

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on March 25, 2014 with the following members present to wit:

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

Media:

Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger
Lynda Jones	Houston County Courier

Visitors: Mary English Barton, Hallie Wilmore, Charles E. Vest, Lawanna Monk, Donnita Patrick, Patricia Hill, Roy Hill, Holly Lovell, Debbie McCall, Sarah Morris, Ann Walker, Fran Miles, Cecil Miles, Angela Cross, Brenda Walker, Kali Little and Buck Carroll

Commissioner Willie Kitchen called the meeting to order

Commissioner Kitchen explained County Judge Erin Ford's absence he is on a moment's trip to Austin along with several representatives to speak on behalf of the Cornerstone Program which is in jeopardy. He stated that there is one State Senator, Senator Whitmire, who has spoken out against it.

Commissioner Roger Dickey opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Kitchen recognized the guests

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the minutes of the last regular called meeting held on March 11, 2014. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the payment of bills and expenses. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept as information compensatory time report. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Pat Perry to approve the salary for James Ryan Hutcherson as a part time jailer at a pay rate of \$9.04 per hour effective March 26, 2014. He will be replacing Forrest McClain. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the salary for Sean Williams as a full time jailer at a pay rate of \$848.36 bi -weekly effective March 26, 2014. He will be replacing Harvey Stewart. Motion carried.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to adopt a Proclamation proclaiming April 2014 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Houston County. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Kennon Kellum to adopt a Proclamation declaring the month of April 2014 as County Government Month in Houston County. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Kennon Kellum to appoint Roy Hill as a member to the Houston County Historical Commission for the remainder of the 2014-2015 term of deceased member Marty Cash. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Kennon Kellum to award the contract to the only bidder Frost Crush Stone for Road Materials. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Kennon Kellum to award the contract to Crockett Farm & Fuel Center, Inc. for Petroleum Products. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept the bid of \$2,000.00 from Thomas Butcher for a 2004 Ford Pickup in Road and Bridge Precinct 2. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept the bid of \$525.00 from Bruner's Economy Car Center for a 1999 Dodge Pickup and the bid of \$527.96 from Justin Jansky for a 1992 Dodge pickup in Road and Bridge Precinct 2. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Pat Perry to deny the purchase of additional RAP material from Texas Department of Transportation because of the high price. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to add First Christian Memorial, Inc. of Grapeland and Houston County Courthouse Renovations to the current Juror Donor List. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Piney Woods Fine Arts Association for sponsorship of the 2014 Summer Concert Series and approval of \$5,000.00 from the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Kennon Kellum to appoint Judge Erin Ford as Houston County Representative to serve on the Deep East Texas Council of Governments. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to deny the project agreement with Texas Department of Criminal Justice for use of the unit work crew for cleaning of the old jail. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Roger Dickey to table the item concerning repurposing Houston County transit bus for more discussion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to participate in the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Environmental assessment and designate Judge Erin Ford as representative for Houston County. Motion carried 4 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