

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on August 27, 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
Danette Millican	County Tax Assessor-Collector
Darrel Bobbitt	Sheriff
Sarah Clark	County Court at Law Judge
Daphne Session	County Attorney

Media:

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

Visitors: Barbara LaRue, G. P. Shearer and Gene Glover

County Judge Erin Ford called the meeting to order

Commissioner Kennon Kellum opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge Allegiance

Judge Ford opened the public hearing for Houston County Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2014.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Roger Dickey that this hearing be adjourn.

The Court reconvened at 10:10 am

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the minutes of the last regular called meeting held on August 13, 2013 and the special called meeting held on August 20, 2013.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve budget amendment #13-13 and any line item transfers. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the payment of bills and expenses and approval of related budget transfers. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Judge Ford received a letter from Sunoco Logistics concerning underground pipeline safety

Judge Ford recognized Mr. Gene Glover as a guest

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve employee volunteer insurance plan with Liberty National Life Insurance Company. Motion made 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Kennon Kellum to review the County Travel Policy. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve an Interlocal Agreement with Texas State University for the Fiscal Year 2014 Tobacco Enforcement Program under the Houston County Sheriff's Office. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Pat Perry to approve a Road Project Agreement with the Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Davy Crockett National Forest for County Road 1170 in an amount not to exceed \$22,247.10 and Broadway Street in Kennard in an amount not to exceed \$32,000.00. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to accept a grant with the Office of The Attorney General for the Victim assistance Coordinator position within the County attorney's Office for the period September 1, 2013 to August 31, 2014 of \$14,861.00. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Kennon Kellum to enter into a participation agreement with Unitedhealthcare Plan of Texas (START+PLUS) for the home delivered meal program under the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. Motion carried 5 to 0

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to appoint election judges and clerks for a two year term expiring August 2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to hold a joint election with Latexo Independent School District for the November Constitutional Amendment Election. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to hold a branch early voting place at Latexo Independent School for the November Constitutional Amendment Election. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to receive as information the annual audit report for Houston County Emergency Services District No. 1. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to adopt an order setting annual salary for the official court reporter of the County Court at Law. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Willie Kitchen to adopt an Ordinance related to water safety at Houston County Lake as authorized under the Parks and Wildlife code 41.092b. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to open the public hearing on the proposed County Budget for Fiscal Year 2014. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Melissa Mosley gave a report of the changes made in the budget since the last meeting.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to adopt the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2014. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey 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