

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

Also

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

Media

Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger
Kelly McChesney	Houston County Courier

Visitors: Larry Mask, Donald Denman, Madison Strother, Chad Norton, Ray Vann and Ashley Perry

County Judge Erin Ford called the meeting to order

Commissioner Willie Kitchen opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge Allegiance

Recognition of guests

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the minutes of the last called meeting held on January 27, 2015. Motion carried 4 to 0.

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

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve Fund Transfers. 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 Pat Perry seconded by Roger Dickey to accept as information the Environmental Control Report. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Roger Dickey to approve March 1, 2015 as the date to recover what is re-useable from the old jail. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Judge Ford reported that Texas Department of Transportation is going to widen the passing lane on State Highway 21 from Farm Market Road 1280 to 2.32 miles East of Farm Market Road 2967, also they are developing plans for replacing the existing bridge at Tributary of Big Creek on County Road 3480 and at Tantabogue Creek Tributary on County Road 3615. The Closure will last approximately 8 months.

Danette Millican, Tax Assessor-Collector spoke to the court about the upcoming changes regarding vehicle inspection stickers. Under new law, privately owned vehicles will only require a registration sticker and not an inspection sticker effective March 1, 2015.

Larry Mask a resident in Precinct 4 addressed the courts concerning the road conditions on County Roads 4700, 4710, 4670 and 4675. He stated there is a historical marker on County Road 4710 and several years ago the road was supposed to have been improved but it never was, and the road is so bad that the people cannot go and visit the marker.

Jan Pigford reminded everyone that March 30, 2015 is the target date to sign up with Healthy County

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the order setting annual salary of the Official Court Reporter of the County Court at Law. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the salary of Betty Chenault as the Official Court Reporter in County Court at Law at a pay rate of \$1,730.77 bi-weekly, effective February 9, 2015. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the salaries of Craig Baxter, effective February 11, 2015 and Alfred (A.C.) Rains, effective February 16, 2015 as jailers at a pay rate of \$975.80 and Carly Tullis as dispatcher at a pay rate of \$975.80 bi-weekly effective February 11, 2015. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the salary of Chris Jiminez as part time road hand in Road and Bridge precinct 2 at a pay rate of \$11.62 hourly, effective February 6, 2015. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program and application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Community Development Fund; and authorizing the County Judge to act as the County's Executive Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the County's participation in the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept as information the Texas County Lateral Road and Bridge Expenditure Yearly Report for Fiscal Year 2014. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to accept as information Houston County Emergency Service No. 1 Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2014 to comply with House Bill 3764. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept as information Houston County Juvenile Probation Audit for Fiscal Year 2014 as prepared by Todd, Hamaker and Johnson, LLC. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the Houston County premises use application as requested by New Hope Missionary Baptist Church Youth of Grapeland for event on April 4, 2015. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve a lease/purchase agreement with Citizens National Bank for the purchase of two John Deere zero turn mowers for the Community Service Department in an amount not to exceed \$16,000.00. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to amend the budget to include an expense line item for first call expenses/no autopsy transport expense, and approval payment of bill out of contingency. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept as information the certificates of Course completion for the County Clerk and District Clerk in Open Meeting Act and Public Information Act as evidence of compliance with Government Code 551.005 and 552.012. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to authorize the collection for a new fee for Cost Recovery for E-Filing for the County and District Clerk's Offices. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen 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

