



**HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 10, 2019**

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a regular, called meeting on April 23, 2019 with the following members present, to wit:

Jim Lovell	County Judge
Gary Lovell	Commissioner, Precinct #1
Pat Perry	Commissioner, Precinct #3
Jimmy Henderson	Commissioner, Precinct #4

Also present:

Morris Luker	Constable, Precinct 1
Sharon Luker	Assistant to the County Commissioners
Jan Pigford	Administrative Assistant to the County Judge
Brittani Womack	First Assistant Houston County Auditor
Cynthia Lum	Elections Administrator
Janis Omelina	Houston County Treasurer
Terri Meadows	Houston County Clerk

Media:

Alton Porter	Houston County Courier
Will Johnson	The Grapeland Messenger

Visitors: Ann Walker (PWFAA), Brandon Bridges (Prosperity Bank), John Jenkins

(1) Welcome, Invocation and Pledges:

Judge Lovell called the meeting to order. Commissioner Lovell gave the opening prayer. Judge Lovell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.

(2) Recognition and comments from guests:

Judge Lovell recognized the guests and asked if there were any comments. John Jenkins wanted to make a comment, but had not filled out the form for public comments. Judge Lovell handed him a form and told him we would come back to him at the end of the agenda.

- (3) Consider approval of prior Commissioners Court Minutes:  
Commissioner Lovell made a motion to approve the Commissioners Court minutes from April 23, 2019. Commissioner Perry seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.
- (4) Consider approving budget amendments:  
There were no budget amendments.
- (5) Consider payment of bills and expenses:
  - a. Accounts payable
  - b. Fund transfers
  - c. Ratify Salary expenses  
Commissioner Lovell made a motion to pay the all of the bills and expenses for a, b, and c. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Henderson. The motion carried 4 to 0.
- (6) Receive information, announcements and reports from County Departments:
  - a. County Treasurer's Report
  - b. Environmental Report
  - c. Community Service Report  
Commissioner Lovell moved to receive the above referenced reports. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.
- (7) Consider approving salaries for new and/or transfer employees:
  - a. Part-time Heavy Equipment Operator for Precinct 3 – Martin Morris at pay grade 17 and part-time hourly wage of \$14.04.  
Commissioner Perry made a motion to approve the hiring of Martin Morris and Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.
  - b. Part-time Road Hand for Precinct 4 – Michael Pyle at pay grade 13 and part-time hourly wage of \$11.55.  
Commissioner Henderson made a motion to approve the hiring of Michael Pyle and Pat Perry seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.
  - c. Part-time delivery/sorter for Home Delivered Meal Program – Betty Harville at a pay grade 10 and part-time hourly wage of \$9.98.  
Commissioner Lovell made a motion to hire Betty Harville. Commissioner Perry seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.
- (8) Discuss and consider approving payment of compensatory, vacation and holiday time for previous County employees and necessary budget amendments.  
Commissioner Lovell moved to approve this request. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.
- (9) Discuss and consider taking action to accept a donation of \$2,938.18 from Currie Construction, Inc. for improvements for CR 2080 in Precinct 2.  
Commissioner Perry moved to accept the donation. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.
- (10) Discuss and consider taking action by approving Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Application and Interlocal Agreement for Piney Woods Fine Arts Association for the Summer Concert Series to be held each Friday of June.

Commissioner Lovell made a motion to approve \$3000. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

(11) Discuss and consider action on accepting the insurance policy and coverage for County Property from the Texas Association of Counties for 2020. Commissioner Perry made a motion to accept the insurance policy and coverage. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

(12) Discuss and consider action on awarding a contract from received bids for:

(a) County Depository Services.

Commissioner Lovell moved to table awarding a contract for County Depository Services until all the member of Commissioners Court can be present. Commissioner Perry seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

(b) Pickup for Constable Precinct 2

Commissioner Lovell moved to award the bid for the pickup truck for Constable Precinct 2 to Cutshaw Chevrolet in Grapeland, TX. Commissioner Perry seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

(13) Canvass votes from May 5, 2019 Special Election to Legalize the sale of beer and wine. Commissioner Lovell moved to approve the canvass from the May 5, 2019 election to legalize the sale of beer and wine. Commissioner Perry seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

\*\*At this time Judge Lovell recognized John Jenkins to make a public comment. Mr. Jenkins spoke about the election and the possibility of a county-wide election process.

(14) Adjourn:

Commissioner Lovell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Perry seconded. Motion carried with everyone standing.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Jim Lovell, County Judge

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Gary Lovell, Commissioner, Precinct #1

ABSENT

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Willie Kitchen, Commissioner, Precinct #2

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Pat Perry, Commissioner, Precinct #3

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Jimmy Henderson, Commissioner, Precinct #4

Attest:

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Terri Meadows, County Clerk