

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on December 23, 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
Donna Kaspar	District Attorney

Media:

Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger
Lynda Jones	Houston County Courier

Visitors: Dorothy Zink, Roger Zink, Kelly McChesney and Maegan Prejean (KTRE)

Judge Ford called the meeting to order

Judge Ford opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Judge Erin Ford opened the public hearing in pursuant to Chapter 222.1071 of the Texas Transportation Code.

The purpose of the meeting is to present information and receive public comments on whether or not to create one or more County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone (CETRZ), as authorized by law, to promote one or more infrastructure projects to be located within the County to be funded by the CERTZ.

Hearing no comments or questions from the public Judge Ford made a motion and seconded by Willie Kitchen that this public hearing be close. Motion carried 5 to 0.

County Judge Erin Ford opened the regular meeting of the Commissioner Court meeting at 10:15 am

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the minutes of the last regular called meeting held on December 10, 2013. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve budget amendment #14-01. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to accept as information the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept as information the Compensatory time report. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the salary for Samantha Steinbecker as a full time Dispatcher at a salary of \$848.36 bi-weekly effective December 23, 2013. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the salary for Daisy Hernandez as Grand Jury Clerk/VAC in the District Attorney's Office at a salary of \$1,035.04 bi-weekly. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the salary for Ahleea Price as a Clerk in the District Attorney's Office at a salary of \$873.93 bi-weekly. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the six month pay raise for Dewayne Hughes, Road and Bridge Precinct 3 from \$1,076.75 bi-weekly to \$1,109.05 bi-weekly. Motion carried 5 to 0.

No action taken on establishing a committee to develop a 5 year plan for county owned facilities upgrades.

The Court tabled discussing and taking action on the findings report from Advisory Board for TX DOT CERTZ Zone until January 28, 2014.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to allocate fifteen percent of the Forest Service payment for Fiscal Year 2013 under Title I, Title II and Title III. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to make a request to Texas Department of Transportation for surplus road materials in the allotment of \$19,673.00. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept the donation of \$10,059.89 from an anonymous donor for law enforcement supplies for the Houston County Sheriffs' Department, and make any necessary budget amendments. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to accept donation of \$500.00 from the City of Kennard in Road and Bridge Precinct #4. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the revision of the county purchasing policy. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve a lease purchase agreement with Citizens National Bank for a used cargo van for Houston County Aging Services Home Delivered Meal Program in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept the donation of \$7,985.32 from Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation for repairs for damage in Road and Bridge Precinct 2 and make the necessary budget amendments. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve a lease purchase agreement through Citizens National Bank for 2010 Ford F150 pickup for Road and Bridge Precinct 2, authorizing CD as collateral with a term of two years, County Judge and Commissioner Kitchen as signers. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to advertise a 1992 Dodge pickup, 1999 Dodge pickup and a 2004 Ford F150 pickup as surplus and advertise for bids on the local media and internet. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Roger Dickey approve a lease purchase agreement with Citizens National Bank for the purchase of a truck for Constable Precinct 2 with necessary equipment in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 and make the necessary budget amendments. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve an agreement with Primerica, Inc to provide ERISA Section 404 (c) compliance training at no cost to Houston County. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to authorize Primerica, Inc to provide additional employee supplemental retirement plan opportunities including ROTH IRAS. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Kennon Kellum to submit the Fiscal Year 2014 Emergency Management Performance Grant Application. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Roger Dickey 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, Comm. Pct #4

Attest:

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Bridget Lamb, County Clerk