

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on March 12, 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:

Janice Turner	Chief Deputy County Clerk
Melissa Mosley	County Auditor
Daphne Session	County Attorney
Danette Millican	County Tax Assessor-Collector

Media:

Sarah Pegues	Grapeland Messenger
Jenna Duncan	Houston County Courier
Penny Webb	Houston County Life & Web

Visitors: Marty Barnhill (Attorney at Law), Nancy Smith (TXDOT), Don Sloan, Lori Sloan, Glenda Hibbitts, Sheila Thomas, Brandon Shelley, G. P. Shearer, Joe Taylor, Jeff Akins (ETMC-EMS), Barbara LaRue, Pam Melton, Johnny Melton, Tab Beall (Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott LLP), D. W. Wilson, William R. Pemberton (Attorney at Law), Delbert Walker and Roger Zink

County Judge Erin Ford called the meeting to order

Commissioner Roger Dickey 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 February 26, 2013. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

The Court heard a presentation from BrandonSheeley, Supervisor Adult Probation Officer for Houston County, concerning the duties of his office.

Judge Ford recognized all guests

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the salaries for Juan Noyola a part time deputy, Courtney Kellum a part time jailer both at a pay rate of \$9.04 per hour and Billy Christian as a full time deputy at a pay rate of \$1031.19 bi-weekly and \$18.46 bi-weekly for cell phone in the Sheriff Department. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by County Judge Erin Ford seconded by Pat Perry not to approve the application to open the neighborhood road. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to renew the lease agreement between Brenda Stubblefield and Houston County Road and Bridge Precinct #4. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept donation of \$3,264.00 from Renfro Land & Timber for repairs to County Road 1685 in Road and Bridge Precinct 1 and necessary budget amendment. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept donation of \$200.00 from Carl Mitchell for improvement to County Road 3020 in Road and Bridge Precinct 2 and necessary budget amendments. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve co-sponsorship with Trinity County and Pineywoods Resource Conservation and Development for mineral owner workshop to be held in Lovelady on March 21, 2013 and necessary budget amendments. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the request from Crockett Area Chamber of Commerce use of electrical and water outlets on the North side of Courthouse for vendor booths during Christmas in Crockett. Motion carried 5 to 0.

The Court heard a presentation from Nancy Smith from Texas Department and Highways and Transportation District office on bridge replacement project.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the six bridges on the State's Approved Fiscal Year 2015 Off-system Bridge Projects. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to receive the status report on delinquent taxes from Tab Beall from Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins and Mott LLP as information. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry 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