



**HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2021**

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a special called meeting on January 19, 2021, via **Zoom due to Covid 19**, with the following members present, to wit:

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

Also present:

Jan Pigford	Administrative Assistant to the County Judge
Melissa Jeter	County Auditor
Terri Meadows	County Clerk
Janis Omelina	County Treasurer
Justin Killough	Emergency Management
Sharon Luker	Administrative Assistant to Commissioners
Randy Hargrove	Sheriff
Bonita Newman	9-1-1 Addressing
Heath Murff	Emergency Management
Sheila Johnson	Grants Administrator
Daphne Session	County Attorney
Carolyn Rains	District Clerk

Media:

Alton Porter	Houston County Courier
Will Johnson	The Messenger

Visitors:

Denny Wheeler (Piney Woods Sanitation)

(1) Welcome, Invocation and Pledges:

Judge Lovell called the meeting to order, Commissioner Stokes led the opening prayer, and then Judge Lovell lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.

- (2) Discuss and Consider action to amend the positions allocated at the Houston County Sheriff's Department. **Commissioner Henderson moved to amend the positions as presented by the Sheriff allocated at the Houston County Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Stokes seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.**
- (3) **Commissioner Kitchen made a motion and Commissioner Henderson seconded to approve the creation of a new position of Administrative Lieutenant at the Sheriff's Office and the job description as recommended by the Human Resources Committee. Motion carried 4 to 0.**
- (4) Consider approving salaries for new and/or transfer employees.
 - (a) **Commissioner Henderson made a motion to approve Mike Molnes as Sergeant Investigator at bi-weekly pay of \$1618.53 and continue phone stipend in pay grade 23 AND Billy Christian as Sergeant Investigator at bi-weekly pay of \$1614.83 and continue phone stipend in pay grade 23. Commissioner Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.**
 - (b) **Commissioner Henderson moved to approve Mike McCreight as Patrol Deputy at bi-weekly pay of \$1375.73 with continued phone stipend in pay grade 19 AND Mike Cochran as Patrol Deputy at bi-weekly pay of \$1383.24 and continued phone stipend in pay grade 19. Commissioner Kitchen seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.**
 - (c) **Lieutenant. Commissioners Court discussed that this is the newly created position of Administrative Lieutenant. Jan Pigford with the Human Resources Committee recommended this position be set as pay grade 20 on the pay scale. The Sheriff is to determine the salary within those parameters. It was decided to PASS this item at this time.**
 - (d) **Commissioner Henderson made a motion and Commissioner Kitchen seconded to approve the promotion of Martha Jackson to Jail Administrator with bi-weekly pay of \$1634.48 plus a phone stipend in pay grade 23. Motion carried 4 to 0.**
 - (e) **Commissioner Henderson made a motion to approve Delman Orme as Civil Process Deputy at bi-weekly pay of \$1334.58 plus a phone stipend in pay grade 19. Motion carried 4 to 0.**
 - (f) **Commissioner Kitchen made a motion to approve Casey Olds as Full-Time Dispatcher at bi-weekly pay of \$1018.81 in pay grade 15 replacing Shannon Foster-North AND Breanna Morris as Full-Time Dispatcher at bi-weekly pay of \$1069.75 in pay grade 15 replacing Sylvan Duncan. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.**
- (5) **Commissioner Henderson made a motion to approve the bonds for County and District Officials who took office beginning January 1, 2021. Commissioner Stokes seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.**
- (6) Discuss and consider action on authorizing Buell Sanitation to transfer their garbage franchise agreement for the unincorporated areas of Precinct 2 and 3 to Pine Woods Sanitation Inc. 'Denny Wheeler was present on Zoom and shared that they have completely bought out Buell.' **Commissioner Kitchen made a motion to approve Buell Sanitation to transfer their garbage franchise agreement for the unincorporated areas of Precinct 2 and 3 to Pine Woods Sanitation Inc. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.**

(7) Adjourn. Judge Lovell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Stokes seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Jim Lovell, County Judge

Gary Lovell, Commissioner, Precinct #1

Willie Kitchen, Commissioner, Precinct #2

Gene Stokes, Commissioner, Precinct #3

Jimmy Henderson, Commissioner, Precinct #4

Attest:

Terri Meadows, County Clerk