

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on November 10, 2015 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

Janice Turner	Chief Deputy County Clerk
Melissa Mosley	County Auditor
Daphne Session	County Attorney
Danette Millican	County Tax Assessor-Collector

Media

Teresa Holloway	Grapeland Messenger
Lynda Jones	Houston County Courier

Visitor: David Lamb, G. P. Shearer, Gloria Swor, Ashley Perry, Jan Pigford and Mary Lucas

County Judge Erin Ford called the meeting to order

Commissioner Kennon Kellum opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge Allegiance

Judge Ford recognized all the servicemen in uniform

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 27, 2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

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

Judge Ford mention some important dates, November 16, 2015 Commissioner Court meeting to canvass election returns, November 20, 2015 Thanksgiving Luncheon at the Senior Citizens Center and December 8, 2015 Employees Appreciation Dinner at the First United Methodist Family Life Center.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the salary for Jackie Cheatham as a full time jailer at a pay rate of \$998.83 bi-weekly to be effective November 17, 2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the salary for Michael Merchant as a part time jailer at a pay rate of \$12.49 per hour effective October 27, 2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to accept \$800.00 donation from the City of Kennard for Precinct 4. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to consider Westside Baptist Church as the propose new polling place for Precinct 3. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Pat Perry to distribute equally the votes for all candidates with the exception of Stanley Pennington for Board of Directors of the Houston County Appraisal District. Motion carried 3 to 2 (Dickey and Kitchen opposed).

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept as information the Texas General Land Office Ike 2.2 Disaster Recovery Construction Contract Change Orders & project completion list. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve application for a grant and 25% match through Governor's Office for body cameras, docking station and service to outfit all of Sheriff's Office. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the contract with Deep East Texas Council of Governments and Houston County Aging Services for Older American Act Programs from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2019. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Willie Kitchen to accept the bid in the amount of \$80,000.00 from Brinks Brangus Cattle Westall Ranches, LLC for the sale of a Case motor grader from precinct 3. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the renewal service agreement with Vaisala Inc. for automated weather dissemination service at Houston County Airport. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to adopt an order with regulations governing the use of county right-of-way by public utilities. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry 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