

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on December 13, 2016 with the following members present to wit:

Jim L. Lovell	County Judge
Gary Lovell	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	Tax Assessor-Collector

Media

Alton Porter	Houston County Courier
Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger

Visitors: Robert L Harrison, Jan Pigford, Mary Lucas, James J, Gentry, Lorenzo Simpson and Craig Baxter

Judge Jim L. Lovell called the meeting to order

Commissioner Willie Kitchen opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge Allegiance

Recognition of guests

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the minutes of the last called meeting held on November 22, 2016. Motion carried 5 to 0

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve payment of bills and expenses. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to table the recommendation for the Human Resource Committee concerning the Employee's Conduct Policy. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Kennon Kellum to give a six month raise to Roger Seidel, road hand for precinct 3 at a bi-weekly salary of \$1,165.07. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to approve the salary for Jasmine Mitchell as a full time Deputy County Clerk at a salary of \$998.83 bi-weekly. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to approve Tommy Morgan as a part time stand by employee as a Heavy Equipment Operator for Precinct 2 at a salary of \$13.77 per hour. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Gary Lovell seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept the donation of a 16' shop built tandem axle and a Rhino 15" batwing mower in Precinct 1. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to accept the equipment transfer of 1979 flatbed trailer from Precinct 2 to Precinct 1. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to adopt Resolution naming County Judge Jim Lovell as the Authorized Official for the Crime Victim Services Division Grant with the office of the Attorney General for the County Attorney's Office. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to appoint County Judge Jim Lovell as a representative for Houston County with DETCOG for community plan. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to rescind previous motion from November 22, 2016 the contracts for Road Materials to CRB Materials and Reclamation Contractors of Texas due to no purchases since the award, notify Frost, Conners, B & R Logging and Crockett Construction of a 30 day notice to cancel the current contracts and giving County Judge authorization to sign the notice, and authorize advertising to accept new bids for lime stone road base only. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen made a motion to deny accepting the donation of 13.125 acres wood pellet fuel manufacturing facility from Zilkha Biomass Energy. This motion died for a lack of a second.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Gary Lovell to table accepting the donation of a 13.125 acres wood pellet fuel manufacturing facility from Zikha Biomass Energy. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept as information from Texas Department of Transportation the Highway Safety Improvement Project on various culverts within Houston County . Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Pat Perry that this meeting be adjourn.

Jim L. Lovell, County Judge

Gary Lovell, Comm. Pct. #1

Willie Kitchen, Comm. Pct. #2

Pat Perry, Comm. Pct. #3

Kennon Kelllum, Comm. Pct. #4

Attest:

Bridget Lamb, County Clerk