

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a regular, called meeting on April 24, 2018 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	Houston County Auditor
Daphne Session	Houston County Attorney
Tom Streetman	Houston County Juvenile Probation
Judy Cardenas	Houston County Juvenile Probation
Janice Turner	Chief Deputy County Clerk

Media:

Alton Porter	Houston County Courier
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Visitors: Linzey Thornton, Charlene Martin, Jan Pigford and Sharon Luker

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

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

The 2018 Proclamation Declaring May as Elder Abuse Prevention Month was presented and a motion was made by Willie Kitchen and seconded by Kennon Kellum to adopt the Proclamation. Motion carried 5 to 0. Charlene Martin thanked the Commissioners for supporting Adult Protective Services.

Kennon Kellum made a motion to approve the minutes of the prior Commissioners Court Meeting. Motion was seconded by Gary Lovell and the motion carried 5 to 0.

There were no budget amendments.

Motion was made by Gary Lovell to approve the payment of all bills and expenses with additions and to ratify payroll expenses. The motion was seconded by Willie Kitchen. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion which was seconded by Gary Lovell to approve the change in position and salary for Terrell McKnight who is now the full-time Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Melissa Mosley made a report on the FEMA projects. Kennon Kellum made a motion to accept that report as information. Gary Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Jan Pigford explained the Health County Challenge to everyone.

Willie Kitchen made a motion to pay the invoice from Pineywoods Resource Conservation & Development Corporation and Gary Lovell made a second to the motion. Willie Kitchen gave an explanation of some of the projects of the Pineywoods Resource Conservation & Development Corporation. There was a discussion as to whether we needed an Interlocal Agreement because this is a sponsorship rather than a membership. Daphne Session is to look into this aspect.

Willie Kitchen made a motion and Kennon Kellum seconded the motion to declare a 1993 12G Caterpillar motor grader for Precinct 2 as surplus inventory and approve the sale through AuctioneerExpress.com. Motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Gary Lovell and seconded by Willie Kitchen to accept a donation of \$3,000 for road base for County Road 1845 in Precinct 1. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Willie Kitchen made a motion which was seconded by Gary Lovell to accept a donation for improvements to County Roads 2120 and 2130 in Precinct 2. Motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Willie Kitchen and seconded by Gary Lovell to award a contract for limestone rock road materials to Frost. The motion carried 4 to 0.

The motion to award a contract from received bids for petroleum for all county-owned vehicles was made by Willie Kitchen and seconded by Kennon Kellum. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Kennon Kellum made a motion to award a contract from received bids for airport sales of AV Gas. Pat Perry made a second to the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Gary Lovell made a motion, seconded by Kennon Kellum, to request a refund from the State Comptroller of unclaimed capital credits received from electric cooperatives in accordance with §381.004 of the Texas Local Government Code. Motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Willie Kitchen and seconded by Gary Lovell to accept as information Standard & Poors rating report for Houston County. Melissa gave an explanation of the report and stated that Standard & Poor upheld our bond rate. She explained that the report showed that the Commissioners' Court has done a great job with the finances of Houston County. The motion to accept the report as information carried 5 to 0.

Judge Lovell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Lovell made a second to the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0 and 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