

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting held on July 26, 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
Danette Millican	County Tax Assessor-Collector

Media

Alton Porter	Houston County Courier
Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger

Visitors: Martha Drake, Jan Pigford, Mary Lucas, Roger Dickey, Balis Dailey, Delbert Walker and Gloria Swor

Judge Erin Ford called the meeting to order

Judge Ford 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 last meeting held on July 12, 2016. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to approve budget amendment #16-07. 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 Gary Lovell to receive as information the County Treasurers Report. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen to receive as information the District Judges Report. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Gary Lovell seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the salary for Glen Barrett as part time in Road and Bridge Precinct #1 at a pay rate of \$11.32 per hour. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the salary for Morris Luker as Environmental/Community Service Officer at a pay rate of \$13.77 per hour effective August 1, 2016. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the salary for Annette Britz as a part time Receptionist-File Clerk for Election Administrator at a pay rate of \$782.61 by-weekly. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Judge Ford to accept the recommendation of the Human Resource Committee and approve the renewal of the employee health insurance plan with the Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefit Pool by selecting Option 3. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen to renew the plan assessment with Texas County & District Retirement System for Plan Year 2017 by selecting the required rate. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept the bid from Doggett for a used motor grader for Precinct 3 and finance \$140,000.00 for 8 years. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Judge Ford to adopt a burn ban for unincorporated areas of Houston County. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum to receive as information the certified values for Tax Year 2016 and the Fiscal Year calculated effective and rollback tax rates from Tax Assessor Danette Millican. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the proposed pipeline installation agreement with Copano Pipelines/Upper Gulf Coast, LLC. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to rescind the Resolution approved May 10, 2016 naming GrantWorks as grant advisor for Houston County. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Kennon Kellum that this meeting be adjourn.

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Erin Ford, County Judge

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Gary Lovell, 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