



HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

OCTOBER 7, 2025

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a special called meeting on October 7, 2025, **in person and via zoom**, with the following members present, to wit:

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

County Officials/Employees in person:

Walter Denman	Bailiff	Present
Kris Dyches	Insurance Coordinator	Present
Todd McConnell	IT	Present
Jan Pigford	Assistant to the County Judge	Present
Darrellyn Smith	Assistant to the County Commissioners	Present

Media:

Public/Guests: Alex Friedman (Attorney on Groundwater Issue)

- (1) Welcome, Invocation and Pledges:
Commissioner Kitchen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Henderson led the Opening Prayer followed by Commissioner Kitchen leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.
- (2) Ratify Disaster and Order Prohibiting outdoor burning issued by County Judge on October 1, 2025 and consider taking action to adopt Burn Ban Order to extend through November 21, 2025. **Commissioner Lovell moved to Ratify Disaster and Order Prohibiting outdoor burning issued by County Judge on October 1, 2025 and adopt Burn Ban Order to extend through November 21, 2025. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.**
- (3) **Closed executive session** as authorized by Texas Government Code §551.071; Discuss and consider consulting with attorney concerning opposition to the exportation of ground water in Houston County.

Entered into closed executive session at 9:02 a.m. and reconvened in open court at 9:55 a.m.
- (4) Adjourn **Commissioner Kitchen made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed by everyone standing up and leaving the meeting at 9:55 a.m.**

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

Date Approved: October 14, 2025