

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting held on August 25, 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
Daphne Session	County Attorney
Donna Kaspar	District Attorney
Carolyn Rains	District Clerk
Danette Millican	Tax Assessor-Collector
Red Smith	Constable Precinct #2
Ronnie Jordan	Justice of the Peace Precinct #2
Pam Foster Fletcher	Judge 349 <sup>th</sup> District Court
Mark Calhoon	Judge 3 <sup>rd</sup> District Court

Media

Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger
Teresa Holloway	Houston County Courier

Visitors: Loyce Netardus, Tommie Ellis, Jan Pigford, Mary Lucas, Mandy Patrick and Elizabeth McCoy

County Judge Erin Ford called the meeting to order

Judge Ford opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition of guests

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the minutes of the last regular called meeting held on August 11, 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 approve transfer funds. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept as information the treasurer's report. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

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

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to adopt the public Access policy as recommended by the Human Resource Committee. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the salary for Mary Kendrick as part time activity-kitchen assistant at the Senior Citizens Center at a pay rate of \$9.28 per hour effective August 14, 2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the salary for Brittany Womack as part time in the County Treasurer's Office at a pay rate of \$11.06 per hour effective September 1, 2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the amendments as recommended to the Rental & Use Polices for the Houston County Senior Citizens Center. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve payment of overtime to Larry Melson and Ike McKnight in Precinct 2 and make the necessary budget amendments. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Roger Dickey seconded by Willie Kitchen to continue the burn ban. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the appointment of election and alternate judges for a two year term. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to approve the GLO Contract NO. 13-180-000-7293 Community Development Block Grant Round 2.2 Non-Housing Grant Agreement Amendment No. 2. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept the Grant Contract between the Office of the Attorney General and Houston County Attorney's Office for the Victim Assistance Coordinator Position. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept as information the Houston County Appraisal District budget for fiscal year 2016. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Roger Dickey to accept the order setting annual salary of the official court reporter of the County Court at Law. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion was made by Judge Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen to accept the revised proposed tax rate of \$0.504 and set the public hearing on the tax rate on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and September 8<sup>th</sup> and adoption of the tax rate on September 11, 2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.

County Judge Erin Ford opened the public hearing on the proposed County budget for Fiscal Year 2016.

District Judge Pam Foster Fletcher and District Judge Mark Calhoon address the court concerning a pay increase for District Court Coordinator Elizabeth McCoy.

Commissioner Willie Kitchen amended Road and Bridge Precinct 2, reduced Road and Material by \$10,000.00 and increase Petroleum Products by \$10,000.00, reduce Contract Labor by \$5,000.00 and increase Petroleum Products by \$5,000.00, reduce Road Material by \$500.00 and increase Salary overtime by \$500.00.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to adopt the Houston County Budget for fiscal year 2016 with the above stated amendments in Precinct #2. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

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Erin Ford, County Judge

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Roger Dickey, Comm. Pct. #1

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Willie Kitchen, Comm. Pct. #2

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Pat Perry, Comm. Pct. #3

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Kennon Kellum, Comm. Pct. #4

Attest:

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Bridget Lamb, County Clerk

