

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting held on June 28, 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

Janice Turner	Chief Deputy County Clerk
Melissa Mosley	County Auditor

Media

Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger
Alton Porter	Houston County Courier
Caleb Beames	KTRE TV Station

Visitors: R. C. von Doenhoff, Brenda Walker, Lauren Blakeley, Kim Bartel, Flint Brent, Kim Johnson, Karen Rice, Joni Clonts, Glenda Dowell, Paul Stringer, Jan Pigford and Mary Lucas

Judge Ford called the meeting to order

Commissioner Willie Kitchen opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge Allegiance

Recognitions of guests

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Pat Perry to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on June 14, 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 Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to approve the fund transfers. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept the Treasurer's Report as Information. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

The court heard a presentation from Flint Brent, Crockett Economic Development Corporation regarding plans for future endeavors and he reported that the Zilkha Biomass Crockett, LLC is closing its

Crockett location and consolidating it with a processing plant in Selma, Alabama, the Selma plant is capable of producing seven times the amount of the Crockett plant. The closure will result in the loss of 24 jobs and approximately \$800,000.00 a year in salary.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the salary for O. T. Hester as a part time jailer at a pay rate of \$12.49 per hour, effective June 28, 2016. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Application and Interlocal Agreement for World Championship Fiddlers Festival and allocate \$10,000.00 from the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund (HOT). Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to receive as information from Texas Department of Transportation notice of closing of County Road 3615 (Sims Road) at Tantabogue Creek Tributary in Precinct 3 for bridge reconstruction beginning July 6 and to reopen in September. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the Application from EOG Resources, Inc for County road permits for one year. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the purchase of a John Deere 770 motor-grader for Precinct #3 through a lease purchase agreement from Citizens National Bank, not to exceed \$140,000.00 and make the necessary budget amendments. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to receive as information the Fiscal Year 2015 Houston County Financial Statement and Audit Report from Todd, Hamaker and Johnson, CPA. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum 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