

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on August 13, 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
Danette Millican	County Tax Assessor-Collector
Daphne Session	County Attorney

Media:

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

Visitors: Joby Hardwick (Holiday Inn), David L. Lamb, Dorothy Zink, G. P. Shearer, Jacque Fleming and Brenda Walker (Oncor)

County Judge Erin Ford called the meeting to order

Carl Standley opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the minutes of the last regular called meeting held on July 23, 2013 and the special called meetings held on July 31, 2013 and August 8, 2013. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the transfers of funds. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to receive the Treasurer's Report as information. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Danette Millican, Houston County Tax Assessor-Collector, addressed the court concerning the Vehicle Inventory Tax. She stated this comes from the tax that the car dealer pays at the end of the year based on their current inventory. She provided the commissioner with a break down showing how the last year the dealership were in business the county collected just over \$58,000.00 compared to

the past year where the county collected just over \$30,000.00.

Judge Ford introduced Brenda Walker with Oncor who is the new representative for this County.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the six-month pay raise for Deputy Billy Christian from \$1031.19 to \$1062.13 bi-weekly and Jailer John Turner from \$848.36 to \$873.81 bi-weekly, and approval of salaries for Harvey Stewart as a jailer at a pay rate of \$848.36 bi-weekly, Randon Rains as part time jailer pay rate of \$9.04 per hour, Darrel Deckard as bailiff pay rate of \$848.36 bi-weekly, Gary Sapaugh from bailiff to position of a deputy pay rate of \$1031.19 bi-weekly and Westley Hensley as a deputy pay rate of \$1031.19 bi-weekly. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the salary for Jacque Fleming as part time administrative assistant for the County Judge’s office at a pay rate of \$9.62 per hour. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to extend the burn ban until October 8, 2013. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Judge Ford to approve the agreement between Houston County Precinct 2 and Trinity County Precinct 3 for road maintenance. Motion carried 5 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, Com. Pct #4

Attest:

Bridget Lamb, County Clerk