

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting held on April 12, 2016 with the following members present to wit:

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
Danette Millican	County Tax Assessor-Collector
Donna Kaspar	District Attorney

Media

Lynda Jones Houston County Courier

Visitors: Roger Dickey, G. P. Shearer, Jan Pigford, Mary Lucas and Susie Hammond

Commissioner Willie Kitchen proceeded over the meeting due to Judge Ford absent.

Commissioner Kitchen opened the meeting with a prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on March 22, 2016 and the special called meeting held on March 29, 2016. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve budget amendment #16-04. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve payment of bills and expenses with a correction being made to page 27-Gulf Coast \$3,393.93. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Gary Lovell seconded by Pat Perry to approve the promotion for Kevin Goolsby as road supervisor for Precinct #1 at a salary of \$1,282.55 bi-weekly. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the salary for Roger Seidel as part time road hand in precinct #3 at a salary of \$13.77 per hour. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the salary for Ray Fleming as part time Deputy Emergency Management/Fire Marshal at a salary of \$1,274.79. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Gary Lovell seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the salary for Michael Molnes as part time jailer at a salary of \$12.49 per hour. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the promotion for William Ryan Martin as jail sergeant at a salary of \$1,048.77. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the salary for David Seymore and Richard Lugo as part time temporary custodian at a salary of \$9.78 per hour. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the 90 day raise for Brittani Womack as Assistant Auditor at a salary of \$1,101.21. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the salary for Cathy Minches as Intake Clerk for District Attorney's Office at a salary of \$918.15 bi-weekly. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the salary for Joyce LeMoine as Deputy Clerk in the Tax Office at a salary of \$998.83 bi-weekly. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the promotion for Tena Smith as Deputy Clerk in the Tax Office at a salary of \$1,055.33 bi-weekly. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the promotion for Cynthia Lum as Senior Clerk-Motor Vehicle at a salary of \$1,108.09 bi-weekly. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Gary Lovell to accept funds in the amount of \$6,640.00 from Emergency Service District #1 and #2 for the purchase of equipment and headphones for Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to make a request to the State Comptroller for refund of unclaimed capital credits received from electric cooperatives in accordance with 381.004 of the Texas Local Government Code. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to table for further negotiation of changes in terms to tower site lease agreement with East Texas Medical Center. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Pat Perry to receive as information the new iron ore agreement and cancellation of previous agreement dated November 18, 2013 with Neal Henderson. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen died for lack of a second to use balance of \$3,395.00 available funds under the County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone (CETRZ) to extend project on County Road 2210.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to receive as information orders from District Judges reappointing County Auditor and Assistants through April 15, 2018. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Willie Kitchen nominated Judge Erin Ford as representative to serve on the Deep East Texas Council of Governments.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry that nomination ceased.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to appoint Judge Ford as Houston County representative to serve on the Deep East Texas Council of Governments. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Pat Perry 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