



**HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 16, 2021**

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a special called meeting on July 16, 2021, **in person and via zoom due to Covid**, with the following members present, to wit:

Jim Lovell	County Judge
Gary Lovell	Commissioner, Precinct #1
Willie Kitchen	Commissioner, Precinct #2
Gene Stokes	Commissioner, Precinct #3
Jimmy Henderson	Commissioner, Precinct #4

Also present:

Melissa Jeter	County Auditor
Terri Meadows	County Clerk
Sharon Luker	Administrative Assistant to Commissioners
Jan Pigford	Administrative Assistant to County Judge
Janis Omelina	County Treasurer
Sheila Johnson	Grants Administrator
Laronica Smith	Tax Assessor Collector

Media:

Will Johnson	The Grapeland Messenger (Zoom)
Alton Porter	Houston County Courier

Visitors: Mike Hunsucker (Windstream), Luke Sanderson (Windstream), Maydine Hill (citizen)

(1) Welcome, Invocation and Pledges:

Judge Lovell called the meeting to order, then Commissioner Lovell led the opening prayer, and that was followed by Judge Lovell leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.

(2) Commissioner Lovell made a motion to participate with Windstream on a NTIA Grant Program for fiber optic service in Houston County. Motion carried 5 to 0.

(3) Adjourn. Judge Lovell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Stokes seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Jim Lovell, County Judge

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Attest:

Terri Meadows, County Clerk