

The Commissioner Court of Houston County held a regular called meeting on September 27, 2016 with the following members present to wit:

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

Bridget Lamb	County Clerk
Melissa Mosley	County Auditor
Daphne Session	County Attorney
Dina Herrera	County Treasurer

Media

Alton Porter	Houston County Courier
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Visitors: Dan Mc Elhany, Christina Mc Elhany, Flint Brent, Jan Pigford, Mary Lucas, Shelby Coker, Hannah Hickson, Laura Hickson, Taylor Hickson, Landry, Kendall, Riley Beaver, Carrie Beaver, G. R. Shearer, Jo Smith and Mandy Patrick

Judge Ford called the meeting to order

Chief Deputy G. R. Shearer opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge Allegiance

Recognition of guests

Motion made by Judge seconded by Kennon Kellum to adopt the proclamation honoring the 4-H Youth Development Program of the AgriLife Extension Program. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Pat Perry to approve the minutes of the last called meeting held on September 13, 2016 and the special called meetings held on September 16, 2016 and September 20, 2016. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to approve payment of bills and expenses. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to adopt the Official holiday calendar for 2017 as recommended by the Human Resource Committee. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to accept the County Treasurer's Report as information. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to accept the Compensatory Report as information. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the salary for Loyce Netardus as part-time in the County Treasurer's Office at a salary of \$11.39 per hour. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the salary reduction affidavits and make the necessary budget amendments \$2,000.00 from County Judge to Administrative Assistant, \$3,540.87 from County Court at Law Judge to County Court at Law Coordinator and \$1,500.00 of his salary plus \$600.00 phone allowance from District Judge Calhoon to District Court Coordinator. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to adopt the revised bylaws for the Houston County Historical Commission. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to approve the Premise Use Policy by the St. Francis of the Tejas for "Life Chain" event to be held on Saturday, October 2, 2016. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept the \$1,000.00 anonymous donation to be used to purchase law enforcement supplies or equipment. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to designate the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month as regular meeting days for Fiscal Year 2017. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to designate December 9, 2016 as the date to award the longevity for Fiscal Year 2016. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to renew the participation with Texas Association of Counties, Health & Employee Benefits Pool (United Healthcare) for retiree medical benefits. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell that the Sheriff and Constable fees remain the same effective October 1, 2016. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to approve the renewal of Affordable Care Act Reporting and Tracking Service through Texas Association of Counties. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to adopt a Tax Abatement Policy for Houston County. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Pat Perry to approve Crockett Economic Development prospective reinvestment zone. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept as information Fiscal Year 2015-2016 audited CCP CH 59 Forfeiture Report Summary for Houston County District Attorney's Office,

Houston County Attorney's Office, Houston County Sheriff's Office and Houston County Constable Precincts 1 and 2. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen to authorize advertising to accept proposals to develop an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the 2017-2018 Community Development Fund for eligible activities associated to the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program for an Administrative Consultant and a Texas-Registered Engineer. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

