



HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
May 21, 2020

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a regular, called meeting on May 12, 2020, **via Zoom due to Covid 19**, 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
Jimmy Henderson	Commissioner, Precinct #4

Also present:

Jan Pigford	Administrative Assistant to the County Judge
Melissa Jeter	Auditor
Roger Dickey	Emergency Management Coordinator
Daphne Session	County Attorney
Terri Meadows	County Clerk

Media:

Will Johnson	The Messenger
Alton Porter	Houston County Courier

Visitors:

None

- (1) Welcome, Invocation and Pledges:
Commissioner Kitchen called the meeting to order. Commissioner Lovell led the opening prayer. Commissioner Kitchen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.
- (2) **Commissioner Henderson made a motion for Houston County to apply for the 2020 County Transportation Infrastructure Fund (CTIF 2020) Grant and authorizing necessary 20% match and necessary budget amendments. Commissioner Lovell seconded the motion.** Auditor Melissa Jeter gave a little background: back in 2014-2016 we received the CTERS Grant for around \$800,000.00 and that was about oil trucks that damaged county roads. This program (CTIF 2020) is a continuation of that program. In September 2019 Houston County was

approved for only \$243,000.00 because we are no longer on the list of economically disadvantaged. It's a significant change costing us \$25,000.00. The 20% match will cost precinct 2 and Precinct 4 \$24,000.00 each out of their budget. Commissioner Kitchen stated that this loss of money is really going to cost us down the road because of our current classification. Judge Lovell said that he will look into this and see what numbers substantiated our loss of classification as economically disadvantaged. Melissa Jeter said there are 2 other items that should be included in this motion. One is to designate the County Judge to sign the grant and Two is approving the Priority List from Precinct 2 and Precinct 4 to be sent along with the grant paperwork. The deadline to get this grant submitted is Tuesday, May 26, 2020. Melissa Jeter said that we will stop everything and get it done. **Commissioner Kitchen asked Commissioner Henderson if he was willing to amend his motion to include the 2 points that Melissa Jeter brought up and he responded that he would. Commissioner Kitchen asked Commissioner Lovell the same thing about amending his second to the motion and he responded affirmatively. Motion carried 5 to 0.**

(3) **Commissioner Henderson made a motion to approve an agreement with Allison, Bass & Magee, L.L.P. to prepare and administer the CTIF 2020 grant for Houston County and necessary budget amendments. The retainer fee for their services is \$12,000.00. Commissioner Lovell seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.**

(4) **Judge Lovell moved to adjourn the Meeting. Commissioner Kitchen seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0. The meeting was adjourned.**

Jim Lovell, County Judge

Gary Lovell, Commissioner, Precinct #1

Willie Kitchen, Commissioner, Precinct #2

Pat Perry, Commissioner, Precinct #3

Jimmy Henderson, Commissioner, Precinct #4

Attest:

Terri Meadows, County Clerk