

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on April 9, 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:

Jenna Duncan	Houston County Courier
Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger

Visitors: David L. Lamb, Sr., Glenn Barnhart, Bryan Lake, Pipp Gillette, Jobi Hardwick, Ray Vann, Barbara LaRue and Fred Newtz

County Judge Erin Ford called the meeting to order

Ray Vann opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

Fred Newtz, Veteran Service Officer announced there would be an Annual Veterans Appreciation Day on April 13, 2013 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the Davy Crockett Park.

Judge Ford recognized all guests

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the salary of Dwayne Hughes as a new part time help in Road and Bridge Precinct 3 at the pay rate of \$10.66 per hour. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the salary of Jason Frizzell as a part time deputy in the Sheriff Department at a pay rate of \$9.04 per hour. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the salary of Doug King as a part time deputy in the Sheriff Department at a pay rate of \$9.04 per hour. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept donation of \$350.00 from Masters Timber, LLC for damages to County Road 2120 & 2123 in Road and Bridge Precinct 2 and the necessary budget amendments. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to adopt a Proclamation proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month in Houston County. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept the appointment of County Judge to be the Local Representative on the Program Decision Committee for the Federal Lands Access Program. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$70,000.00 and related budget amendment for patrol vehicles for the Houston County Sheriff Office and Crockett Police Department. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the lease agreement for a Sharp Multi-purpose copy machine in the office of the Emergency Management. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to appoint Esther Dorrell as a board member to the Houston County Levee improvement District #1, she is replacing Larry Huff who resigned. Motion carried 5 to 0.

The Court received as information mission statement from the Houston County Visitors & Tourism Bureau and gave their support of future projects.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve policy and procedure for Homeland Security and Emergency Management training compliance (NIMSCAST). Motion carried 5 to 0.

The court heard a presentation from Ray Vann with Raymond K. Vann and Associates, LLC regarding specific use of funds on the Hurricane Ike Round 2.2 grant funds through the Texas General Land Office.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Pat Perry 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