

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a regular, called meeting on January 4, 2018 with the following members present, to wit:

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| Jim Lovell | County Judge |
| Gary Lovell | Commissioner, Precinct #1 |
| Willie Kitchen | Commissioner, Precinct #2 |
| Pat Perry | Commissioner, Precinct #3 |
| Kennon Kellum | Commissioner, Precinct #4 |

Also present:

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| Melissa Mosley | County Auditor |
| Janice Turner | Chief Deputy County Clerk |
| Morris Luker | Houston County Sheriff's Office |

Media:

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

Visitors: Janis Omelina; Ken Morris; Glenn Barnhart, PWFAA; Jan Pigford; Cynthia Lum; Sharon Luker and Larry Jones

Judge Jim Lovell called the meeting to order. Kennon Kellum gave the opening prayer and Judge Lovell led the Pledges of Allegiance.

Judge Lovell recognized the guests and announced that Cynthia Lum has been officially named the new Election Administrator for the county.

Motion was made by Kennon Kellum to approve the minutes of the prior Commissioners Court Meetings. Motion was seconded by Willie Kitchen and the motion carried 5 to 0. Willie Kitchen reminded the Commissioners of the death of former Commissioner Billy Duran and stated the time and place of the funeral.

It was decided to pass on the line-item budget amendments.

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

Jan Pigford made an announcement concerning the Human Resources Workshop on Hiring and Firing that will be held on January 18, 2018 in the Pioneer Bank Community room. The workshop is for department heads and elected officials and will be from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm with lunch served.

Morris Luker gave his Environmental Report and discussed problems with the garbage pickup in Houston County.

Willie Kitchen made a motion to accept as information the Environmental and Community Service Reports and Kennon Kellum made a second to the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Willie Kitchen to approve the salary of Jail Sergeant Ryan Hutcherson. Gary Lovell made a second to the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Kennon Kellum made a motion to approve the status change for Precinct 4 employee Frank Womack. The motion was seconded by Pat Perry. The motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Gary Lovell to accept the donation to Road and Bridge Precinct 1 for improvements to County Road 1535. The motion was seconded by Willie Kitchen. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion to accept a donation from an anonymous donor for the Senior Citizens' Center. The motion was seconded by Kennon Kellum. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Gary Lovell made a motion to approve the Hotel Occupancy Tax Application and Interlocal Agreement for Piney Woods Fine Arts Association for the Larry Gatlin concert to be held on January 27, 2018. Kennon Kellum made a second to the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Willie Kitchen to appoint Judge Lovell as the agent to negotiate a contract for the purchase of property for county parking. Kennon Kellum seconded the motion and the motion carried 5 to 0.

Kennon Kellum made a motion which was seconded by Willie Kitchen to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 5 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned.

Jim L. Lovell, 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