

The Commissioner Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on January 24, 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

Media

Alton Porter	Houston County Courier
Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger

Visitors: Glenn Barnhart, Wanda Jordan, Jo Smith, Mandy Patrick, Gwendolyn Scott, Corey Hicks and Craig Baxter

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

Commissioner Kennon Kellum opened the meeting with a prayer.

Pledge Allegiance

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the minutes of the last called meeting held on January 10, 2017. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept the County Treasurer's Report as information. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen second by Judge Lovell to accept the Compensatory Report as information. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to approve the addition made by the Human Resource Committee for the employee conduct policy of the Employee Handbook. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to authorize Constable Morris Luker to appoint Jim Swanson as a Reserve Deputy Constable for Precinct # 1. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Lovell seconded by Willie Kitchen to accept as information the Fiscal Year Houston County Lateral Road and Bridge Expenditure Report. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Willie Kitchen to authorize Houston County Historical Commission to prepare tourism advertising and maintain website for www.visithoustoncountytexas.com from the budgeted Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Kennon Kellum seconded by Pat Perry to approve the bonds for the newly elected officials. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made Pat Perry seconded by Willie Kitchen that the Commissioner Court of Houston County approves a settlement in Cause No. 11-0110 Joki Living Trust vs Houston County, Texas on terms favorable to the County. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Gary Lovell to approve change of time on Houston County Premises Use Policy request from Kalin's Center. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Lovell seconded by Willie Kitchen to approve the Fiscal Year 2017 Contract Extensions with Deep East Texas Council of Governments for the Senior Operations and Home delivered meal program. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Willie Kitchen seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the 24 Month 12/1 mbps at \$75.99 monthly recurring fee plus the installing of \$99.00 and a two year term discount minus \$49.50 with Northland Business Services for internet access for the Adult Probation Offices. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Judge Lovell seconded by Kennon Kellum to approve the renewal service contract with County Information Resources Agency for maintaining the County Website. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Pat Perry seconded by Judge Lovell to receive as information the annual report of programming activities for 2016 from Houston County Agrilife Extension Agents. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Gary Lovell seconded by Judge Lovell 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