

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on October 28, 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
Daphne Session	County Attorney
Danette Millican	County Tax Assessor-Collector
Dina Herrera	County Treasurer

Media:

Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger
Kelly McChesney	Houston County Courier

Visitors: Don Patrick, Donnita Patrick, Mark Whitfill and G. P. Shearer

County Judge Erin Ford called the meeting to order

Chief Deputy Sheriff Gary Shearer opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge Allegiance

Recognition of guests

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the minutes of the last regular called meeting held on October 14, 2014. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen second by Roger Dickey to approve budget amendment #14-07. 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.

Melissa Mosley, County Auditor stated she received an invoice from Family Mortuary requesting payment of \$1,557.50 for the transportation, first call and pick up for a deceased person. She said she is not going to send this to Commissioner Court for payment, they did not do a first call and the mileage rate was almost double but she wanted this to be a matter of public record that she is not going to approve the invoice. Judge Black had a meeting with them and they have since rescinded this request.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept as information the County Treasurer's Report. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept as information the Compensatory time report. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Judge Ford reported he had been in contact with Department of Health and Human Services regarding the facility located on Cedar Street. He stated in talking with the State they did not feel the building was adequate for their needs and they have an interest in consolidating the four offices located here. The county contract is not up for renewal until 2018 and the state made a counter proposal to make the county's expenses net neutral.

The Judge also addressed the ongoing legal action concerning the tax status of skid mounted compressors used in oil and gas production.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the pay raise for Kody Woolley who is being promoted to Jail Sergeant at a salary of \$1,024.59 bi-weekly effective October 28, 2014. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the corrected effective dates for raises on Courtney Kellum, Ryan Martin, Lorenzo Simpson and Colby McLeod should be October 14, 2014 instead of November 14, 2014. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the payment card processing agreement with Tyler Technologies for electronic filing payments (eFile System) as mandated through the State of Texas. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Pat Perry to move the next Commissioner Court meeting to Monday November 10th to avoid a conflict with Veteran's Day holiday. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to advertise for bids for courthouse roof replacement under the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept the seal bid for properties previous struck off of the tax roll, Lots 12 & 13, Block B Sand Hill Manor Addition Grapeland to Sean Wiley-\$100.00; 1 acre John Scott Survey, Abstract 916 to Sean Wiley-\$150.00. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Crockett for Christmas in Crockett project. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford to accept a donation of \$6,000.00 from Cedar Branch Baptist Church for improvement to County Road 2210 in Road and Bridge Precinct 2. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to adopt a resolution in support of making the healing treatment of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy available for Texas Veterans. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve and proceed with exploring the possibility of establishing a countywide Houston County Economic Development Council (EDC). Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept the airport hangar leases for Barry Bomer and Robert McMinn. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen to amend the prioritized project list for the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program (CERTZ), the motion died for a lack of a second.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum 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