

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting held on March 8, 2016 with the following members present to wit:

Erin Ford	County Judge
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
Danette Millican	County Tax Assessor-Collector
Carolyn Rains	District Clerk

Visitors: Gary Lovell, James V. Meachen, James Waldrop, Marty Hyde, Tommie Ellis, Ashley Perry, Ray Fleming, Tab Beall, Doris Crowson, Wayne Crowson, Mary Lucas, Jan Pigford, Chief David Cross, Jack McCarty, Bertha McCarty and Karen Rice

County Judge Erin Ford called the meeting to order

County Judge 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 meeting held on February 23, 2016. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve payment of bills and expenses. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept as information the Environmental Control Report. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Pat Perry to approve the salary for Woodrow Jones as a part time deputy at a pay rate of \$15.18 per hour. Motion carried 4 to 0.

The Court heard the status report on the County delinquent taxes from Tad Beall with the Law Offices of Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins and Mott, LLP.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Judge Ford that the county will not sign waiver and to accept the amount of \$4802.86 with a stipulation that the debt is not forgiven for payment of taxes from the Crockett Housing Authority. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Judge Ford to approve the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Application and Interlocal Agreement for Crockett Lions Club Rodeo and approval of \$11,000.00. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the Application for Cancellation of a Part of the Town of Weldon Subdivision with the stipulation that Dallas Street remain open. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Kennon Kellum to place "In God We Trust" on county-owned vehicles and in Courtrooms. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by pat Perry to renew the lease agreement between Brenda Stubblefield and Houston County Road and Bridge Precinct #4. Motion carried 4 to 0.

The Court discussed problems concerning the solid waste services for the unincorporated areas of the county with a Representative with IESI (Progressive Waste).

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve request for office space on the third floor of the courthouse for the District Clerk's Office and allocate the District Clerk's storage and break room to the District Court Coordinator. Motion carried 4 to 0.

The Court heard three options recommended from the Human Resource Committee for the Emergency Management Coordinator/Fire Marshal positions.

**Option #1**-Keep combined position as it has been at pay scale #27  
Keep old job description

**Option #2**-Keep combined position change to pay scale of #25  
Keep old job description  
Hire Deputy EMC at a pay scale of #19

**Option #3**- Separate job description  
Emergency Management Coordinator pay scale of #23  
Fire Marshall Stipend TBD by Commissioners Court

The Court went into closed executive session authorized by Government Code 551.074 to discuss personnel issue.

The Court re-convened at 12:03 pm in open session to take the necessary action for the hiring of Emergency Management Coordinator/Fire Marshal positions.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept recommendation Option #2, keep combined position and adjust pay scale at a pay grade 24, (\$40, 287.45) and hire Deputy EMC/Fire Marshal at a pay grade 20, (\$33,144.58), and repost this position for submission of applications and resumes. Motion carried 4 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