

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on July 12, 2013 with the following members present to wit:

Erin Ford	County Judge
Roger Dickey	Commissioner Precinct #1
Willie Kitchen	Commissioner Precinct #2
Pat Perry	Commissioner Precinct #3
Kennon Kellum	Commissioner Precinct #4

Also present:

Bridget Lamb	County Clerk
Melissa Mosley	County Auditor
Darrell Bobbitt	Sheriff

Media:

Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger
Lynda Jones	Houston County Courier
Penny Webb	Houston County Life & Web

Visitors: David Lamb, G. P. Shearer, Barbara A. Wooten, Paul Stringer, Norman Moore, Amber Bewley, C. R. Kimbrough (Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP) and Sgt. Sammy Lattner (Texas Department of Public Safety)

Commissioner Willie Kitchen called the meeting to order

Paul Stringer opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the minutes of the last regular called meeting held on June 25, 2013. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Roger Dickey to approve budget amend #13-11 and any line item transfers. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve payment of bills and expenses and approval of related budget transfers. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Sgt. Sammy Lattner, with Texas Department of Public Safety addressed the court concerning his department.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Judge Ford to approve a budget amendment of \$12,375.16 from the Contingency Fund for sheriff 's officer salary due to payment of comp time and accrued time for resigning employees. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the salary for Adam Simision as a part time deputy at a pay rate of \$12.39 per hour from July 1, 2013 through July 11, 2013. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the salary for Adam Simision as a deputy at a pay rate of \$1,031.19 bi-weekly. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the salary for Cole Pemberton as full time jailer effective July 14, 2013 at a pay rate of \$848.36 bi-weekly. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the salary of Harvey Stewart, Jr. and Raymond Dale Lucas as part time jailers at a pay rate of \$9.04 per hour. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Judge Ford presented a Distinguished Service Award (DSA) Certificate for outstanding preservation work accomplished in the 2012 from the Texas Historical Commission to Barbara Wooten and Paul Stringer.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Roger Dickey to adopt an order prohibiting outdoor burning. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept donation in the amount of \$800.00 from Mr. Charles Sutton for improvement to County Road 2205 Lake Forest Estate for Road and Bridge Precinct 2. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Willie Kitchen to accept donation of 198.62 tons of rock from Mr. J. D. Woodward for improvement to County Road 4025 for Road and Bridge Precinct 3. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to accept donation in the amount of \$1,500.00 from Raul A. Chapa for improvements to County Road 1170 for Road and Bridge Precinct 4. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Roger Dickey to adopt the Information Technology (IT) Usage Policy. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Charles Kimbrough from Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP gave a presentation concerning HB 1747 relating to funding and donations for transportation projects, including projects of county energy transportation reinvestment zones.

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Kennon Kellum that this meeting be adjourn.

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Erin Ford, County Judge

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Roger Dickey, Comm. Pct #1

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Willie Kitchen, Comm. Pct #2

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Pat Perry, Comm. Pct #3

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Kennon Kellum

Attest:

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Bridget Lamb, County Clerk

