

The Commissioner Court of Houston County held a regular called meeting on October 11, 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

Bridget Lamb	County Clerk
Melissa Mosley	County Auditor
Daphne Session	County Attorney
Danette Millican	County Tax Assessor-Collector

Media

Alton Porter	Houston County Courier
Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger

Visitors: James J. Gentry, Joby Hardwick, Nicki Varner, Sabrina Richardson, Alice Jones, Patricia Hill, Wanda Jordan, Gloria Swor and Elizabeth McCoy

Judge Ford called the meeting to order

Commissioner Gary Lovell 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 September 27, 2016. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the salary for Melinda Page as a dispatcher at a pay rate of \$998.83 bi-weekly to be effective October 14, 2016 and approve the salary for Timothy Lowery from a part time jailer to a full time jailer at a pay rate of \$998.83 bi-weekly to be effective October 11, 2016. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to approve the list of members appointed for Houston County Historical Commission. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to approve a proclamation designating October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Houston County. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Ford seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Application and Interlocal Agreement for Holiday Inn by approving two signs. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to approve an early voting polling place in Lovelady. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve Belott Community Church as a polling place for Precinct 12 for the general election on November 8, 2016. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to advertise for bids for road materials. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Willie Kitchen to renew the auditing services of Todd, Hamaker and Johnson LLC for Houston County for a period of 3 years. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to assign the duties and tasks of inventory Control back to the County Auditor’s Office. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to accept a grant from Homeland Security for Sheriff’s Department radio equipment in the amount of \$26,094.20. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to approve the new DIR Contract with Verizon Wireless for the Houston County Sheriff’s Office. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to adopt a resolution to apply for a grant from the Indigent Defense Grant Program. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Erin Ford, 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

