

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting held on November 10, 2014, 2014 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

Media

Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger
Lynda Jones	Houston County Courier

Visitors: G. P. Shearer, Barbara A. Wooten, Jeannie Julian, Don Patrick, Donnita Patrick, Chris Key, Herbert E. Bickley, Ashley Perry and Daniel K. Whittlesey

County Judge Erin Ford called the meeting to order

Commissioner Willie Kitchen opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge Allegiance

Recognition of guests

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the minutes of the last regular called meeting held on October 28, 2014. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve budget amendment #15-01. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve payment of bills and expenses. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept as information the Environmental Control Report. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Jan Pigford, Judge's Assistant and Houston County Human Resource Committee Coordinator, discussed some of the changes the HR committee had made to the Houston County Employee Handbook. The main change concerned was changes to the definition of part-time and full-time employees and the qualification for benefits. These changes were mandated to comply with provisions in the Affordable Health Care Act.

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Willie Kitchen to accept the recommendations from Houston County Human Resource Committee and approve the revised employee handbook. Motion carried 5 to 0.

County Judge Ford requested all veterans to stand so the court could recognize them and express their appreciation for the sacrifices they made.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the salary for O. T. Hester as a part time jailer at a pay rate of \$12.20 per hour effective October 28, 2014. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the salary for Maria Arcibar as a file clerk in the District Clerk's Office at a pay rate of \$10.99 per hour effective October 30, 2014. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to appoint members to the Houston County Historical Commission for a new two year term. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept Base bid "B" with alternates number one and two for a total award amount of \$2,394,754.56 to Pinto Construction for Hurricane Ike 2.2 GLO Grant. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve payment of \$90,000.00 to NAPCO for debris cleanup from Hurricane Ike September 2008 disaster contract(held pending FEMA audit result) and make necessary budget amendment. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept as information the Indigent Defense Expenditure Report for FY 2014. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to appoint Jacque Fleming as the County Liaison for insurance and inventory coordination project. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Crockett Area Chamber of Commerce President David Whittlesey addressed the court about the possibility of securing a portion of the Hotel and Motel Occupancy Tax (HOT) to upgrade electrical items used for the upcoming Christmas in Crockett event.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the Interlocal agreement and application for use of Hotel and Motel Occupancy Tax for the Crockett Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas in Crockett and award \$3,500.00 to cover any miscellaneous expenses that may result from any unforeseen work. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Roger Dickey to set November 17, 2014 at 10:00 am as the date and time to canvass the November 4, 2014 General Election results. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Roger Dickey 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