

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a regular called meeting on October 5, 2017 with the following members present, to wit:

Jim Lovell	County Judge
Gary Lovell	Commissioner, Precinct #1
Pat Perry	Commissioner, Precinct #3

Also present:

Melissa Mosley	County Auditor
Danette Millican	Tax Assessor
Janice Turner	Chief Deputy County Clerk

Media:

Alton Porter	Houston County Courier
Will Johnson	Grapeland Messenger
Edward Grisham	KIVY

Visitors: Jan Pigford, David Lawrenz

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

Gary Lovell opened the meeting with a prayer.

Judge Lovell led the Pledges of Allegiance and welcomed guests to the meeting.

Motion was made by Gary Lovell to approve the minutes of the prior Commissioners Court Meeting. Motion was seconded by Pat Perry. Motion carried 5 to 0.

There were no line-item budget amendments.

Motion was made by Gary Lovell to approve the payment of bills and expenses and payment of vacation hours to a former Houston County employee. The motion was seconded by Pat Perry. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Melissa Mosley praised Janis Omelina from the Treasurer's office for being able to finalize the payroll so quickly in spite of all the changes that have been made to the procedure. Gary Lovell made a motion to approve payment of payroll expenses. Pat Perry made the second to the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Pat Perry and seconded by Gary Lovell to accept as information the Environmental Report; the report from Community Service and the Human Resource Committee's Holiday Schedule. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Gary Lovell made a motion to approve the six-month raise for Jasmine Mitchell, a clerk in the County Clerk's office. Pat Perry seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion was made by Pat Perry to approve a raise for all road hands in Precinct 3. Gary Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Gary Lovell made the motion to approve the pay scale changes and necessary budget amendments for the Jailers, Sergeant Jailer and Lieutenant Jailer. The motion was seconded by Pat Perry. Motion carried 5 to 0.

An order setting the dates of regular Commissioners Court meetings during the new fiscal year was discussed. Pat Perry made a motion to adopt the order setting the regular meetings to be held on the first and third Thursday in each month. Gary Lovell made a second to the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Gary Lovell made a motion to accept a donation for improvements to County Road 1655 in Precinct 1. Pat Perry seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Gary Lovell made a motion and Jim Lovell seconded the motion to table discussion on renewing participation with Texas Association of Counties, Health & Employee Benefits Pool (United Healthcare) for retiree medical benefits. Motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Gary Lovell and seconded by Pat Perry to nominate Dick Bridges, Kathi Calvert, W.F. (Red) Kitchen, Patricia Lucas and Tommy Lundy to the Houston County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Motion carried 5 to 0.

The Commissioners were scheduled to hear a report from residents Gary Holcomb and Bill Chavis regarding conditions on County Road 1885, but the residents were unable to appear at this time.

Gary Lovell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Pat Perry seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Jim L. Lovell, County Judge

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Gary Lovell, Commissioner, Precinct #1

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Pat Perry, Commissioner, Precinct #3

Attest:

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Bridget Lamb, County Clerk