

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on July 11, 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:

Melissa Mosley	County Auditor
Daphne Session	County Attorney
Roger Dickey	Emergency Management Coordinator
Janice Turner	Chief Deputy Clerk

Media:

Alton Porter	Houston County Courier
Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger

Visitors: Chris Furry and Heath Bumpous, Lifeguard EMS; G.P. Shearer; Jan Pigford; Mary Lucas and John and Renee Shaw.

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

Kennon Kellum opened the meeting with a prayer.

Pledges of Allegiance were given.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum to approve the minutes from the last called meeting held on June 27, 2017 with one correction. The motion was seconded by Pat Perry. Motion carried 5 to 0.

There were no budget amendments.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen to approve payment of bills. The motion was seconded by Gary Lovell. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion to approve the Environmental Report. Kennon Kellum seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion was made by Gary Lovell and seconded by Pat Perry to approve the salary of Lynn Lawson as a full-time jailer, replacing Michael Molnes, at a bi-weekly salary of \$998.83. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion was made by Willie Kitchen and seconded by Gary Lovell to approve the salary of Tina Teetz as a full-time District Court Coordinator, replacing Elizabeth McCoy, at a bi-weekly salary of \$1,334.46. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion was made by Willie Kitchen and seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept an anonymous donation of \$1,000 to be used for equipment as needed by the Sheriff's Department. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Gary Lovell made a motion and Willie Kitchen seconded it to accept a donation to Road & Bridge, Precinct 1 of \$6,000.00 for improvements to County Road 1805 and necessary budget amendments. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion was made by Willie Kitchen and seconded by Gary Lovell to approve an amended amount to purchase an automobile for the County Attorney's office with necessary budget amendments. Motion carried 5 to 0.

An Airport Hanger Lease Agreement transferring the lease from Larry Davis to John Hammonds was presented for approval. Kennon Kellum made a motion to approve the agreement and Pat Perry seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

An Interlocal Agreement for E9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point Services was presented for consideration. Willie Kitchen made a motion, seconded by Gary Lovell, to approve the agreement. Motion carried 5 to 0.

The Interlocal Agreement for E9-1-1 Automatic Location Information Maintenance Services was also presented for consideration. The motion for approval was made by Gary Lovell and seconded by Willie Kitchen. Motion carried 5 to 0.

The subscription agreement with Lexis Nexis for user access for on-line law library through September 30, 2018 was considered by the court. Gary Lovell made a motion which was seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the subscription. Motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Gary Lovell and seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve Houston County Premises request for TC Texas.com. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen and seconded by Gary Lovell to accept as information the Fiscal Year 2016 Financial Statement and Audit Report for Houston County Emergency Services District No. 1 and Houston County Emergency Services District No. 2. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion and Gary Lovell seconded the motion to accept funds for the Office of Emergency Management from ESD #1 and ESD #2 to be utilized to fund the first year of the Hyper-Reach Emergency Notification System and necessary budget amendments. Motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Willie Kitchen and seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the County Judge's entering into a one-year contract with Asher Group/HyperReach for the activation of an Emergency Notification System. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion to receive and award bids for the County Road 2210 road construction project, Precinct 2. Gary Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Judge Lovell asked for authority to negotiate a contract with Lifeguard Ambulance Services. It was decided that this needed to be an agenda item per Daphne Session.

Willie Kitchen made a motion that was seconded by Kennon Kellum to table the agenda item authorizing an emergency expenditure to fund the Lifeguard Ambulance Service contract through September 30, 2017.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen and seconded by Gary Lovell to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Attest:

Bridget Lamb, County Clerk