

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a regular, called meeting on December 21, 2017 with the following members present, to wit:

Jim Lovell	County Judge
Gary Lovell	Commissioner, Precinct #1
Willie Kitchen	Commissioner, Precinct #2

Also present:

Melissa Mosley	County Auditor
Danette Millican	Tax Assessor
Daphne Session	County Attorney
Paul Hill	Assistant County Attorney
Janice Turner	Chief Deputy County Clerk

Media:

Alton Porter	Houston County Courier
Edward Grisham	KIVY
Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger

Visitors: Sharon Luker and Michael Molnes

The meeting was called to order by County Judge Jim Lovell.

Gary Lovell opened the meeting with a prayer and Judge Lovell led the Pledges of Allegiance.

Judge Lovell recognized the guests and offered to hear any comments if there were any. There were no comments.

Motion was made by Willie Kitchen to approve the minutes of the prior Commissioners Court Meetings. Motion was seconded by Gary Lovell. Motion carried 3 to 0.

There were no line-item budget amendments.

Motion was made by Willie Kitchen to approve, with updated items, the payment of bills and expenses. The motion was seconded by Gary Lovell. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion to accept as information the Treasurer's Report and the Compensatory Report and Gary Lovell made a second to the motion. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Judge Lovell informed the Court of an award given to Fred Newtz and commented on the importance of the service Fred provides to the Veterans of the county.

Gary Lovell made a motion to approve the salary for Marvin Ackley as a part-time Jailer. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Daphne Session introduced Paul Hill, the new Assistant County Attorney. Willie Kitchen made a motion to approve his salary and Gary Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 to 0.

A motion was made by Gary Lovell to accept a donation of road materials for County Road 1535 in Precinct 1. Willie Kitchen made a second to the motion. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion to authorize County Judge Lovell as the designated signatory for the Texas Health and Human Services contract. The motion was seconded by Gary Lovell. Motion carried 3 to 0.

A motion was made by Willie Kitchen and seconded by Gary Lovell to accept the donation of surplus materials from the Texas Department of Transportation for Fiscal Year 2018 and the allocation thereof. Motion carried 3 to 0.

A closed, executive session as authorized by Texas Government Code §551.072 to discuss potential purchase, sale or exchange of real estate was held.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Jim L. Lovell, County Judge

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Gary Lovell, Commissioner, Precinct #1

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Willie Kitchen, Commissioner, Precinct #2

Attest:

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Bridget Lamb, County Clerk