

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a regular, called meeting on December 21, 2018 with the following members present, to wit:

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

Also present:

Daphne Session	Houston County Attorney
Melissa Jeter	Houston County Auditor
Roger Dickey	Houston County Emergency Management Coordinator
Terri Meadows	Houston County Court-at-Law Coordinator
Tena Teetz	District Court Coordinator
Cynthia Lum	Houston County Elections Administrator
Tom Streetman	Houston County Juvenile Probation
Donna Kasper	Houston County District Attorney
Sarah Clark	Judge, Houston County Court at Law
Carolyn Rains	Houston County District Clerk
Yanira Garcia	Houston County Adult Probation
Janice Turner	Chief Deputy County Clerk

Media:

Alton Porter	Houston County Courier
Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger

Visitors: Cookie Johnson, Ashley Lamb, Jan Pigford and Sharon Luker

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

Judge Lovell recognized the guests and asked if there were any comments. Melissa Jeter commented on the handout *IRS Issues Standard Mileage Rates for 2019*.

Willie Kitchen made a moving statement to Kennon Kellum on his retirement, their personal friendship and his years of service to the County.

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

There were no budget amendments.

Kennon Kellum made a motion to pay the bills and expenses. The motion was seconded by Gary Lovell. The motion carried 4 to 0.

A motion was made by Willie Kitchen and seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept as information the Houston County Treasurer's Report along with the November 2018 Employee Compensatory Report. Motion carried 4 to 0.

There were no new hires or changes in salaries and no payments for compensatory, vacation or holiday time for previous county employees.

A motion was made by Willie Kitchen and seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the Deep East Texas Council of Government's County Gold sponsorship for the Deep East Texas Legislative Reception. Motion carried 4 to 0.

There was a discussion on the purchasing, bidding and financing options for the purchase of a truck for the Office of Emergency Management. Outfitting of the truck would cost approximately \$5,000. It was suggested that local bids be obtained. Gary Lovell made the motion to continue

the bidding and financing procedure. Kennon Kellum made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

A motion was made by Willie Kitchen to approve an Interlocal Agreement with the Ratcliff Senior Center for services provided for fiscal year 2019. Kennon Kellum seconded the motion and it carried 4 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion to adopt an Official Proclamation to declare December 22, 2018 as BRIDGET LAMB DAY. Bridget's daughter, Cookie Johnson, and her niece, Ashley Lamb, were presented with a copy of the proclamation. Kennon Kellum made a second to the motion and the motion carried 4 to 0.

Kennon Kellum made the motion to adjourn which was seconded by Gary Lovell.

The motion carried 4 to 0 and the meeting was adjourned.

Jim Lovell, County Judge

Gary Lovell, Commissioner, Precinct #1

Willie Kitchen, Commissioner, Precinct #2

Kennon Kellum, Commissioner, Precinct #4

Attest:

Bridget Lamb, County Clerk