

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on June 23, 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
Darrel Bobbitt	Sheriff

Media

Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger
Teresa Holloway	Houston County Courier

Visitors: Jimmy Hickman, Patricia Hall, Hallie Wilmore, Wanda Jordan, Carol Hoch, Mary Hewett, Dorothy Harrison, Cindy Keys

County Judge Erin Ford called the meeting to order

Commissioner Roger Dickey opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition of guests

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Kennon Kelly to approve the minutes of the last regular called meeting held on June 9, 2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve payment of bills and expenses. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to accept as information the County Treasurer's report. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept as information the Compensatory time report. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen to accept the recommendations from Human Resource Committee concerning vacation time with the verbiage each calendar year end be stricken from item 4 which indicate there is only maximum of 160 hours carry over . Motion carried 5 to 0.

Judge Ford reported he had received notification from the Texas Department of Emergency Management which indicated the county would be eligible to acquire low interest loans from FEMA as well as the USDA to help offset the damage done by the torrential rain and flooding.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Pat Perry to approve the salary for Ralph Brown as a full time road hand effectively July 6, 2015 at the pay rate of \$13.45 per hour. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the salary for Joel Walker as a full time jailer at a pay rate of \$975.80 bi-weekly effective June 24, 2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept John Turner resignation as a jailer. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the salary for Detric Murray as a deputy at a pay rate of \$1180.10 bi-weekly effective July 2, 2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the salary for Brenda Owens as part time in the County Treasurer's Office at a pay rate of \$11.06 per hour, effective June 22, 2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept a donation of \$5,000.00 from an anonymous organization for the purchase of body cameras and/or pepper ball guns. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept Houston County Investment Policy as required under LGC 116.112. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to adopt the GASB 68 reporting requirements for Houston County financial statements. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Kennon Kellum to take no action on the purchase of ETMC radio tower. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve bid from Sound Techs for audio and video equipment in the District and County Court at Law courtrooms and make the necessary budget amendments with the option of requesting proposal from local bidder with a maximum bid of \$14,000.00. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Judge Ford presented the Distinguished Service Award certificate to the members of Houston County Historical Commission for 2014 year of service. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Kennon Kellum that this meeting be adjourn.

Erin Ford, County Judge

Roger Dickey, Comm. Pct. #1

Willie Kitchen, Comm. Pct. #2

Pat Perry, Comm. Pct. #3

Kellum Kennon, Comm. Pct. #4

Attest:

Bridget Lamb, County Clerk