The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on May 26, 2015 with the following members present to wit:

Erin Ford Willie Kitchen Pat Perry Kennon Kellum	County Judge Commissioner Precinct #2 Commissioner Precinct #3 Commissioner Precinct #4
Also present	
Bridget Lamb	County Clerk
Melissa Mosley	County Auditor
Daphne Session	County Attorney
Pam Fletcher	District Judge
Media	
Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger

Visitors: G. P. Shearer, Brent Williams, Jan Pigford, Mary Lucas, Walter Stewart, Ralph E. Brown, Delbert Walker, Penny Webb and Elizabeth McCoy

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County Judge Erin Ford called the meeting to order

Commissioner Willie Kitchen opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge Allegiance

Lynda Jones

Recognition of Guests

David Lamb, Houston County Emergency Management Coordinator addressed the court about where the county stood on the disaster declaration. He also stated that the Commissioners' have to do a disaster summary outline which is a lot of data, and if anyone had any agricultural losses they need to call their USDA offices.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the minutes of the last regular called meeting held on May 12, 2015. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the minutes of the emergency called meeting held on May 22, 2015. Motion carried 4 to 0.

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

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

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Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept as information the compensatory time report. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Judge Ford reported that Commissioner Dickey is working on County road 1620 where a culvert blew out and he is also working on County road 1560. The Judge stated that when the court declared the disaster declaration his intent was to get resources from the State. One of the thing he is pushing for is to get that RAP (recycled asphalt payment) from TX DOT which is the only material that won't deteriorate under adverse conditions and do this the court will have to go through a district disaster coordinator.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept as information the District Judges report. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the salary for Ralph Brown as a part-time road hand in precinct #1 at a pay rate of \$11.62 per hour effective June 1, 2015. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to receive as information some of the road damages in precinct #4. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to accept the donation of \$2,000.00 from the City of Kennard for road improvement in precinct #4. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to adopt the minimum standards for cattle guard installed across county roads. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to adopt a resolution approving submission of grant application from the County Attorney to the Office of the Attorney General Crime Victim Services division and designate County Judge Erin Ford as the Authorized Official. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen to adopt a resolution approving Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Willie Kitchen to authorize the sheriff Department to apply for a grant for a Crime Victim Deputy through the Office of the Governor. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Pat Perry to adopt the resolution rescinding prepayment discounts for ad valorem taxes as authorized under Texas Property Tax Code Section 31.05 (d). Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen to authorize the County Auditor to advertise for bids for liability, property and auto insurance for County Assets. Motion carried 4 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