

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on March 24, 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

Also present

Bridget Lamb	County Clerk
Melissa Mosley	County Auditor
Daphne Session	County Attorney
Danette Millican	County Tax Assessor-Collector
Red Smith	Constable Precinct #2

Media

Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger
Lynda Jones	Houston County Courier

Visitors: Charles Shartle, Gene Meyers, Gary A. Burns, Richard Cole, G. P. Shearer, Joshua Spencer, Jimmy Hickman, Herbert Bickley, Loyce Netardus, Melanie Smith, Etta R. Lewis, Jason L. Kimbro, Kim Landry and District Judge Pam Fletcher

County Judge Erin Ford called the meeting to order

Judge Ford opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge allegiance

Recognition of guests

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the minutes from the last regular called meeting held on March 10, 2015. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve payment of bills and expenses. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept as information the County Treasurer's Report. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to accept as information the Compensatory Time Report. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Pat Perry to approve the recommendations from the Human Resource concerning changes to the Houston County employee Handbook. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Herb Bickley, Regional Manager with Klotz Associates addressed the court concerning Houston County GLO Ike Round 2.2.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the salary for Etta Lewis as Office Assistant in the County Attorney's Office at a pay rate of \$937.67 bi-weekly. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford to approve a five percent increase in salary for the District Court Coordinator. Motion died for a lack of a second.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the request from the Sheriff Department to purchase an iPhone for dispatch to interact with the new ambulance services and make the necessary budget amendment. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to declare items from the County Attorney's Office as salvage/surplus and authorize placing in old jail. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept as information the updated bond rating for Houston County from Standard & Poor's Services. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve an expenditure of \$2,000.00 to purchase plants for Texas Agri-Life Extension Office blackberry trial at Sheriff's Office and make the necessary budget amendment. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to table the item concerning East Texas Communities Foundation. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the upgrade amendment for Lexis Nexis on line law library. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Willie Kitchen to authorize Enbridge G & P (East Texas) Pipeline to install pipeline under County Roads 4025, 3575, 4037, 4020, 4040, 3420, 3525, 3610, 35555 and 3605. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Pat Perry to table the action concerning overweight vehicles on county roads for further consideration. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen to adopt a proclamation designating the month of April as County Government Month. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to adopt a proclamation designating the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to adopt a proclamation for County Day of Recognition of National Service.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen 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