tejas Catholic Church), Glenn Barnhart, Joby Hardwick, Jo Smith, Loyce Netardus, Geneva Ford and Bryan Lake

County Judge Erin Ford called the meeting to order

Father Peter McGrath of St. Francis of The Tejas Catholic Church opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the minutes of the last regular called meeting held on May 28, 2013. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve budget amendment #13-9 and any line item transfers. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the transfer of funds. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve payment of bills and expenses and approval of related budget transfers. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Judge Ford reported that because of lingering drought conditions in Houston County, eligible resident can now apply for low-interest emergency disaster loans due to a recent drought. Small business owners who are dependent on farmers and ranchers are also eligible to apply for Economic Injury Disaster loans.

Judge Ford also stated that because the (KBDI) Keetch Byram Drought Index is fairly low for the county at this time fireworks will not be banned during the upcoming July 4th holiday, he also reported that

the Temple Foundation awarded a \$106,000.00 grant to the Kalin Center to purchase a building on Houston Avenue.

Judge Ford recognized all the guests

Jo Smith Houston County Extension Agent for Texas AgriLife Extension Services gave a presentation regarding the Farmer's Market held on June 8th. She stated they were pleasantly surprised there were only four vendors who brought a lot of stuff and within two hours they were sold out. This year they are only doing vegetables because of state regulations and stipulations. The state is in the process of changing by September of this year. If the new legislation does take effect, it would allow the expansion of the market goods. They are going to try to do this through July depending on the weather if the weather cooperate they will try to have a short fall Farmer's Market. They are located at the old pavilion and if not there, they will be in front of the Senior Citizens Center in the Davy Crockett Park.

Joby Hardwick owner of Holiday Inn Express address the court concerning the Houston County Convention and Visitor's Bureau introduced the Board members Glenn Barnhart, Pipp Gillette, Bryan Lake, Sonny Tunstall, Penny Webb and explain their format and their responsibilities.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the salary for Kody Woolley as a full time jailer at a salary of \$838.46 bi-weekly, Madison Moore part time student at a hourly rate of \$7.25 with funds being reimbursed by the Houston County Law Enforcement Association, and hourly pay raise for part time deputies from \$9.04 to \$12.39 per hour-Robert Doug King, Jason Frizzell and Juan Noyola. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the salary of Dwayne Hughes as a full time road hand in Road and Bridge Precinct 3 at a salary of \$1,076.75 bi-weekly and cell phone allowance of \$18.46 bi-weekly. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Pat Perry to change the date of the first Commissioner Court meeting in July to Friday July 12th due to North and East Texas Judges and Commissioners Association Conference. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept donation of rock from Trivium Operating for improvement to CR 3200 for Road and Bridge Precinct 2. 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