

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a regular, called meeting on March 27, 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:

Dina Herrera	Houston County Treasurer
Melissa Mosley	Houston County Auditor
Janice Turner	Chief Deputy County Clerk
Cynthia Lum	Houston County Elections Administrator
Morris Luker	Houston County Constable, Precinct 1

Media:

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

Visitors: Jan Pigford and Sharon Luker

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 from the audience. Dina Herrera informed the Court that she would be having kidney transplant surgery on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 and that she would have to be in Houston for at least four weeks. Everyone was pleased to hear that her surgery is finally scheduled and they assured her that our prayers will be with her on Tuesday.

Motion was made by Kennon Kellum to approve the minutes of the prior Commissioners Court Meeting. Motion was seconded by Gary Lovell and the motion carried 5 to 0.

There were no budget amendments.

Motion was made by Gary Lovell to approve the payment of accounts payable; fund transfers and to ratify payroll expenses. The motion was seconded by Willie Kitchen. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion to accept as information the Treasurer's Report and the Compensatory Report. The motion was seconded by Gary Lovell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Willie Kitchen to approve the salary of new employee Terrell McKnight as a part-time Custodian. Gary Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion which was seconded by Gary Lovell to approve the promotion and salary of Darra Simon to full-time jailer at a bi-weekly salary of \$998.83. Ms. Simon is filling the position previously held by Demetria Sandles. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Gary Lovell made a motion to approve the promotion of Donovan Mahan to the position of Jail Sergeant at a pay rate of \$1101.21 bi-weekly and to approve pay raises for Mark Sloan and Jacob Hancock from \$998.83 to \$1048.77 bi-weekly. They are now state-certified jailers. Willie Kitchen seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Kennon Kellum and seconded by Pat Perry to renew the lease agreement between Brenda Stubblefield and Houston County Road and Bridge Precinct 4. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion to approve the contract with EDOC Technologies for a project to index deed records from 1970–1982 to the Official Records software in the County Clerk's office and to declare this contract exempt from bidding as authorized under LGC 262.003(a). Gary Lovell made a second to the motion and motion carried 5 to 0.

Gary Lovell made a motion to approve a Houston County Event Permit and a Houston County Display Permit for the Houston County Welfare Board and Kalin's Center for Child Abuse Prevention Month program. The motion was seconded by Kennon Kellum. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion was made by Willie Kitchen and seconded by Kennon Kellum to proclaim April County Government Month. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Gary Lovell made a motion to adopt a proclamation designating April as "Fair Housing Month." The motion was seconded by Willie Kitchen and motion carried 5 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion to rescind the approval of a donation of items from the county-owned building on San Antonio Street by State Health and Human Services. The motion was seconded by Gary Lovell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

It was decided to pass on the discussion and approval of a renewal of the lease/license agreement with Pritchard & Abbott, Inc. for the Tax Assessor-Collector computer system.

Kennon Kellum made a motion which was seconded by Pat Perry to approve the lease/purchase agreement with Citizens National Bank in an amount not to exceed \$70,000 for the purchase of a Peterbuilt Dump Truck for Precinct 4. This is to replace the Mack truck that was sold to the City of Crockett. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion was made by Willie Kitchen and seconded by Kennon Kellum to declare as surplus a list of vehicles, with the addition of a 1988 pickup which was bought for parts and never registered, and advertise for the sale of these items as authorized under LGC 263.152. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion to approve the agreement with Hilltop Securities, Inc. to prepare the Continuing Disclosure Statement for Houston County as required by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Rule 15c2-1. Gary Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Judge Lovell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Willie Kitchen 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