

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on May 9, 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:

Bridget Lamb	County Clerk
Melissa Mosley	County Auditor
Daphne Session	County Attorney
Dina Herrera	County Treasurer
Danette Millican	County Tax Assessor-Collector
Morris Luker	Constable Precinct #1

Media:

Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger
Lynda Jones	Houston County Courier

Visitors: David L Lamb, Sr., Tommy Lundy, G. P. Shearer, Donnita Patrick, Barbara A. Wooten, Loyce Netardus, Jo Smith, Randy Parten, Joel Hazlett, Roger Zink, Chuck Franklin, Corey Hicks, Mandy Patrick, Charlene Martin, Judy Cardenas and Mary Ann Lightsey.

County Judge Erin Ford called the meeting to order

Commissioner Roger Dickey opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge of 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 April 22, 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.

Dina Herrera, County Treasurer reported she will have a Treasurer's Report by the next Commissioner Court meeting.

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

County Judge Erin Ford reported that the County received \$466,000.00 which is the Timber Fund for 2013. Judge stated that half of these funds go to the schools in the county.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the salary for Jennifer Wichers as a dispatcher at a pay rate of \$848.36 bi-weekly. She will be replacing Samantha Steinbecker. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the salary for Donya Collins from part time to full time jailer at a pay rate of \$848.36 bi-weekly. She will be replacing Cole Pemberton. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the six month pay raise for Justin Lane a deputy from \$1,031.19 to \$1,062.13 and Eloise Wade, jailer from \$848.36 to \$873.81. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Roger Dickey to approve a proclamation declaring May as Elder Abuse Prevention Month. Motion carried 5 to 0.

The court heard a presentation from Mandy Patrick and Jo Smith with Agri-Life Extension Service in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the passage of the Smith-Lever Act which officially created the National Cooperative Extension System. After their presentation they presented the court with a Commemorative Award.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept the seal bids from Cynthia Moffett of \$1,000.00, 2.92 acres part of the John Hagan Survey Abstract 39 and a bid of \$700.00 Lot 4, J. W. Hogg Addition in Cause #11-0016. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the renewal contract with Pritchard and Abbott, Inc. for tax collection software October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2016. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to table the memorandum of understanding regarding Air, Light, and Rehab trailer. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to advertise for bids for construction under Hurricane IKE 2.2. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to appoint Patricia Hill as a member to the Houston County Historical Commission. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Kennon Kellum to reward the service proposals for fire inspection and servicing of fire equipment in county building for 2014-2015 to East Texas Fire Protection of Palestine and to make any necessary budget amendments. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the request to State Comptroller for refund of unclaimed capital credits received from electric cooperatives in accordance with 381.004 of the Texas Local Government Code. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Kennon Kellum to authorize the Sheriff Department to re-apply for a contract with Texas School Safety Center for a Tobacco Enforcement Program from September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.

The Court heard a discussion on the Houston County Levee system but no action was taken.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry 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