

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on February 28, 2017 with the following members present to wit:

Jim L. Lovell	County Judge
Gary Lovell	Commissioner Precinct #1
Pat Perry	Commissioner Precinct #3
Kennon Kellum	Commissioner Precinct #4

Also present

Bridget Lamb	County Clerk
Melissa Mosley	County Auditor

Media

Alton Porter	Houston County Courier
Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger

Visitors: Joby Hardwick, Roger Dickey, Garry Holcomb,, William D. Chavis, Cleo Chavis, Brenda Walker, Jan Pigford, Mary Lucas, James Gentry and Michael Ethridge

The meeting was called to order by County Judge Jim Lovell

Commissioner Gary Lovell opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge Allegiance

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Gary Lovell to approve the minutes from the last called meeting held on February 14, 2017. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Gary Lovell seconded by Pat Perry to approve payment of bills and expenses. Motion carried 4 to 0.

The court heard from residents concerning road conditions caused by Sanderson Farms trucks on County Road 1885 in precinct 1.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to receive as information the County Treasurers Report. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to receive as information the Compensatory Report. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the salary for Joel Lovell as a part time road hand for precinct 4 at a pay rate of \$11.32 per hour, effective February 28, 2017. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the promotion of Craig Baxter to the position of Sergeant Bailiff Deputy at a pay rate of \$1,214.00 bi-weekly, effective March 1, 2017. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry not to allow the Sheriff to purchase two fully equipped Dodge trucks. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to receive as information the audit report of the Houston County Juvenile Probation Department and TJJJ Funds for Fiscal Year 2016. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Gary Lovell seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve payment from County Funds to the Houston County Tax Assessor-Collector for a counterfeit \$20.00 given to the Motor Vehicle Department, as authorized under Local Government Code 157.903. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to adopt the resolution to apply for Courthouse Security Enhancement Project Grant in the amount of \$38,000.00 through Deep East Texas Council of Governments to purchase courthouse camera system. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to accept donation of 91.57 tons road base for improvement to County Road 1075 in precinct 4. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Gary Lovell to set a maximum limit of \$1,000.00 for one day event, \$2,000.00 for two day event, \$3,000.00 for three day event with a maximum of \$3,000.00 per event for Hotel Occupancy Tax applications. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Gary Lovell seconded by Pat Perry to approve the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Application and Interlocal Agreement for Piney Woods Fine Arts Association for the Music and Arts Festival to be held on March 24-25, 2017 and allocate \$2,000.00. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Gary Lovell seconded by Kennon Kellum to receive as information the annual racial profiling report from Houston County Fire Marshall. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Gary Lovell to approve the Juror Donation List. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Gary Lovell seconded by Pat Perry that this meeting be adjourn.

Jim. L. Lovell, 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