

The Commissioner of Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on October 11, 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
Red Smith	Constable Precinct 2
Ronnie Jordan	Justice of the Peace Precinct 2

Media:

Lynda Jones	Houston County Courier
Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger

Visitors: G. P. Shearer, David L. Lamb, Sr., Ray Fleming, Ashley Perry, Sam Lattner (DPS), Joni Clonts Michael Hutcherson (DPS), Jo Smith, Mandy Patrick and Corey Hicks

County Judge Erin Ford called the meeting to order

Judge Ford opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge Allegiance

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the minutes of the last regular called meeting held on September 24, 2013. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve budget #13-16 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.

Deputy Cody Stephens from the Sheriff's Department introduced Sheriff Deputy Lee who is a 23 month old German Shepherd who is a narcotics dog.

Judge Ford recognized the guests

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve moving Randon Rains from part-time jailer to full-time jailer at a pay rate of \$848.36 bi-weekly. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the salary of Betty Atkinson as a part-time kitchen assistant for the Senior Center at a pay rate of \$8.00 per hour. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the salary for Lateasha Leonard and Sharita Porter as Temporary help in the Tax Office at a pay rate of \$7.25 per hour. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the salary for Aleah Price as a dispatcher in the Sheriff's Office 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 for William Ruland as a part time deputy at a pay rate of \$9.04 per hour. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve an Interlocal Agreement with City of Crockett for position of Environmental Control Officer. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to accept the job description for position of a Vehicle Inventory Management and to include it in the Houston County Employee Manual. Motion carried 4 to 1. (Commissioner Dickey opposed)

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to accept the job description for position of a Human Resource Director and to include it in the Houston County Employee Manual. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to review and approve the updated Title IV-E County Legal Services Contract and proposed budget for fiscal year 2014 between the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and Houston County and authorize Judge Ford to execute the contract on behalf of Houston County. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the office space for the Department of Public Safety at the former County Jail, pending receipt and approval by the Commissioners of an agreement between the County and State, and review at a later date spaces for the Office Emergency Management and Archiving. Motion made by 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Judge Ford to recognize and appoint Houston County hotel and motel owners as the official Hotel Occupancy Tax Board. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Judge Ford to table the request for quotation for Tourism Website to be offered to qualified bidders. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Kennon Kellum to allocate 1,000 votes for Kathi Calvert and 250 votes for Jerry Pipes for the Board of Directors of the Houston County Appraisal District. Motion carried 3-2. (Commissioner Dickey and Commissioner Kitchen opposed)

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to get estimates from local dealers on Constable Luker's patrol vehicle before purchasing a new one. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to adopt December 10, 2013 as the date for the Employees Appreciation Dinner. Motion carried 5 to 0

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the IRS per diem rates for travel and to amend the policy and vote at a later date. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept grant of \$1,000.00 from the Safe Community grant Program through Enbridge Pipeline to help with purchase of an in-car video system. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Pat Perry not to initiate a countywide burn ban. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Roger Dickey to approve a contract for one year with LexisNexis for online legal library services. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Roger Dickey to table appointing a board member for workforce Solutions until the next meeting. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the purchase for a van for the Office of Emergency Management from Cutshaw Chevrolet for \$21,500.00. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the Election Agreement between Houston County and Latexo Independent School Election for the upcoming joint election. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen to table accepting donation from Enbridge Pipeline. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept donation of \$2,500.00 from Frontier Camp, Inc and \$2,000.00 from Houston County Lake Volunteer Fire Department for improvement to County Road 2195 in Road and Bridge Precinct 2. Motion carried 5 to 0.

The court heard a request from Joni Clonts for placement of Blue Star Memorial on Courthouse lawn. This matter was table until the court receive a response from the Texas Historical Commission. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Kennon Kellum to adopt a proclamation proclaiming October 6-12, 2013 as National 4-H week in Houston County. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Judge Ford to designate a county bus as surplus and approval of making donation to San Augustine County. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve a general insurance coverage contract with Travellers Companies through Crockett Insurance Services. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Willie 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