

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on May 9, 2017 with the following members present to wit:

Jim L. Lovell	County Judge
Gary Lovell	Commissioner Precinct #1
Willie Kitchen	Commissioner Precinct #2
Kennon Kellum	Commissioner Precinct #4

Also

Janice Turner	Chief Deputy 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: Jerry Farrar, Glenn Barnhart, Bill Moritz, Steve Smelley, Jan Pigford, Mary Lucas, Doug King and James Gentry

Judge Jim Lovell called the meeting to order

Commissioner Willie Kitchen opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge Allegiance

Recognition of guests

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the minutes from the last meeting held on April 25, 2017. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the payment of bills and expenses with the necessary corrections which will be made by the Auditor's Office and Mary Lucas. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Gary Lovell seconded by Willie Kitchen to receive the Environmental Report as information. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Gary Lovell seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the promotion for Tena Smith as Senior Deputy Clerk –VTR Department in the Tax Office at pay of \$1,101.21 bi-weekly effective May 15, 2017. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Gary Lovell seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the promotion for Joyce LeMoine as Deputy Clerk II in the Tax Office at a pay rate of \$1,048.77 bi-weekly effective May 15, 2017. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Gary Lovell seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the salary for Addie Hicks as a Deputy Clerk I in the Tax Office at a pay rate of \$998.83 bi-weekly effective May 15, 2017. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Gary Lovell seconded by Willie Kitchen to accept a donation of \$1,000.00 from Grady Grounds for road improvements on County Road 1620 in precinct #1. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Gary Lovell seconded by Willie Kitchen to purchase the real property in Precinct #1 for County Bridge Replacement Project #0911-28-045 on County Road 1750 at Rich Creek, Parcel #2 for \$2,500.00 which will be paid out of the right of way fund. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the Hotel Occupancy Tax Application and Interlocal Agreement for Piney Woods Fine Arts Association for the Summer Lightnin' Concert Series be held in June and allocate \$3,000.00 from the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept the airport hangar Bill of Sale from Don Stokes to TSK International, Inc. Motion carried 4 to 0.

The court heard a presentation from The Way Companies reviewing available energy performance contracts for the county.

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

