

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a regular, called meeting on April 10, 2018 with the following members present, to wit:

Jim Lovell	County Judge
Gary Lovell	Commissioner, Precinct #1
Pat Perry	Commissioner, Precinct #3
Kennon Kellum	Commissioner, Precinct #4

Also present:

Melissa Mosley	Houston County Auditor
Daphne Session	Houston County Attorney
Janice Turner	Chief Deputy County Clerk
Cynthia Lum	Houston County Elections Administrator
Morris Luker	Houston County Constable, Precinct 1
Michael Molnes	Houston County Sheriff's Office
Doug King	Houston County Sheriff's Office

Media:

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

Visitors: Jan Pigford, Sharon Luker, Ruenette Starr, Clayton Starr and Ken Morris

Judge Jim Lovell called the meeting to order and gave the opening prayer. He also led the Pledges of Allegiance.

Judge Lovell recognized the guests and asked if there were any comments from the audience. There were no comments.

Motion was made by Gary Lovell to approve the minutes of the prior Commissioners Court Meeting. Motion was seconded by Pat Perry and the motion carried 4 to 0.

There were no budget amendments.

Motion was made by Gary Lovell to approve the payment of accounts payable and fund transfers and to ratify payroll expenses. The motion was seconded by Kennon Kellum. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Gary Lovell made a motion to approve the payment of compensatory time for previous county employees Willie Spurlock and Matthew Moore, along with the necessary budget amendments. The motion was seconded by Kennon Kellum. Motion carried 4 to 0.

A motion was made by Gary Lovell, seconded by Kennon Kellum, to approve a change to the Personnel Policy concerning the payment of accrued time to resigning, retiring or terminated employees. The policy was revised to say "If an employee terminates employment, for any reason, prior to using all earned FLSA compensatory time, they shall be paid for all unused compensatory time in accordance with the requirements of the FLSA after approval by Commissioners Court." As to vacation and holiday pay, the policy now states: "Employees will be paid for unused vacation hours, up to 160 hours upon: Termination, Resignation, Retirement, or Death after approval by Commissioners Court. Pay for unused holiday hours will be paid at separation from Houston County after approval by Commissioners Court." Motion carried 4 to 0.

There were no new and/or transferred employees salaries to be approved.

Kennon Kellum made a motion to accept as information the Environmental Report. There was no Community Supervision report. Gary Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Jan Pigford reminded everyone about the hamburger lunch to be held Friday, April 20, 2018 in celebration of County Government Month.

Gary Lovell made a motion to receive as information the Order for Reappointment of Melissa Mosley as Auditor of Houston County. Kennon Kellum made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Clayton Starr gave a talk giving little-known historical data concerning Santa Anna after the Battle of San Jacinto and information about Texas and the United States. Kennon Kellum made a motion to adopt the proclamation marking April 21<sup>st</sup> as San Jacinto Day. Pat Perry made a second to the motion and it carried 4 to 0.

Kennon Kellum made a motion, seconded by Pat Perry, to receive as information the canvassed results from the 2018 Primary Election. The motion carried 4 to 0.

A motion was made by Pat Perry and seconded by Gary Lovell to approve a spending limit for county or precinct officers who were not renominated for their office in accordance with Local Government Code §130.908. It was decided to set a spending limit of \$3,000 for the County Clerk; \$1,000 for the County Treasurer and \$25,000 for the Houston County Commissioner. Motion carried 4 to 0.

It was decided to pass on the agenda item to take action on the Hotel Occupancy Tax Application and Interlocal Agreement for MSSion: Tomorrow.

Gary Lovell made a motion to approve the extension of the contract with Deep East Texas Council of Governments for Older American Act Programs for the Houston County Senior Center and the Houston County Aging Services Home-Delivered Meals Program. Kennon Kellum made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

A motion was made by Gary Lovell and seconded by Kennon Kellum to accept a donation to Precinct 1 for improvements to County Road 1865 North. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Kennon Kellum made a motion to accept a donation to Precinct 4 for repairs to County Road 1060. Pat Perry seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Gary Lovell made a motion to terminate the contract with Southern Health Partners for inmate health services effective May 31, 2018. Kennon Kellum seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

It was decided to pass on the agenda item concerning a \$500.00 sponsorship for Pineywoods Resource Conservation & Development Corporation.

Kennon Kellum made a motion, seconded by Pat Perry, to advertise to accept bids for limestone road materials; petroleum for all county-owned vehicles and AV gas for airport sales. Motion carried 4 to 0.

A motion was made by Kennon Kellum and seconded by Gary Lovell to accept as information the disclosure report of Houston County General Obligation Debt. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Kennon Kellum made a motion which was seconded by Gary Lovell to select and award an Energy Services contract from received bids, and authorize Judge Jim Lovell to enter into a Project Development Agreement with the selected provider. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Judge Lovell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Lovell made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0 and 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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Willie Kitchen, Commissioner, Precinct #2

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Pat Perry, Commissioner, Precinct #3

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Kennon Kellum, Commissioner, Precinct #4

Attest:

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Bridget Lamb, County Clerk