

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a regular, called meeting on July 24, 2018 with the following members present, to wit:

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:

Melissa Mosley	Houston County Auditor
Doug King	Houston County Courthouse Bailiff
Janice Turner	Chief Deputy County Clerk

Media:

Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger
Alton Porter	Houston County Courier

Visitors: Lois Ball; Billy "Hollywood" Groves; Thomas Mardile; Dr. Ianthia Fisher; Willia Wooten; Sharon Luker and Jan Pigford

Judge Jim Lovell called the meeting to order and Gary Lovell gave the opening prayer. The Pledges of Allegiance were led by Judge Lovell.

Judge Lovell recognized the guests and asked if there were any comments. Billy Groves made several comments. Judge Lovell thanked him for attending the meeting as a visitor, but explained that his concerns needed to be addressed to the relevant entities.

Gary Lovell made a motion to approve the prior Commissioners Court minutes. Kennon Kellum seconded the motion and the motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Willie Kitchen to approve a budget amendment to offset the additional costs to transfer Sergeant Simon into the position of Deputy Bailiff. Gary Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Kennon Kellum made a motion to pay the bills and expenses. The motion was seconded by Pat Perry. Motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Willie Kitchen to accept as information the Houston County Treasurer's Report and the July 2018 Employee Compensatory Report. Gary Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion to approve the salary for new employee Callie Kellum, certified jailer, as a part-time jailer at a pay rate of \$13.11. She will be taking the position previously held by Tiarah Bailey. Included in the motion was a promotion to approve the promotion to Certified Jail Sergeant for Marvin Ackley at a bi-weekly pay rate of \$1,130.26 and a promotion to full-time jailer-probationary for Charles Graham at a bi-weekly salary of \$998.83. Gary Lovell made a second to the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Willie Kitchen and seconded by Gary Lovell to approve the promotion of Mark Simon to Deputy Bailiff at a bi-weekly pay rate of \$1,130.26. Gary Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Gary Lovell made a motion, seconded by Kennon Kellum, to approve the six-month pay raise for Paul Hill, Assistant County Attorney at a bi-weekly pay rate of \$2,349.73. Motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Pat Perry and seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the hiring and salary of Oscar Joseph Allemore as a part-time road and bridge hand for Precinct 3 at a pay rate of \$12.00 per hour. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion, seconded by Kennon Kellum, to approve payment of vacation, holiday and compensatory time for former county employees David Lawrenz and Veronica Hill along with the necessary budget amendments. Motion carried 5 to 0.

The 2018-2019 Alternate Plan Proposal was presented to Commissioners Court. Jan Pigford gave the Human Resource Committee's recommendation that Plan 1400 NG, which is the current plan, be chosen. Gary Lovell made a motion to approve this plan and Kennon Kellum seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Willia Wooten asked the Court to choose a new representative to the Burke Center Board. Mrs. Wooten recommended Lois Ball for the position. Judge Lovell made a motion to appoint Mrs. Ball and the motion was seconded by Gary Lovell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Kennon Kellum made a motion to accept as information the Fiscal Year 2017 Financial Statement and Audit Report for Houston County Emergency Services District No. 1. Gary Lovell made a second to the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Kennon Kellum made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Lovell made a second to the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0 and 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

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Pat Perry, Commissioner, Precinct #3

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Kennon Kellum, Commissioner, Precinct #4

Attest:

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Bridget Lamb, County Clerk