

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on March 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
Darrel Bobbitt	Sheriff
Danette Millican	County Tax Assessor-Collector

Media

Alton Porter	Houston County Courier
Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger

Visitors: Craig Baxter, Shelby Best, G. P. Shearer, Ansel Bradshaw, Mary Lucas, Jan Pigford and Glenn

The meeting was called to order by County Judge Jim Lovell

Commissioner Willie Kitchen opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the minutes from the last called meeting held on February 28, 2017. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Motion made by Gary Lovell seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve a six month raise for Thomas Shafer full time deputy from \$1,214.09 bi-weekly to \$1,221.68 bi-weekly effective March 1, 2017. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the agreement with RCI – Records Consultants, Inc. to perform an annual update to the fixed asset Management Program at a cost of \$5,600.00. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Gary Lovell to renew the contract with Southern Health Partners for inmate health services for fiscal year 2017-2018. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Gary Lovell seconded by Willie Kitchen to accept donation of .0657 acre from Samuel Kunkle for road and bridge construction on County Road 1765. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to approve the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Application from Mission: Tomorrow for the Birdies & Mudbugs for MS event to be held on March 25-26, 2017 and to allocate \$3,000.00. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to approve a lease/purchase agreement with Citizens National Bank for the purchase of two full equipped Dodge trucks for the Houston County Sheriff's Office in an amount not to exceed \$85,000.00 and make the necessary budget amendment. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Gary Lovell seconded by Willie Kitchen 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