

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on January 27, 2015 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

Bridget Lamb	County Clerk
Melissa Mosley	County Auditor
Daphne Session	County Attorney
Danette Millican	Tax Assessor-Collector
Carolyn Rains	District Clerk
Donna Kaspar	District Attorney

Media

Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger
Kelly McChesney	Houston County Courier

Visitors: Sandra Hughes, William Hughes & Dr. Gary Poole

County Judge Erin Ford called the meeting to order

Commissioner Roger Dickey 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 January 13, 2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve budget amendments for fiscal year 2013-2014. 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 Kennon Kellum to accept as information the compensatory time report. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the salary for Jeremy Hyatt as full time jailer at a pay rate of \$975.80 bi-weekly, effective January 27, 2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the salary for Demetria Sandles as a part time jailer at a pay rate of \$12.20 per hour, effective February 2, 2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the salary for Randy Hargrove as Investigator in the District Attorneys' office at a pay rate of \$1,414.78 bi-weekly. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the vacation allocation to correct error from prior year as recommended by the Human Resource Committee. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the recommendation of the Human Resource Committee to update the vacation policy to allow accumulated vacation hours to carry over into the next year with a maximum of 160 hours. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to table nominating and adopting resolution for a replacement representative for the Houston County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the Contract Extension for Services for Older Americans Act Program for meals and senior center operations for Fiscal Year 2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the application for Emergency Management performance grant application for Fiscal Year 2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Judge Ford opened the public hearing on designating a certain area to be known as Alamo Plant Reinvestment Zone for Texas Tax Code Chapter 312 tax abatement in portions of Houston County.

After hearing no comments Judge Ford closed the public hearing

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve a resolution designating a certain area as a reinvestment zone for Texas Tax Code Chapter 312 tax abatement in portions of Houston County to be known as the "Alamo Plant" Reinvestment Zone, establishing the boundaries thereof and providing for an effective date. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept the application for Tax Abatement from ETC Texas Pipeline, LTD. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Sandra Hughes addressed the court concerning conditions of county roads in Precinct 3.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen that this meeting be adjourn.

Willie Kitchen, Comm. Pct. #2

Pat Perry, Comm. Pct. #3

Kennon Kellum, Comm. Pct. #4

Attest:

Bridget Lamb, County Clerk