

The Commissioner's Court of Houston County held a regular called meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 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	Deputy County Clerk
Melissa Mosley	County Auditor
Donna Kasper	District Attorney
Daphne Session	County Attorney

Media:

Alton Porter	Grapeland Messenger
Will Johnson	Houston County Courier

Visitors:

Elizabeth McCoy, Jeannie Julian, Pete Julian, Shelby Best, Brittani Womack, G.P. Shearer, Geneva Ford, Hailey Sudduth, Steven Hendrickson, Joseph Stevens, John Jenkins, Red Smith, Randy Hargrove, Agnes Caldwell, O.W. Caldwell, D. Sanders, D. Collins, Jan Pigford, Mary Lucas and Ray Van.

Judge Ford called the meeting to order

Judge Ford opened the meeting with a prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition of guests

Recognition of jail personnel and members of law enforcement.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen and seconded by Gary Lovell to approve the minutes of the regular Commissioner's Court meeting held on October 25, 2016. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Report from the HR Department on Food Handlers policy. HR department recommended that the new policy be adopted. Motion made by Kennon Kellum and seconded by Pat Perry to adopt policy. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Willie Kitchen commented on the new automobile dealership which will be located on Loop 304 next door to Wallace Garden Center and Equipment.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen and seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve salary for Deputy Clerk I in District Clerk's office. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Kennon Kellum asked for discussion on the request from the Sheriff's department. Gary Shearer clarified the request for \$8,000 to fund an additional Sgt. CID investigator and reduce funding for Dispatch Supervisor position. Motion was made by Gary Lovell and seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the request. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford and seconded by Kennon Kellum to authorize a contract for electricity through HGAC purchasing cooperative for a three-year period. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Gary Lovell and seconded by Willie Kitchen to table accepting sealed bids for road materials until an opinion from Daphne Session is made. Motion to table carried 5 to 0.

Presentation by representative from Texas Jail Commission.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum and seconded by Pat Perry to table accepting sealed bids for Community Development Grant for Texas Registered Engineers. Motion to table carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford and seconded by Pat Perry to accept Ray Van as professional administration management consultant. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford and seconded by Gary Lovell approving \$400 travel reimbursement for representative of DETCOG to travel to Washington DC in support of forest funds. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Comments by John Harold Allen.

Meeting adjourned for Executive Session.

Meeting reopened.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum and seconded by Pat Perry to table taking action on selecting Interim County Judge for further discussion. Motion to table carried 4 to 0.

Motion by Kennon Kellum and seconded by Pat Perry to table acceptance of Judge Ford's resignation. Motion to table carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen and seconded by Pat Perry that this meeting be adjourned.

Erin Ford, County Judge

Gary Lovell, Commissioner, Precinct #1

Willie Kitchen, Commissioner, Precinct #2

Pat Perry, Commissioner, Precinct #3

Kennon Kellum, Commissioner, Precinct #4

Attest:

Bridget Lamb, County Clerk