

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting held on December 22, 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

Bridget Lamb	County Clerk
Melissa Mosley	County Auditor
Daphne Session	County Attorney
Danette Millican	County Tax Assessor-Collector

Media

Lynda Jones	Houston County Courier
Teresa Holloway	Grapeland Messenger

Visitors: Lonnie Ellis, Wanda Jordan, Grady Grounds, Jan Pigford and Mary Lucas

County Judge Ford called the meeting to order

Commissioner Willie Kitchen 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 regular called meeting held on December 8, 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 Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey 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 Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept as information the District Judges Report. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Kennon Kellum to appoint Grady Grounds as a member of the Houston County Historical Commission. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to accept as information the 2016 Internal Revenue Service mileage and per diem rates and update the policy for official county travel with the new rates. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Indigent Healthcare Solutions and Houston County and the renewal of a two year contract for data processing services for inmate healthcare. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to authorize a lease purchase agreement with Citizens National Bank in the amount of \$18,250.00 for the purchase of a new pickup for precinct #4. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Judge Ford to adopt resolutions and approve Texas Department of Highways & Transportation off-system bridge replacement projects and eliminate bridge number AA0334-001. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen to continue the prohibition of fire-arm in any county owned building with courtroom or offices utilized by the courts. Motion carried 4 to 1 (Commissioner Dickey opposed).

The court took the necessary action on possession of fire-arm in county-owned vehicle or equipment. Motion died for a lack of a second.

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

