

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on January 14, 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

Janice Turner	Chief Deputy County Clerk
Melissa Mosley	County Auditor
Daphne Session	County Attorney
Donna Kaspar	District Attorney
Darrel Bobbitt	Sheriff

Media

Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger
Lynda Jones	Houston County Courier

Visitors: Donnita Patrick(Houston County Historical Commission), Nancy Smith (TXDOT), Wanda Nichols (Child Welfare Board), Debbie McCall (Kalin's Center)Alexis McKinney (Bailey Architects), Ashley Perry (Environmental), Melinda Hergert, DVM, MVPH, PhD (Department of State Health Services, Tami Barugh (HCCWB/CASA), G. P. Shearer, Judy Gordon, John Jenkins &, Robert Grier.

County Judge Erin Ford called the meeting to order

Commissioner Willie Kitchen opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Judge Ford recognized the guests

The Child Welfare Board presented to Houston County District Attorney Donna Kaspar and her mother, Judy Gordon, a plaque in memory of Donald Gordon who passed away on December 29, 2013, he was a member of the board.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the minutes of the last regular called meeting held on December 23, 2013. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve budget amendment #14-02. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the payments of bills and expenses. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

County Auditor Melissa Mosley gave a report on the FEMA Audit.

Dr. Melinda Hergert with Texas Department of State Health Services gave a report on the Oral Rabies Vaccination (ORV) Program 2014.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the six month pay raise for Jailer Sterling Pemberton to \$873.81 bi-weekly. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the six month pay raise for Deputy Richard Simison to \$1,062.13 bi-weekly and his cell phone stipend will stay at \$18.46 bi-weekly. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the salary for Samantha Steinbecker as a dispatcher at a pay rate of \$848.36 bi-weekly effective December 23, 2013. She will be replacing Aleeha Price. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to create a part-time IT position and make the necessary budget amendments. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to appoint Fred Newtz as the part-time IT support with a salary of \$813.42 bi-weekly effective January 17, 2014. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the amendment of the Interlocal Agreement between Houston County Sheriff and the Texas State University in the Tobacco Grant not to exceed \$5550.00. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to renew the contract extension between Deep East Texas Council of Governments and Houston County Aging Services to March 2014 for Fiscal Year 2014. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the Sheriff Department to apply for a Victim Services Deputy, Mental Health Officer and Juvenile Officer through DETCOG grants. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to apply for Texas Historical Commission Courthouse Preservation Program Grant Round VIII for repairs of the Houston County Courthouse. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to adopt a resolution in support of Round VIII application for the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program with Bailey Architects assisting in the application completion and submission. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to award the contract to Crockett Farm & Fuel for aviation fuel for the Houston County Airport. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to amend the copier lease agreement with Texas Imaging for County Clerk's Office. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to recognize a K-9 drug dog program under the Sheriff's Office and accept a donation value of \$5,500.00 of drug dog for use under the program from the Houston County Law Enforcement Association. Motion carried.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the budget amendment within the department for the dog trainer. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Kennon Kellum to appoint Debbie McCall as a member to the Houston County Child Welfare Board. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the amended annual road reports from County Commissioners as information. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to temporary reassign the preparation of the required state tax returns and forms from the County Treasurer's Office to the County Auditor's Office. Motion carried 5 to 0.

The court heard from Nancy Smith from Texas Department of Transportation of ongoing bridge projects and inspection reports.

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

