

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on March 28, 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
Amber Bewley	Assistant County Attorney
Danette Millican	County Tax Assessor-Collector

Media

Alton Porter	Houston County Courier
Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger

Visitors: Wanda Jordan, Chuck Siems, Cloyse Woolley, Gloria Swor, Mary Lucas, Jan Pigford, James J Gentry, Craig Baxter and Lorenzo Simpson

The meeting was called to order by County Judge Jim Lovell

Judge Lovell opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Gloria Swor, Election Administrator stated that San Pedro Baptist Church will not be the voting place for election precinct 16 for the next upcoming election and a new place will have to be determined.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the minutes from the last called meeting held on March 14, 2017. 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 Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to receive the County Treasurers Report as information. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve changes to the handbook as recommended from Human Resource Committee concerning to the County Property and to table the changes made to the County Vehicles. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to approve the salary for David Lawrenz as a Deputy Bailiff at a pay rate of \$998.83 bi-weekly, effective April 3, 2017. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to adopt a Proclamation proclaiming April 6, 2017 as "World War 1 Centennial Day" in Houston County. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the Temporary Easement Agreement between Houston County and City of Crockett pending the County Attorney reviewing the document. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Gary Lovell seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve payment of \$150.00 for real property in Precinct 1 for County Bridge Replacement Project on County Road 1750 at Rich Creek. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the County Attorney's Office request to apply for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Crime Victim Services Grant through the Office of the Attorney General. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to approve the maintenance support agreement with Windstream for the Houston County phone systems. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the transfer of a truck from Emergency Management to IT Department. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to authorize the County Auditor to advertise for bids for Limestone rock #2 Road base commercial grade and Limestone Rock 1" X 3". Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to advertise the same as last year for fuel for county vehicles and Houston County Airport. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to extend the contract with our current County Depository. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to authorize the County Auditor to do a RFP for the Actuary Contract for Retirement Benefits. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to extend the County Property Insurance for one year. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the County Courthouse Premises Use Applications for Houston County Ministerial Association and the Davy Crockett Festival. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Gary Lovell seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Application for the 56th Annual Crockett Lions Club Rodeo to be held May 11, 12 and 13, 2017, and to allocate \$3,000.00. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to receive the annual racial profiling report from Constable Precinct 1 Morris Luker. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen 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

