

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on February 14, 2017 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

Bridget Lamb	County Clerk
Melissa Mosley	County Auditor
Daphne Session	County Attorney
Danette Millican	County Tax Assessor-Collector
Red Smith	Constable Precinct #2

Media

Alton Porter	Houston County Courier
Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger

Visitors: Clayton Starr, Ruenette Starr, Patricia Hill, Wanda Jordan, G. P. Shearer, Debbie McCall, Jan Pigford, Mary Lucas, Elizabeth McCoy and James J. Gentry

The meeting was called to order by County Judge Jim L. Lovell

Judge Lovell opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge Allegiance

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the minutes of the last called meeting held on January 24, 2017 and the special called meeting held on February 6, 2017. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the budget amendment transferring \$4,000.00 from County Court At Law general fund to County Court At Law visiting Court Reporter line item. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the Funds Transfers. 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 Gary Lovell seconded by Willie Kitchen to receive as information the Environmental Report. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Judge Lovell acknowledged Fred Newtz the Veterans Service Officer for completing the specialized training during calendar year 2016 and maintaining the Accreditation Status with the Texas Veterans Commission.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to approve the job description for Sergeant Courthouse Security as recommended by the Human Resource Committee. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the salary for Rodney Steed as a part time road hand in precinct #4, at a salary of \$11.32 per hour effective February 14, 2017. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Gary Lovell seconded by Willie Kitchen to adopt the action on removing the position of transport deputy/jailer and adding a position of Sergeant Courthouse Security. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to designate the former office of Bridget Lamb, County Clerk as additional space for Courthouse Security Offices. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to authorize Precinct 2 Constable Kenneth Smith to appoint Casey Bradshaw as a Reserve Deputy Constable. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to adopt a proclamation recognizing March 2, 2017 as Texas Independence Day. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to adopt orders allowing retail fireworks permit holders to sell fireworks to the public in celebration of Texas Independence Day, San Jacinto Day and Memorial Day. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to change the applications process for the Hotel Occupancy Tax fund by allowing the Court to review the applications. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to receive as information the 2016 Annual Report from Houston County Historical Commission. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to adopt Houston County Community Plan for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to adopt Resolution Opposing Senate Bill 2 and Revenue Caps. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to adopt Resolution Opposing Unfunded Mandates. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to adopt Resolution to implement rights for State Funds for Indigent Defense. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to receive as information the annual racial profiling report from Houston County Sheriffs' Office. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept the formula grant in the amount of \$26,000.00 from Texas Indigent Defense Commission for Fiscal Year 2017. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the renewal of lease agreement between Brenda Stubblefield and Houston County Road and Bridge Precinct #4. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Willie Kitchen to receive as information the notice from Texas Department of Transportation of Contract awards for County Road 1585 at San Pedro Creek and County Road 1765 at Rich Creek. Motion carried 5 to 0.

The Court went into executive session to discuss and deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property at Rich Creek on County Road 1750 as pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.072.

The Court reconvened in open court at 11:15 am

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Gary Lovell 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

