

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a regular, called meeting on October 19, 2017 with the following members present, to wit:

Jim 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
Danette Millican	Tax Assessor
Dina Herrera	County Treasurer
Clyde Black	Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1
Janice Turner	Chief Deputy County Clerk

Media:

Alton Porter	Houston County Courier
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Visitors: Jan Pigford, Mary Lucas, Sharon Luker, Jeannie Julian, Brittani Womack, Shelby Best, Jody Griffith, Dave Blacklock and David Fields

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

Willie Kitchen opened the meeting with a prayer and Judge Lovell led the Pledges of Allegiance.

Judge Lovell recognized the guests and offered to hear any comments if there were any.

Kennon Kellum gave an update on Mrs. Kellum's medical condition and thanked everyone for their prayers during the time of his wife's illness.

Willie Kitchen informed the Court of the attempt by Precincts 1 and 2 to purchase an item of equipment for a reduced price. He will keep the Court informed on this item.

Motion was made by Willie Kitchen to approve the minutes of the prior Commissioners Court Meeting. Motion was seconded by Kennon Kellum. Motion carried 5 to 0.

There were no line-item budget amendments.

Motion was made by Willie Kitchen to approve the payment of bills and expenses. The motion was seconded by Pat Perry. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Dina Herrera presented the Treasurer's Report and the Compensatory Report. Willie Kitchen made a motion to accept these two reports as information and Kennon Kellum made a second to the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion to approve the salary for Lois Netardus, a full-time clerk in the Treasurer's office. Pat Perry seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

The time for the payroll checks to be disbursed by the Treasurer's office was discussed. A motion was made by Willie Kitchen that the checks be disbursed at 10:00 am on Friday. Kennon Kellum made a second to the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Willie Kitchen to approve the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Application and Interlocal Agreement for the Crockett Area Chamber of Commerce's "Christmas in Crockett" on November 18, 2017. The motion was seconded by Kennon Kellum. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion to accept the bids on trust properties submitted by the Houston County Appraisal District and Kennon Kellum seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Willie Kitchen that the Court authorize the Auditor to advertise for bids for 2" limestone road base and to send a 30-day Notice of Intent to end the contract of the present vendor. The motion was seconded by Kennon Kellum. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion to approve the contract hiring Martin-Walker Attorneys at Law to represent Houston County in opioid litigation pending review of the contract by the County Attorney. Pat Perry made a second to that motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

There was a discussion concerning approving the revised and amended lease cancellation agreement with Texas Facilities Commission for the Health and Human Services Commission located at 680 San Antonio Street. Willie Kitchen made a motion that we negotiate a lease in the amount of \$0.75 per square foot. Kennon Kellum seconded that motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Willie Kitchen and seconded by Kennon Kellum to authorize Judge Lovell to negotiate that lease with Texas Facilities Commission. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Gary Holcomb and Bill Chavis were on the agenda to report on conditions on County Road 1885, but they were unable to appear at this time so this item was passed.

Willie Kitchen made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Judge Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned.

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