

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on June 27, 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

Also present

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: G. P. Shearer, G. R. Pierson, Wanda Jordan, Patricia Hill, Craig Baxter, Jan Pigford and Mary Lucas

County Judge Lovell called the meeting to order

Commissioner Willie Kitchen opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition of guests

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to approve the minutes for the last meeting held on June 13, 2017 and the special called meeting held on June 20, 2017. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Gary Lovell seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve payments of bills and expenses. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to accept the County Treasurers Report and the Compensatory Report as information. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the raise for Laronica Smith as Chief Deputy Clerk in the Tax Office at a salary of \$1,185.20 bi-weekly, and the raise for Diana Lynn Jansky as Deputy Clerk in the Tax Office at a salary of \$1,077.03 bi-weekly. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to approve the salary of Callie Kellum as a part time jailer at a pay rate of \$12.49 per hour effective July 2, 2017. Motion carried 4 to 0.

The Court presented the Historical Commission with the 2016 Distinguished Service Award in recognition of its active and well-balanced Preservation Program.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Pat Perry to accept the sealed bids on the following properties:

City of Kennard, .161 Acre – Tabernacle of Praise Church - \$1,851.00

J Erwin Survey, AB 396, .50 Acre – George R. Pierson - \$1,200.00

Daniel McLean Svy, AB 56 (2) .50 Acre Tracts – John Stell - \$600.00

Motion carried 4 to 0.

Pat Perry nominated Dick Bridges as a nominee by resolution to fill the vacancy for Houston County Appraisal District Board.

After hearing no more nomination the Court nominates Dick Bridges to fill the vacancy for the Houston County Appraisal District Board.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to approve the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Application and Interlocal Agreement for Crockett Police Officers Association for the Back the Blue BBQ cookoff and concert to be held on October 27 – 28, 2017 and allocate \$2,000.00 from the HOT Fund. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Court went into executive session for consultations with Attorney to discuss a contract and contemplated litigation.

The court re-convened in open court.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell 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

