

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on August 12, 2014 with the following members present to wit:

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

Also present

Bridget Lamb	County Clerk
Melissa Mosley	County Auditor
Daphne Session	County Attorney
Danette Millican	County Tax Assessor-Collector
Donna Kaspar	District Attorney
Clyde Black	Justice of the Peace Precinct #1
Pam Foster Fletcher	District Judge
Morris Luker	Constable Precinct #1
Darrel Bobbitt	Sheriff

Media

Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger
Sherry Driskell	Houston County Courier

Visitors: Zak Bengé, Craig Bonds, Jim Ranft, Donnita Patrick, Loyce Netardus, Elizabeth McCoy, G. P. Shearer and Barbara LaRue

County Judge Erin Ford called the meeting to order

Commissioner Kennon Kellum opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge Allegiance

Recognition of guests

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the minutes of the last regular called meeting held on July 22, 2014 and the special called meeting held on July 31, 2014. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve budget amendment #14-05. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept the Information Environmental Control Report as information. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the salary of Christopher V. Grier Assistant District Attorney at \$2, 236.13 bi-weekly. Motion carried 5 to 0.

The Court heard from District Judge Pam Fletcher requesting the court to establish a new position District Court Administrator, replacing the position of District Court Coordinator for Fiscal Year 2015. Judge Fletcher added both she and District Judge Mark Calhoon believe a twenty-two percent salary increase would be appropriate and justified based on the increased workload.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Kennon Kellum to table Judge Fletcher request and take it before the Salary Review Committee. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to adopt the Fair Housing Police as required for compliance with GLO Fair Housing Activity Statement-Texas (FHA) form. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to adopt the Anti-NIMBYism Plan as required for compliance with GLO Fair Housing Activity Statement-Texas (FHA) form. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept the coverage change to Travelers Insurance renewal policy as information. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie seconded by Roger Dickey to opt out of the service agreement with QT Technologies concerning the technical support for the Houston County airport fueling terminal. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to select option one with Vaisala Inc for automated weather dissemination service at Houston County Airport. Motion carried 5 to 0.

The court heard a presentation from Game Warden Zak Bengel concerning the Lock and Dam Bridge on the Trinity River and the county's ability to regulate public access to the bridge foundations.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Roger Dickey to table this matter for future discussion because of the joint ownership with Leon County. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to advertise for bids for material and hauling of limestone rock under the Texas General Land Office Disaster Recovery Programs Round 2.2 Non-Housing Grant . Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to receive from Danette Millican, County Tax Assessor-Collector the Fiscal Year effective and rollback tax rate calculations as information. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to adopt the Fiscal Year 2015 county tax rate of 46.5 cents and setting the first public hearing on August 26, 2014 at 10:00 am, and the second public hearing Sept 2, 2014 at 10:00 am. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey 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