

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on February 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
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
Ronnie Jordan	Justice of The Peace Precinct #2
Morris Luker	Constable Precinct #1

Media

Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger
Lynda Jones	Houston County Courier

Visitors: Clayton Starr, Ruenette Starr, John Jenkins, Paul Stringer, Ray Bruner, Sean Hutchison, Larry Christopher, Jordan Knox, Brad Knox, Dorothy Harrison, Harold Stowe, Jan Stowe, Delbert Walker, Mittie Wiley, Marva Anglin, Carl Franklin, Jefferson Skinner, Ansel Bradshaw, John Angerstein, Chance Jordan, Charles Denman, David Bailey, Amanda Bailey, Pauline Watson, Harry J. Scott, Clarence A. Ross

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 Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the minutes of the last called meeting held on February 10, 2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.

The court heard from Mrs. Mittie Wiley concerning County Road 1135 and County Road 1140 in Precinct #4.

Lonnie Ellis also addressed the court concerning road conditions in Precinct 4.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to adopt a proclamation proclaiming March 2, 2015 as Texas Independence Day. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Pat Perry 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 Compensatory Report. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve promotion for Frank Womack from road hand to Road Supervisor in Precinct #4 at a pay increase of 5%, effective February 10, 2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the salary for Larry Caddenhead as new part-time road hand in Precinct #4 at a pay rate of \$11.62 per hour, effective January 28, 2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the salary for Jerry Kaelin as a full-time Deputy at a pay rate of \$1,186.10 bi-weekly, effective February 24, 2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the salary for Bobie Updike as full-time jailer at a pay rate of \$975.80 bi-weekly, effective February 24, 2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the salary for Michael Molnes, Jr. as a full-time jailer at a pay rate of \$975.80 bi-weekly, effective March 2, 2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept the resignation of Robert Moffett as jailer effective February 13, 2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to nominate by resolution John A. McCall, Jr. as a replacement representative for the Houston County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the renewal lease agreement between Brenda Stubblefield and Houston County Road and Bridge Precinct 4. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Pat Perry to obligate a maximum of \$50,000.00 not to exceed three years and to administer the process in providing an ambulance service during the interval period, this motion is amendable or negotiable after the other two entities meet. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve an order to determine the cost of providing an ambulance service as an unforeseen expenses and an emergency under LGC 111 and authorize use of Houston County's fund balance to provide for payment for a period of time until future allocations can be made. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to establish a five member EMS Committee to assist in preparing contract terms and conditions to ensure excellence of care, oversight in contract performance and provide assistance to Commissioner Court in any manners of mobile emergency medical services and future direction of this service. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to authorize Judge Erin Ford, Crockett Fire Chief John Angerstein and Commissioner Roger Dickey to interview and negotiate with EMS providers. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to renew membership with the Comptroller's Cooperative Purchasing Program, Texas Co-op. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the application for use of Hotel and Motel Occupancy Tax and Interlocal agreement and award \$5,000.00 to MSsion Tomorrow. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Judge Ford to approve the application for use of Hotel and Motel Occupancy Tax and Interlocal Agreement and award \$5,000.00 to the Houston County Museum. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve Houston County Display Permit as requested by Kalin's Center for April Awareness Prevention Month. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to accept seal bids from Jennifer Stoute; Cause #11-189, 1 acre in the John Sheridan Survey, Abstract 80 in the amount of \$1,000.00, and from George Pierson; Cause #06-0204, Lots 12 & 13, Block B, Sand Hill Manor Subdivision in the amount of \$1,101.00. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to receive as information the Notice of Proposed Installation pipe and/or utility lines from ETC Texas Pipeline, LTD. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve a contract for Tax Abatement with ETC Texas Pipeline, LTD pending a favorable review by Houston County Attorney and all other responsible parties. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to receive as information the annual racial profiling report from Law Enforcement Agencies. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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