

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a regular, called meeting on September 11, 2018 with the following members present, to wit:

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

Also present:

Melissa Jeter	Houston County Auditor
Danette Millican	Houston County Tax Assessor/Collector
Daphne Session	Houston County Attorney
Morris Luker	Houston County Constable, Precinct 1
Cynthia Lum	Houston County Elections Administrator
Janice Turner	Chief Deputy County Clerk

Media:

Alton Porter	Houston County Courier
Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger

Visitors: Brittani Womack, Jimmy Henderson, Sonny Hubbard, Denny Wheeler, Ken Morris, Sharon Luker and Jan Pigford

Judge Jim Lovell called the meeting to order. He then gave a moving statement on the events that occurred on September 11, 2011 and gave the opening prayer. He led the Pledges of Allegiance and recognized the guests Denny Wheeler and Sonny Hubbard from Piney Woods Sanitation and Commissioner-elect Jimmy Henderson.

There were no comments from the audience.

Gary Lovell made a motion to approve the prior Commissioners Court minutes. Kennon Kellum seconded the motion and the motion carried 4 to 0.

There were no budget amendments .

Gary Lovell made a motion to pay the bills and expenses. The motion was seconded by Kennon Kellum. The motion carried 4 to 0.

A motion was made by Gary Lovell to accept as information the Houston County Monthly Environmental and Community Service Reports. Kennon Kellum seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Kennon Kellum made a motion to approve the hiring of Gregg McKenney as a full-time Equipment Operator for Precinct 4 at a bi-weekly salary of \$1,068.80. He is replacing Frank Womack. Pat Perry seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Kennon Kellum made a motion to accept as information the Orders Setting Annual Salaries for Fiscal Year 2019 for Court Reporters for the County Court at Law, the 3rd Judicial District Court, and the 349th Judicial District Court and for the County Auditor and Assistants. Pat Perry made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

A motion was made by Kennon Kellum and seconded by Gary Lovell to approve the payment of compensatory time for Martha Jackson, Delman Orme and Lynn Gentry of the Sheriff's Office, and Cynthia Lum, Houston County Elections Administrator. Gary Lovell made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

A motion was made by Kennon Kellum and seconded by Pat Perry to renew and accept the Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP) grant from the Texas Department of

Transportation Aviation Division in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 with a 50% match. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Gary Lovell made a motion to approve payment of inmate Bobby Vest's medical expenses and reimbursement by the City of Crockett. Kennon Kellum seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Pat Perry made a motion to approve a rental agreement with Blane Equipment for a motorgrader for Precinct 3. Kennon Kellum made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Ken Morris explained the lease-purchase agreement rates from the three top financial institutions for the Energy Saving Performance project with Johnson Controls. Kennon Kellum made a motion, seconded by Gary Lovell, to select National Bank & Trust as the financial institution and to appoint County Judge Lovell and a Commissioner as the authorized signers to complete the contract. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Judge Lovell opened the public hearing on the proposed Houston County Budget for Fiscal Year 2019. There were no comments from the public and the public hearing was closed and the meeting reopened.

Gary Lovell made a motion to adopt the proposed budget and Kennon Kellum made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Kennon Kellum made a motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2019 county tax rate of \$0.54 cents or 0.48043 for Maintenance and Operations and 0.05957 for Debt Service which is a total tax rate of 0.54000. Gary Lovell made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Jim Lovell made a motion to ratify the increase of property tax revenue by 1.07333% in the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget. The motion was seconded by Gary Lovell. Motion carried 4 to 0.

A motion was made by Gary Lovell and seconded by Kennon Kellum to set salaries for all officers and employees of Houston County for Fiscal Year 2019. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Gary Lovell made a motion to approve the October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2020 Computer System Lease/License Agreement with Pritchard & Abbott, Inc. for tax-collection software. Kennon Kellum seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

A motion was made by Gary Lovell to receive as information the calculated contribution rate for unemployment for Fiscal Year 2019. Pat Perry made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Kennon Kellum made a motion, seconded by Pat Perry, to receive as information the revised list of appointed Judges for the General Election for precincts 1, 2, 10, 16 and 21. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Jim Lovell made a motion to adjourn. Kennon Kellum seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0. The meeting was adjourned.

Jim L. Lovell, County Judge

Gary Lovell, Commissioner, Precinct #1

Pat Perry, Commissioner, Precinct #3

Kennon Kellum, Commissioner, Precinct #4

Attest:

Bridget Lamb, County Clerk