

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on March 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

Bridget Lamb	County Clerk
Melissa Mosley	County Auditor
Daphne Session	County Attorney
Danette Millican	County Tax Assessor-Collector
Morris Luker	Constable Precinct #1

Media

Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger
Lynda Jones	Houston County Courier

Visitors: Kyle Permey, James Waldrop, Glenn Barnhart, Bryan Lake, Byron Underwood, Tim Allen, Terry Roach & John S. Massingill

County Judge Erin Ford called the meeting to order

Commissioner Bryon Underwood of Cherokee County 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 February 24, 2015 and the special called meeting held on February 27, 2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey 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 recommendations 20150310 from the Human Resource Committee Job description and pay scale review. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Judge Ford that the recommendations from the Human Resource Committee will be considered at the next budget cycle. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the promotion for Randy Worsham from road hand to road supervisor in Precinct #3 at a pay increase of 5%, to be effective March 10, 2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the salary for Craig Baxter as the jailer/transport deputy at a pay rate of \$1,129.61 bi-weekly, effective March 10, 2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the salary for Callie Kellum as a jailer at a pay rate of \$975.80 bi-weekly, effective March 20, 2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to change the name of election voting precinct 19 from Kennard High School to Kennard Independent School District Maintenance and Transportation Building. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Willie Kitchen to establish a Community and Economic Development Program as per the Texas Local Government Code 381.004. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve a Business Meal Policy. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Judge Ford to approve the matching funds of \$125,000.00 for the Texas Historical Commission Courthouse Renovation Program Grant for Roof replacement and make the necessary budget amendments. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve a contract with Lifeguard Ambulance for ambulance services for Houston County. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve an Interlocal Agreement with Houston County Hospital District who will provide 75% of the ambulance service subsidy and provide ambulance building space during the life of the contract. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to amend the current contract with Champion Energy to include electricity at the ambulance building. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the Interlocal Agreement and application for use of Hotel and Motel Occupancy Tax and reward \$8,000.00 to the Crockett Lions Club. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the Interlocal Agreement and application for use of Hotel and Motel Occupancy tax and reward \$5,000.00 to the Piney Woods Fine Arts. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Bryon Under wood Commissioner of Cherokee County presented a presentation to the court concerning overweight vehicles on county roads.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to select Todd, Hamaker & Johnson, LLP, Certified Public Accountants to perform an audit of financial statements of Houston County for the period ended September 30, 2014. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Roger Dickey to advertise for bids on Road Renovation Project (CERTZ) for County Road 3375 in Precinct 3. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to advertise to accept bids for road materials and Petroleum products. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve contract with Department of State Health Services to reduce the impact of potentially preventable hospitalizations. Motion carried 5 to 0.

The Court heard a presentation from Kyle Penney with East Texas Communities Foundation.

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

