

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a regular, called meeting on February 26, 2019 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
Jimmy Henderson	Commissioner, Precinct #4

Also present:

Sharon Luker	Assistant to the County Commissioners
Jan Pigford	Administrative Assistant to the County Judge
Melissa Jeter	Houston County Auditor
Janis Omelina	Houston County Treasurer
Terri Meadows	Houston County Clerk

Media:

Alton Porter	Houston County Courier
Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger

Visitors: Gwendolyn Scott, Denny Wheeler (PWS), Sonny Hubbard (PWS), Ansel Bradshaw, Donald Smith, James Stout, Ray Vann

Judge Lovell called the meeting to order and Commissioner Gary Lovell gave the opening prayer. Judge Lovell led the pledges of allegiance.

Judge Lovell recognized the guests and asked if there were any comments. Donald Smith and James Stout, residents of Lovelady, spoke about the poor condition of their roads.

Gary Lovell made a motion to approve the prior Commissioners Court minutes. Willie Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

There were no budget amendments.

Willie Kitchen made a motion to pay the bills and expenses (5a, 5b, 5c, and 5d). The motion was seconded by Gary Lovell. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Willie Kitchen moved to receive as information the County Treasurers Report and the Compensatory Report. Gary Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Willie Kitchen to approve the salary and promotion of Roxan Long to Chief Deputy District Clerk, Ashley Lamb to Deputy Clerk and new hire Jordan Foster-North as District Clerk/Deputy Clerk 2. Gary Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Gary Lovell made a motion to approve the hiring of 3 new full time jailers and approve their salary (James Hallmark, Aaron Burch, and Tammy Gilcrease). Willie Kitchen seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Gary Lovell made a motion to approve payment of compensatory, vacation and holiday time for previous County employees and necessary budget amendments. Jimmy Henderson seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Ray Vann with Raymond K. Vann and Associates was here to present Resolutions and Policies required by TxCDBG Contract No. 7218219, including Civil Rights, Fair Housing, Section 3, Code of Conduct, Citizen Participation, Section 504 and Signatory Authorization. Gary Lovell moved to approve the package and Willie Kitchen seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Denny Wheeler of Pineywoods Sanitation gave a short report informing us there are 1723 residential customers and 78 dumpsters.

Gary Lovell made a motion to adopt the Resolution in Opposition to Unfunded Mandates. Willie Kitchen seconded the motion. These will be collected and delivered to Representative Ashby and Senator Nicols. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Ansel Bradshaw gave information on the Mssion Tomorrow: Birdies and Mudbugs fore MS fundraiser. Gary Lovell made a motion to approve Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Application and Interlocal Agreement for Mssion Tomorrow: Birdies and Mudbugs for MS to be held March 23-24, 2019 in the amount of \$3000. Willie Kitchen seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Gary Lovell made a motion to approve Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Application and Interlocal Agreement for Grapeland Chamber of Commerce BBQ Cook Off and Car Show to be held April 12-13, 2019 in the amount of \$2000. Willie Kitchen seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Willie Kitchen moved to accept a donation from BSB Logging for improvements to CR 2080 in Precinct 2. Gary Lovell seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion to accept as information the FY 2018 TJD Juvenile Probation Financial Audit Report as prepared by Todd, Hamaker and Johnson, LLC, CPA. Gary Lovell seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Judge Jim Lovell made the motion to adjourn. Gary Lovell seconded. Motion carried with everyone standing. The meeting was adjourned.

Jim Lovell, County Judge

Gary Lovell, Commissioner, Precinct #1

Willie Kitchen, Commissioner, Precinct #2

Pat Perry, Commissioner, Precinct #3

Jimmy Henderson, Commissioner, Precinct #4

Attest:

Terri Meadows, County Clerk