

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on June 13, 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
Danette Millican	County Tax Assessor-Collector

Media

Alton Porter	Houston County Courier
Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger

Visitors: Wanda Nichols, Peggy Reeves, Steven Moorhead, Tim Allen, Janet Wilmeth, Mandy Patrick, Jan Pigford, Douglas Kirksey, Jared McCurley and Tami Bruner

The meeting was called to order by Judge Jim L. Lovell

Tim Allen opened the meeting with a prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition of guest Steven Moorheard with Parker Lumber Company

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Gary Lovell to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on May 23, 2017. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to approve budget amendment #17-03. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

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

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Gary Lovell to approve the six month pay increase for bailiff Robert "Doug" King from \$998.83 bi-weekly to \$1,028.79 bi-weekly, effective May 28, 2017. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the salary for Betty Seale as part-time cook for the Senior Center at a salary of \$393.60 bi-weekly effective June 6, 2017. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to approve the salary for Elizabeth McCoy as part-time District Court Coordinator at a salary of \$1,274.79. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Gary Lovell to appoint Janet Wilmeth, Peggy Reeves and Tami Bruner as members to the Child Welfare Board. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Kennon Kellum to table the item declaring Precinct 3 140M 3 Motorgrader as surplus and advertise to sell through Auctioneer Express. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to authorize County Auditor to submit the renewal for the County Auto Liability/ Physical Damage, General Liability and Public Officials Liability/Law Enforcement Liability Policies with the Texas Association of Counties. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to request two quotes from Texas Association of Counties for the Employee Health Benefit Coverage and present to the Human Resource for review and recommendation. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to appoint County Judge, County Auditor, Commissioner Precinct 4 Kennon Kellum, Maintenance Supervisor Willie Spurlock and IT Director Brent Williams, to serve on the committee to formally evaluate submissions of RFQ's for design/maintenance for plant/process improvements under an Energy Services Performance Contract. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the Deep East Texas Council of Governments Regional Mutual Aid Agreement. Motion carried 5 to 0.

The Court heard a presentation from E3 representatives reviewing available energy performance contracts for the county.

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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Attest:

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