

The Commissioner of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on March 26, 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

Media:

Jenna Duncan	Houston County Courier
Penny Webb	Houston County Life & Web

Visitors: Wanda Nichols, Mandy Patrick, Jesselyn Reese, Cheryl Hudec, Jean Shepherd, Tim Allen, Steve Meadows and Gary B. Sapaugh.

County Judge Erin Ford called the meeting to order

Commissioner Willie Kitchen opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Kennon Kellum 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 Roger Dickey to approve budget amendment #13-6 and any line item transfers. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey 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 Mandy Patrick, Agrilife Extension Agent, concerning a Wellness Program which the Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool is offering counties who are members of Healthy County, a wellness program, a chance to participate in Sonic Boom-its annual fitness program that encourages healthy behaviors.

Commissioner Willie Kitchen reported that the Mineral owner workshop held on March 21, 2013 was a great success and he thanked the court for being a co-sponsor.

Judge Ford recognized all guests

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to adopt a proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Roger Dickey to appoint Patrick Evans as a member to the Houston County Child Welfare Board. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to award the contract for Road Materials to Frost Crushed Stone, Crockett Sand and Gravel, and Vulcan Materials Company. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to award the contract for Petroleum Products to Crockett Farm and Fuel Center, Inc. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept the \$1,800.00 bid from Bruce Baker for the sale of a 2002 Chevy Impala in the Juvenile Probation Department. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Roger Dickey to accept the high bidder John Norwood in the amount of \$4,600.86 for the sale of a 1988 Mack dump truck for Road and Bridge Precinct 4. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept donation of \$100.00 from Carl Mitchell for improvement to County Road 3020 in Road and Bridge Precinct 2 and any necessary budget amendments. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept donation of \$8,226.00 from Brazos Valley Petroleum Group (Jessco Energy Inc) for improvements to County Road 3455 in Road and Bridge Precinct 3 and any necessary budget amendments. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the request from the Sheriff to upgrade the recording system in the dispatch office with VistaCom in the amount of \$15,000.00 to be reimbursed by DETCOG and make the necessary budget amendments. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to authorize the County Auditor to advertise for bids for the County Depository contract for the period of August 1, 2013 to July 31, 2017. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to table the matter concerning the Regional Public Defender Association capital murder trial insurance amended premiums. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the contract with the planning service provider for the Hurricane Ike Disaster Recovery Project. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen to reject the application with the Texas Department of Housing and Community affairs HOME Single Family Program. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to adopt a proclamation designating the month of April as County Government Month. Motion carried 5 to 0.

The court heard an update from Cheryl Hudec from Sam Houston State University Center for Rural Study concerning the Mary Allen Museum.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey 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

