

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting held on March 22, 2016 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
Danette Millican	Tax Assessor-Collector
Judge Sarah Clark	County Court at Law Judge
Kenneth "Red" Smith	Constable Precinct #2

Media

Lynda Jones	Houston County Courier
Teresa Holloway	Grapeland Messenger

Visitors: Roger D. Kellum, Casey Bradshaw, Glenna Enos, C. R. Hodges, Judy Hodges, Charles Johnson, Lonnie Ellis, Nancy A. Smith, Brittani Womack, Loyce Netardus, Jan Pigford and Mary Lucas

County Judge Erin Ford called the meeting to order

Commissioner Roger Dickey opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition of guests

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to receive as information the letter of resignation from Commissioner Roger Dickey. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Gary Lovell was sworn in office by Judge Ford as Commissioner Precinct #1

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the Surety Bond of Gary Lovell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on March 8, 2016. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve budget amendment #16-03. 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 receive as information the County Treasurers Report. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

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

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the salary for Cynthia King as Office Assistant in the County Attorney's Office at a pay rate of \$905.97 bi-weekly, effective March 21, 2016. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the salary for Angela Dion as temporary part-time help in the District Clerk's Office at a pay rate of \$10.99 per hour. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Willie Kitchen to adopt a Proclamation proclaiming the month of April as Fair Housing Month. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to adopt a Proclamation designating the month of April as County Government Month. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to renew the subscription amendment for Lexis Nexis online Law Library for County subscribers and patrons access. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to increase the Sheriff's petty cash fund to \$800.00 for inmate Transport Deputies. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the copier leases with Texas Document Solutions for offices of County Clerk, County Court at Law, Department of Aging/Meals on Wheels, County Attorney and the Tax Assessor-Collector. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the request for placement of cattle guard on County Road 3495 in Precinct 3. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the County Clerk's request for the District Clerk's Offices as additional office space once the District Clerk has moved out. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to table updating the Priority Project List under the County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone (CETRZ). Motion carried 5 to 0.

The Court heard a presentation from Nancy Smith, Texas Department of Transportation giving updates on projects that are currently underway and delivery of 2015 Bridge Inspection Reports.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell that this meeting be adjourn.

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Erin Ford, 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