

The Commissioner Court of Houston County held a regular called meeting on November 22, 2016 with the following members present to wit:

Erin Ford	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
Melissa Mosley	County Auditor
Daphne Session	County Attorney
Sarah T. Clark	County Court at Law Judge
Danette Millican	County Tax Assessor-Collector
Clyde Black	Justice of The Peace Precinct #1
Ronnie Jordan	Justice of The Peace Precinct #2
Red Smith	Constable Precinct #2
Gloria Swor	Election Administrator

Media

Alton Porter	Houston County Courier
Will Smith	Grapeland Messenger

Visitors: Rick Hargrove, George R. Pierson, Brittani Womack, Shelby Best, Cynthia Lum, Gloria Swor, G. P. Shearer, Mary Lucas, Jan Pigford, Hailey Suddutz, Steven Hendrickson, Joseph W. Stephens, Craig Baxter, Douglas King, Pat Oates, Delbert Walker and John Jenkins

Judge Ford called the meeting to order

Commissioner Kennon Kellum 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 8, 2016. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to approve the budget amendment for the County Court at Law Visiting Court Reporter. 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 accept the Treasurers Report as information. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to approve the salary for Stacy Hand as Office Assistant for the County Attorney's Office at a pay rate of \$995.97 bi-weekly. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to approve the salary for Robert "Doug" King as a Deputy Bailiff at a pay rate of \$998.83 bi-weekly. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Gary Lovell seconded by Pat Perry to approve the salary for Terry Jordan as a part time road hand for precinct #1. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to declare the official canvass results of the 2016 General Election. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to appoint the County Judge as representative for Houston County with DETCOG for Community Plan. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Gary Lovell to distribute equally the RAP materials received from Texas Department of Transportation. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Pat Perry to approve the Aviation Support and Maintenance Services Contract with DBT Transportation Services for support of the Houston County Airport AWOS (Automated Weather Observation System). Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to accept the seal bid for road materials from Frost Crushed Stone and Connors Crushed Stone for all the materials they listed and award the Iron Ore material to Reclamation Contractors of Texas, the limestone three quarter to B & R Logging LLC and all the products that listed which were also included one iron ore rock which was not bid by any other person except Crockett Construction but also award to the one they have in their bid. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Judge Ford to accept the seal bid from Goodwin Lasiter Strong for Texas Department of Agriculture for the 2017/2018 Community Development Grant for Texas-Registered Engineers. Motion carried 5 to 0.

The Commission Court went into executive session at 10:40 am to discuss the appointment of County Judge for the unexpired term Pursuant to Local Government Code, Section 551.074.

The Court reconvened in open meeting at 11:27 am with Commissioner Willie Kitchen presiding.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Gary Lovell to appoint Jim L. Lovell as County Judge to fulfill the unexpired term of Erin Ford through December 31, 2018 and approval of necessary bond effective November 22, 2106. Motion carried 3 to 1 with Commissioner Willie Kitchen voting against.

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

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Jim L. Lovell, County Judge

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Gary Lovell, 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

