

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on April 25, 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
Donna Kaspar	District Attorney
Danette Millican	County Tax-Assessor Collector
Darrel Bobbitt	Sheriff
Ronnie Jordan	Constable Precinct #2

Media:

Alton Porter	Houston County Courier
Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger

Visitors: G. P. Shearer, Chris Bankhead, Clida Walker, Jean Edison, Shirie Taylor, Charlene Martin, Judy Cardenas, Larry Jones, Carolyn McKnight, Mary Lucas, Jan Pigford and Elizabeth McCoy

The meeting was called to order by County Judge Jim Lovell

Commissioner Gary Lovell opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Pat Perry to approve the minutes from the last meeting held on April 11, 2017. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the budget amendments. 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 approve Fund Transfers. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

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

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to approve the salary for Alexis Hataway as a part time jailer at a pay rate of \$12.49 per hour effective April 25, 2017. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to adopt proclamation declaring May as Elder Abuse Prevention Awareness Month. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to adopt resolution approving the County Attorney's Office submission of a grant application to the Office of the Attorney General Crime Victim Services and designation of County Judge as the Authorized Official for the grant. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve request for change fund of \$50.00 each for Justice of The Peace 1 & 2. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to award the bid to Conners Construction for the road material. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to award the bid to Crockett Farm & Fuel Center, Inc. for petroleum. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the Lease Cancellation Agreement with the Texas Facilities Commission (Texas Health and Human Services) for property located at 608 San Antonio Road. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to appoint the County Judge to serve on Board of Directors for Deep East Texas Council of Governments. Motion carried 5 to 0.

The Court heard a Presentation from Johnson Controls reviewing available energy performance contracts for the county.

The Court went into executive session to consult with attorney pertaining to pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, claims, or other matters in which Houston County and the Houston County Sheriff's Office may become a party. Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

The Court re-convened in open session

Judge Lovell called the meeting to order

Motion made by Gary Lovell seconded by Willie Kitchen that this meeting be adjourn.

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Jim L. Lovell, County Judge

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Gary Lovell, Comm. Pct. #1

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Willie Kitchen, Comm. Pct. #2

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Pat Perry, Comm. Pct. #3

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Kennon Kellum, Comm. Pct. #4

Attest:

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Bridget Lamb, County Clerk