

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on July 14, 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

Bridget Lamb	County Clerk
Daphne Session	County Attorney
Pam Foster Fletcher	District Judge
Loyce Netardus	Assistant County Auditor

Media

Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger
Teresa Hewett	Houston County Courier

Visitors: Ashley Perry, Jan Pigford, Mary Lucas, John Jenkins, Elizabeth McCoy and Mickey Purifoy

County Judge Erin Ford called the meeting to order

Commissioner Kennon Kellum opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition of guests

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the minutes of the last regular called meeting held on June 23, 2015 and the special called meeting held on June 30, 2015. 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.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept as information the District Judges Report. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Judge Ford reported he met with the officials of the National Forest Service and they are joining with Texas Forest Service to work on getting the fire access roads in the National Forest back into shape.

Commissioner Willie Kitchen informed the court he had been given information concerning the need to provide a state procurement policy to FEMA and requested the County Attorney assistance in finding the statute and state policies the county is required to follow. He also spoke on moving RAP material from Lufkin to each county barn.

John Jenkins asked the court about the status of the East Texas Medical Center tower and their asking price of \$400,000.00 for the county to purchase. Judge Ford said he is looking at other options within the county to relocate the tower.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the salary for Roger D. Rushing as new part-time equipment operator in Precinct 4 at a pay rate of \$11.62 per hour effective July 6, 2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the salary for Detric Murray as a deputy at a pay rate of \$1,180.00 bi-weekly. He is replacing Justin Lane, effective July 2, 2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the salary for Garrett Westerfield as a part time jailer at a pay rate of \$12.20 per hour, effective July 15, 2015. He is replacing Joel Walker, who went to full time. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to declare the list of excess county-owned vehicles, equipment, electronics and furniture as salvage/surplus for Houston County Auction. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the Contract to sell by internet auction with SWICO Auctions. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Kennon Kellum to amend the Prioritized Project List for the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program (CERTZ) by decreasing County Road 3375 by \$6,000.00 and increasing County Road 3385 by \$6,000.00. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Roger Dickey to table until next court date to take action on participating in the Capital Murder Public Defender Program. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to accept the 2015 Emergency Management performance Grant. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen to table the order until next court date granting franchise with Kinder Morgan Pipeline. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the Agreement between Houston County and CS Advantage USAA, INC for the County Courthouse roof, pending legal review by County Attorney Daphne Session. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to receive as information annual road reports from each Commissioner. Motion carried 5 to 0.

The court heard from Mike Purifoy regarding trash service and road conditions on County Road 3540.

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