

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on June 24, 2014 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

Janice Turner	Chief Deputy County Clerk
Melissa Mosley	County Auditor
Dina Herrera	County Treasurer

Media:

Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger
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Visitors: Jan Pigford, Mary Lucas, Caran Beth Bagg, Phillip Ledbetter, Angela Steptoe, Glenn Barnhart, Ann Walker, Douglas Buchman, Carlton Jones, Don C. Jones & Darrell Deckard

Judge Erin Ford called the meeting to order

Commissioner Willie Kitchen 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 June 10, 2014. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve Transfer of funds. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept the County Treasurers Report as information. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to accept the Compensatory time report as information. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Don Jones with Crockett Insurance Service addressed the court concerning the County's property and casualty insurance.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded Kennon Kellum to approve the salary of Ryan Martin full time jailer position at a pay rate of \$848.36 bi-weekly, effective June 30, 2014. He will be replacing John Lowery. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to not concur with Texas Department of Transportation with closing of Farm Market Road 227 at Hickory Creek & Hickory Creek relief for approximately 18 to 24 months during new bridge construction. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by County Judge Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen to choose MO designs as the website designer for the Houston County Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Tourism website. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to receive as information a specific listing as to which vehicles will remain unmarked vehicles under the Houston County Sheriff's office as required under the Transportation Code 502.2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept unanticipated Fiscal Year 2014 Timber Funds as new revenue and designating the pay-off of lease purchase #2891000 at Citizens National Bank in the amount of \$224,334.95 on June 30, 2014 and necessary budget amendments. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to accept as information Notice of Law Enforcement Liability coverage changes with Texas Association of Counties Risk Management. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Erin Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the remaining funds of \$5,000.00 to Piney Woods Fine Arts Association for sponsorship of the 2014 summer concert series using Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen to table the date of sale for surplus or salvage inventory items of the county. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept the grant award in the amount of \$178,364.00 with 50% County match and necessary budget amendments concerning the Texas Historical Courthouse Preservation Program under the Texas Historical Commission, Round VIII Emergency Grant. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded Roger Dickey to grant an easement to the Texas Historical Commission. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made Willie Kitchen by seconded by Roger Dickey to table Bailey Architects construction administration services for the roof replacement scope of the Houston County Courthouse Restoration. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve per Texas Department of Transportation requirements revised project list of estimates for CERTZ Grant. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Commissioners went into closed executive session for consultation concerning pending litigation in Joki Living Trust vs Houston County, Texas as permitted by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Commissioners reconvened in open court

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to take the pending litigation to trial. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry 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