

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on October 13, 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

Janice Turner	Chief Deputy County Clerk
Melissa Mosley	County Auditor
Danette Millican	County Tax Assessor-Collector

Media

Teresa Holloway	Grapeland Messenger
Lynda Jones	Houston County Courier
Caleb Beames	KTRE

Visitors: Gary White, Charles Arnold, Karen Rice, Glenda Dowell, Paul Stringer, G. P. Shearer, Eddie Childress, Ben Childress, David L. Lamb, Sr. Jeannie Julian, Jan Pigford, Mary Lucas and Ken Williams

County Judge Erin Ford called the meeting to order

Eddie Childress 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 September 22, 2015. 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 Pat Perry seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept as information the Environment Control Report. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the pay raise for Tammy Steinbecker to \$1,055.00 bi-weekly. She was promoted to Jail Sergeant last fiscal year with no pay increase, effective October 13, 2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the salary for Andrew Allen as a part time jailer at a pay rate of \$12.49 per hour, effective October 9, 2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept the Crime Victims Deputy Grant that was awarded in the amount of \$28,715.91 with a cash amount of \$14,562.41 for a total of \$44,178.32. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept the Juvenile Deputy Grant that was awarded in the amount of \$16,565.27 and approval of a cash match of \$31,041.96 to be requested from three local school districts for a total of \$47,607.13. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the salary for Terrell McKnight as a part-time equipment operator in Precinct #2 at a pay rate of \$11.89 per hour, effective October 9, 2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the salary for Bobby Tims as a part-time heavy equipment operator in Precinct #4 at a pay rate of \$13.77 per hour, effective October 5, 2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to accept the seal bid of \$200.00 from Jeffrey Simmons for tax trust properties being lot 11, block 2, Downes Addition. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept sealed bids for tax trust properties for Houston County Appraisal District: Suite #07-0138- amount of \$500.00 from Kanessa Groves - 0.17 acre F. Johnson Survey, Abstract 46; Suit #07-0274- amount of \$3,651.00 from Sean Wiley- South ½ of Lots 13 and 14, Block 2, Depot Addition; Suit #08-020- amount of \$10,000.00 from Miguel Quintero - 0.65 acres A. E. Gossett Survey, Abstract 423; Suit 10-0031- amount of \$1,380.00 from Martimiano Sandoval - Lot 3, Block K, Town of Latexo out of the John Walker Survey Abstract 1069 and the S. Allbright Survey, Abstract 102; Suit 10-0223 – amount of \$200.00 from Sandra Handsborough -0.10 acre Frank Johnson Survey, Abstract 46; Suit #11-0039 – amount of \$500.00 from Violet Harvey – Lot 2, Block 2, A. W. Ellis Survey; Suit 11-0114 – amount of \$2,701.00 from James Matlock – 0.78 acre William Burke Survey, Abstract 170, Suit#12-0080 – amount of \$15.00 from Sean Wiley – Lot 21, Block 10 Golden Acres Subdivision, Section D; Suit 13-0258 – amount of \$2,000.00 from Sandra Greene – 3.8 acres Edward Albright Survey, Abstract 100. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to continue the burn ban for the unincorporated areas of Houston County. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Kennon Kellum to authorize the purchase of a Caterpillar Motor grader 140M3 for Precinct 3 through a lease purchase agreement from Citizens National Bank not to exceed \$202,000.00 for a four year period with a trade in of a motor grader and make the necessary budget amendments, and to authorize a Certificate of Deposit to be purchased in the amount of the lease purchase to be held as collateral as well as the backhoe. Commissioner Pat Perry and Judge Erin Ford will be the authorized signers. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Kennon Kellum to advertise to accept bids for the sale of a 2010 case 865 VHP Motor Grader from Precinct #3 with the minimum bid being \$75,000.00. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen to accept as information an affidavit from Judge Sarah Clark to voluntarily reduce her salary and to amend the 2015-2016 budget by reallocating \$2,500.00 to the salary of the County Court at Law Coordinator, Terri Meadows. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve a contract with Vista Solutions for software for document management within the financial and inventory systems. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to adopt a Resolution to apply for a grant from the Indigent Defense Grant Program. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made Judge Ford seconded by Roger Dickey to approve a Proclamation proclaiming October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Houston County. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to receive as information Texas General Land Office Ike 2.2 Disaster Recovery Construction Contract Change Orders No. 6. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the agreement to contribute right of way funds (fixed price) with Texas Department of Transportation. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to accept the nominees for the Board of Directors of the Houston County appraisal District for 2016-2017 (Kathi Calvert, Dr. John A. McCall, Jr., W. F. Kitchen, Tommy Lundy and Stanley Pennington). Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to accept a donation from the Elks Lodge for equipment for office of Emergency Management and make the necessary budget amendments. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to adopt a Proclamation proclaiming Saturday, October 24, 2015 as "World Championship Fiddlers Festival of Crockett, Texas day." Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve an Interlocal Agreement and application for use of Hotel Occupancy Tax from Crockett Area Chamber of Commerce for Christmas in Crockett Event and make a donation of \$5,000.00. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve an Interlocal Agreement and application for use of Hotel Occupancy Tax from Grapeland Noon Lions Club for Culpepper and Merriweather Circus and make a donation of \$2,500.00. 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