

The Commissioner Court of Houston County held a regular called meeting on August 23, 2016 with the following members present to wit:

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| Erin Ford | County Judge |
| Gary Lovell | Commissioner Precinct #1 |
| Willie Kitchen | Commissioner Precinct #2 |
| Pat Perry | Commissioner Precinct #3 |
| Kennon Kellum | Commissioner Precinct#4 |

Also present

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| Bridget Lamb | County Clerk |
| Melissa Mosley | County Auditor |
| Daphne Session | County Attorney |
| Danette Millican | County Tax Assessor-Collector |
| Ronnie Jordan | Justice of The Peace, Precinct #2 |
| Red Smith | Constable Precinct #2 |
| Darrel Bobbitt | Sheriff |

Media

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| Alton Porter | Houston County Courier |
| Will Johnson | Grapeland Messenger |

Visitors: Mandy Patrick, Julie Lobprise, Dawn Johnson, George Pierson, Roger Dickey, G.P. Shearer, Kyle Edge, Dr. John McCall, Jeannie Julian, Debbie McCall, Jan Pigford, Mary Lucas and Flint Brent

Judge Ford called the meeting to order

Commissioner Willie Kitchen opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge Allegiance

Recognitions of guests

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the minutes of the budget workshop and regular meeting held on August 9, budget workshop held on August 15 and the budget workshop held on August 19, 2016. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve budget amendment #16-08. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept the Treasurers Report as information. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept the Compensatory Time Report as information. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept the recommendation from the Human Resource Committee concerning the Retiree Medical Policy to be effective August 23, 2016. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen to accept the updated Job Description for Administrative Assistant to County Judge as recommended from the Human Resource Committee. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to approve the salary for Michael Molnes as Jailer at a pay rate of \$998.83 bi-weekly, effective August 29, 2016. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the salary for Brittani Womack as First Assistant Auditor at a pay rate of \$1,229.71 bi-weekly, effective August 23, 2016. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the salary for Shelby Best as Assistant Auditor at a pay rate of \$1,156.27 bi-weekly, effective August 23, 2016. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford to approve the order setting annual salary of the Official Court Reporter of the County Court at Law. Motion died for lack of a second because the court strongly disagrees with this decision but the court has no choice in this matter.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Gary Lovell to table setting the annual salary for the Official Court Reporter for the County Court at Law until a later date. Motion carried 5 to 0.

The Court heard a presentation from Flint Brent, Crockett Economic Development Corporation concerning a potential new auto dealership coming to Crockett.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to approve the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund application and Interlocal Agreement for the 3rd Davy Crockett Day on September 10, 2016 and to allocate \$1,500.00 from the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund (HOT Fund). Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford to approve the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Application and Interlocal Agreement for Christmas in Crockett on November 19, 2016 and allocate \$6,000.00 from the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund (HOT Fund). Motion died for lack of a second.

The Court heard from Julie Lobpries concerning the tax rate.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to set the proposed tax rate of \$0.524 for fiscal year 2017. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Houston County Pertaining to Information Technology Services. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Pat Perry to accept the recommendation from Joni Clonts, Houston County Republican Party to replace the Election Judge for Precinct 10. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept the SAVNS Maintenance Grant renewal Contract between The Office of The Attorney General and Houston County for \$5,273.28. Motion carried 5 to 0.

The Court heard a presentation from Kyle Edge from Mobilitie about their work project in Houston County.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum that this meeting be adjourn.

Erin Ford, County Judge

Gary Lovell, Comm. Pct. #1

Willie Kitchen, Comm. Pct. #2

Pat Perry, Comm. Pct. #3

Kennon Kellum, Comm. Pct. #4

Attest:

Bridget Lamb, County Clerk

