

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting held on June 14, 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
Carolyn Rains	District Clerk
Morris Luker	Constable Precinct #1

Media

Teresa Holloway	Grapeland Messenger
Alton Porter	Houston County Courier

Visitors: Mark Fenske, Chris Bankhead, Madeline De Schepper, Lonnie Ellis, Ansel Bradshaw, Jan Pigford, Mary Lucas, Roger Dickey, Anita Lee and Elizabeth McCoy

Judge Erin Ford called the meeting to order

County Judge Erin 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 May 24, 2016 and the special called meeting held on June 7, 2016. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve payments of bills and expenses. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen to accept the recommendations from the Human Resource Committee concerning the personnel handbook (Breaks, Hours worked & Work Schedule). Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the salary for Shelby Best as part-time Assistant Auditor at a pay rate of \$11.32 per hour, effective June 6, 2016. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the salary for Wyman Brown as a part-time heavy equipment operator in precinct 2, at the pay rate of \$13.77 per hour, effective May 26, 2016. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Willie Kitchen to accept the bids and award the contract for road materials to Frost Crushed Stone Company, Inc. and CRB Materials LLC. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to accept the Rap materials from TXDOT and allocate to precincts by road mileage. Motion carried 3 to 2 (Lovell and Kitchen voting against)

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to approve the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Application and Interlocal Agreement for Salmon Lake Park and allocate \$5,000.00 from the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund (HOT). Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to approve the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Application and Interlocal Agreement for Shelor and Maurine Edmiston Charitable Foundation and allocate \$2,500.00 from the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund (HOT). Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Pat Perry to reappoint Dr. Chris Haeckler as the County Health Authority. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the contract renewal for the Remote Birth Access contract between the Department State Health Services and Houston County Clerk's Office. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen to transfer the vehicle currently used for Environmental Service to Office of Emergency Management to be used by Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator/Fire Marshal. Motion carried 5 to 0.

The court heard from Mark Fenske with Progressive Waste Solutions concerning garbage collection complaints.

The court went into recess at 11:00 am

The court reconvened at 11:30 am with a department head meeting and luncheon

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen 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