

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on December 10, 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
Daphne Session	County Attorney

Media:

Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger
Lynda Jones	Houston Courier

Visitors: G. P. Shearer, Diana Sims, RN, Lonnie Ellis, Jo Smith, Ashley Perry, Cory Hicks and Billy Groves

County Judge Erin Ford called the meeting to order

Commissioner Kennon Kellum opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition of guests

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the minutes of the last regular called meeting held on November 26, 2013 and the special called meeting held on December 5, 2013. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve payment of bills and expenses. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept as information the Environmental Control Report. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the six month pay raise for jailer Kody Woolley from \$848.36 bi-weekly to \$873.81 bi-weekly. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Lonnie Ellis addressed the court concerning roads in his precinct

Billy Groves addressed the court concerning adopting a county review board

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Pat Perry to reappoint Harry Pridgen and James Ingle to the board of directors for the Houston County Emergency Services District one. Motion carried 4 for and 1 abstain (Commissioner Dickey)

County Extension Agents Mandy Patrick and Jo Smith gave a presentation over the various programs they provide.

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept donations of rock and hauling from June Caddenhead and C & C Logging for repairs to County Road 1170 in Road and Bridge Precinct 4. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the transfer of hangar lease at the Houston County Airport from James Lucas, Executor of the Estate of Chester Leediker to Don Stokes. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Pat Perry to increase the County Clerk's Archive and Records Management and Preservation Fee to \$10.00 effective January 1, 2014. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to increase the District Court Records Archive Fee to \$10.00 effective January 1, 2014. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the 2014 plan provisions for the Texas County and District Retirement System. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to hire the law firm of Allison, Bass & Associates, LLP of Austin, Texas to provide legal services to Houston County for TX DOT grant for proposed Senate Bill 1747 project. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Roger Dickey to appoint Joe Robinson, Dick Bridges, Joe Lovell, Randy Worsham and Roger Zink to the advisory board for the TX DOT grant for proposed Senate Bill 1747 project. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the issuance of public hearing notice to be issued on December 20, 2013 and to be sent to various media outlets for TX DOT grant for proposed Senate Bill 1747 project. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to schedule the public hearing for TX DOT grant for proposed Senate Bill 1747 project on January 3, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the proposed project to be conducted by Houston County pursuant to Senate Bill 1747 to obtain grant funding from TXDOT for the planning, construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of public roads, bridges, and culverts in the County damaged by the exploration, development or production of oil or gas. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Erin Ford, County Judge

Roger Dickey, Comm. Pct #1

Willie Kitchen, Comm. Pct #2

Pat Perry, Comm. Pct #3

Kennon Kellum, Comm. Pct #4

ATTEST:

Bridget Lamb, County Clerk