

The Commissioners Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on May 28, 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

Also present:

Bridget Lamb	County Clerk
Melissa Mosley	County Auditor
Darrel E. Bobbitt	Sheriff

Media:

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

Visitors: Billy Lawton (Prairie View A&M University), Corey Hicks, Mandy Patrick, Rev. Charlie Horns and Wyatt Webb

County Judge Erin Ford called the meeting to order

Rev. Charlie Horns pastor of First Presbyterian Church 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 May 14, 2013. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve budget amendment #13-8 and any line item transfers. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve payment of bills and expenses and approval of related budget transfers. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Mr. Billy Lawton with Prairie View A&M University –Cooperative Extension Program provided a brief presentation of the program and introduced Corey Hicks who has been chosen to fill the vacant Houston County Cooperative Extension Program – Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent position.

Mandy Patrick Houston County Coordinator County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences invited everyone to the Farmers Market beginning June 8th in Crockett City Park.

The Court heard a presentation from Sheriff Darrel E. Bobbitt concerning the function of his department.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the appointment of Corey Hicks to fill the vacant position of the Houston County Cooperative Extension Program – Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen to establish the position of Inventory Clerk/Administrative Assistant under the Houston County Judges Office and the necessary budget amendment. This will be a shift in current part time employee Leslie Hunt responsibilities. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Judge Ford said this position is to help with the Inventory control, to be a floater with the Auditor's Office and provide some support to Internet Technology Department.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the renewal of a Non-Financial Cooperative Agreement with Workforce Solutions Deep East Texas. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Pat Perry to accept the donation in the amount of \$406.00 from Consolidated Water Supply Corporation for improvement to County Road 2180 in Road and Bridge Precinct 2 and make the necessary budget amendments. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to accept the donation of \$500.00 from the Jousan family for the Houston County Senior Citizens Center in honor of Lee Foster and make the necessary budget amendments. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to adopt a resolution authorizing certification of a cultural district to be named Crockett Cultural District. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to receive as information the precinct realignment for Houston County submitted to the Attorney General. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen to adopt a resolution to implement coordination status with all federal agencies maintaining jurisdiction over lands and/or resources located within Houston County. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Willie Kitchen to adopt a resolution opposing the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service listing of the Golden Gladecress and Neches River Rose-Mallow as a threatened or endangered species. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Judge Ford to approve a budget amendment to transfer \$20,000.00 from the permanent fund to airport fund for additional funds to complete the refueling terminal at the Houston County Airport . Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Judge Ford to accept the contract on an additional phone line for the Houston County Airport. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to table the request for permission to place an entrance or block gate on the Old arbor Road in Road and Bridge Precinct 4 until further action.
Motion carried 4 to 0.

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