



HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a special called meeting on September 1, 2020, **via Zoom due to Covid 19**, with the following members present, to wit:

ABSENT	County Judge
Gary Lovell	Commissioner, Precinct #1
ABSENT	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	County Auditor
Terri Meadows	County Clerk
Janis Omelina	County Treasurer
Justin Killough	Sheriff

Media:

Will Johnson	The Messenger
Alton Porter	Houston County Courier

Visitors:

None

- (1) Welcome, Invocation and Pledges:
Judge Lovell called the meeting to order and led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.
- (2) Recognition and comments from guests. **NONE**
- (3) Commissioner Lovell made a motion to authorize a lease purchase in the amount of \$71,000 for the purchase of two Patrol Trucks for the Sheriff's Department through Citizens National Bank, and necessary budget amendments. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Commissioner Lovell amended his motion to include Judge Lovell and Commissioner Henderson as signors on the note. Commissioner Henderson seconded the amended motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

- (4) Commissioner Perry made a motion to authorize Precinct 3 to purchase a 2020 John Deere 310SL Backhoe from Doggett Machinery through BuyBoard for \$98,000.00. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.
- (5) Commissioner Perry made a motion to declare a Precinct 3 2009 John Deere 310SJ Backhoe as surplus and authorize the sale to Trinity County at the amended price of \$35,000.00, according to LGC §263.152(a)(1). Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.
- (6) Commissioner Lovell made a motion and Commissioner Henderson seconded to accept the resignation of Veteran Service Officer John McMillen. Motion carried 4 to 0.
- (7) Commissioner Henderson made a motion to approve Houston County Premises Permit for Porter Springs Baptist Church to conduct prayer rally with music and brief message to be held on HC Courthouse lawn on September 10, 2020 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Commissioner Lovell seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.
- (8) Commissioner Lovell made a motion and Commissioner Henderson seconded to apply for the Texas Department of Transportation RAMP Grant for Airport Maintenance for FY 2021. The Auditor said that this is a 50/50 match grant that can be up to \$10,000.00 and that means we would match with \$5000.00. Motion carried 4 to 0
- (9) Adjourn. **Judge Lovell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.**

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