

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on December 27, 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

Janice Turner	Chief Deputy County Clerk
Daphne Session	County Attorney
Danette Millican	County Tax-Assessor Collector

Media

Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger
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Visitors: Christina McElhany, Mandy Patrick, Elizabeth McCoy, John Angerstein, Tab Beall, Carey Minter, G. P. Shearer, Mary Lucas, Jan Pigford, Brittani Womack and Shelby Best

County Judge Jim L. Lovell called the meeting to order

Commissioner Gary Lovell opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge Allegiance

Recognition of guests

Mandy Patrick recognized Christina McElhany a Houston County 4-H member who has the honor of representing Houston County as a 4-H Ambassador and she has an opportunity to go to National.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the minutes of the last called meeting held on December 13, 2016. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept the County Treasurers Report as information. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept the Compensatory Report as information. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Pat Perry to approve the salary for Richard Simison as a part time deputy in the Sheriff's office at pay rate of \$15.18 per hour, effective December 28, 2016. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to approve the salaries for Logan Glawson and Joyce Machuca as full-time jailers at a pay rate of \$998.83 bi-weekly, effective January 9, 2017 and December 27, 2016. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the salary for Roger L. White as Assistant District Attorney at a salary of \$2,632.74 bi-weekly, effective January 3, 2017. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Judge Lovell to table the item approving contract with Unifirst Uniform. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the contract with Texas Imaging for a new copier for the District Court Coordinator and make the necessary budget amendment. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Judge Lovell to approve the reappointment of Susan Rowden, Billy Horne and Dan Huff as Commissioners for Houston County Emergency Services District #1. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Gary Lovell seconded by Willie Kitchen to adopt a Resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Application to the Texas Department of Agriculture under the 2017-2018 Community Development fund in the amount of \$275,000.00 to provide improvement of roads. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to renew participation with Texas Association of Counties , Health and employee Benefits Pool (United Healthcare) for retiree medical benefits. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Judge Lovell to decline the donation of 13.125 acres wood pellet fuel manufacturing facility from Zilkha Biomass Energy. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Gary Lovell seconded by Kennon Kellum 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 Kellum, Comm. Pct. #4

Attest:

Bridget Lamb, County Clerk