

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a regular, called meeting on February 12, 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
Cynthia Lum	Elections Administrator
Terri Meadows	Houston County Clerk
Roger Dickey	Emergency Management
Michael Molnes	Chief Bailiff
Daphne Session	Houston County Attorney

Media:

Alton Porter	Houston County Courier
Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger

Visitors: Gwendolyn Scott, Ruenette Starr, and Clayton Starr

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

Judge Lovell recognized the guests and asked if there were any comments. There were none

Willie Kitchen made a motion to approve the prior Commissioners Court minutes. Gary Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion to approve the Budget Amendments. Gary Lovell seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

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 4 to 0.

Willie Kitchen moved to receive as information the Houston County Precinct 1 Constable Monthly Environmental Report. Gary Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0

Judge Lovell asked if there were any additional reports. Terri Meadows gave a report on the current inability to issue Birth/Death Certificates in the County Clerk's Office. Cindy Lum, Elections Administrator, reported that she has been asked to run the Hospital District Election.

A motion was made by Pat Perry to approve the part-time salary for Kenneth McClellan as Equipment Operator for Precinct #3. Gary Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Gary Lovell made a motion and Pat Perry seconded to approve volunteer road hand/equipment operator Robert Hoelwyn for Precinct 1. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion to approve payment of compensatory, vacation and holiday time for previous County employees and necessary budget amendments. Gary Lovell seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion to adopt an Official Proclamation for Sons of the Republic celebrating Texas Independence Day. Gary Lovell seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

After the reading of the Proclamation by Judge Lovell, Clayton Starr, a representative from the Sons of the Republic gave a very moving speech about Texas Independence.

Willie Kitchen made a motion to accept a donation from BSB Logging for improvements to CR 2080 in Precinct 2. Gary Lovell seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion to approve the budget allocation request from Houston County Child Welfare Board in the amount of \$2500. Gary Lovell seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Pat Perry made a motion to allow Precinct 3 to close on CR 4025 and 4180 as necessary for TXDOT bridge project. Gary Lovell seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion to approve Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Application and Topview Sports (Davy Crockett Classic Bicycle race) to be held February 8-10, 2019. Gary Lovell seconded. County Auditor, Melissa Jeter, mentioned that this event has already happened, and noted the steps that have been taken to have the application turned in timely in the future. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Willie Kitchen moved to award the contract for the purchase of a truck for the Emergency Management Office to Cutshaw Chevrolet. Gary Lovell seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Gary Lovell made a motion to approve the lease purchase agreement with Citizens Nation Bank for the truck for Emergency Management Office not to exceed \$40,000. Jimmy Henderson seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Melissa Jeter, County Auditor, gave a short speech on the necessity of the Resolution Expressing Intent to Finance Expenditures to be Incurred by Houston County, Texas due to the bad weather and the extra expenses to maintain the roads in the county. Willie Kitchen made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Gary Lovell seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion to approve the Orders Authorizing Fireworks Sales on Texas Independence Day, San Jacinto Day, and Memorial Day. Gary Lovell seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Gary Lovell made a motion that Commissioners Court acknowledge and sign "Order of Special Election to Legalize the Sale of Beer and Wine" to be held on May 4, 2019, in the district of Justice of the Peace Precinct 1. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Daphne Session, Houston County Attorney, spoke briefly about Rules of Procedure, Conduct and Decorum at Meetings of the County Commissioners Court. After hearing her address Roman Numeral IV specifically, Willie Kitchen moved to accept the Rules of Procedure, Conduct and Decorum at Meetings of the County Commissioners Court. Gary Lovell seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion to receive as information annual racial profiling report from Law Enforcement Agencies. Gary Lovell seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Judge Jim Lovell made the motion to adjourn. Willie Kitchen 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