



**HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2021**

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a special called meeting on January 5, 2021, **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
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
Roger Dickey	Chief Deputy
Randy Hargrove	Sheriff
Bonita Newman	9-1-1 Addressing
Laronica Smith	Tax Assessor Collector
Cynthia Lum	Elections Administrator
Heath Murff	Emergency Management
Sheila Johnson	Grants Administrator
Daphne Session	County Attorney
Donna Kaspar	District Attorney

Media:

Alton Porter	Houston County Courier
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Visitors:

W. John

(1) Welcome, Invocation and Pledges:

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

- (2) Commissioner Lovell made a motion and Commissioner Henderson seconded to approve the following salaries for new and/or transfer employees.
- a. Roger Dickey as Full-Time Chief Deputy Sheriff at bi-weekly \$1,921.81 with \$18.46 cell phone allowance in Pay Grade 27
 - b. Donald Kent Blanchard as Full-Time DA Investigator at bi-weekly \$1570.10 with \$18.46 cell phone allowance in Pay Grade 21
 - c. Justin Killough as Full-Time Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator at bi-weekly \$1,570.10 with \$18.46 cell phone allowance in Pay Grade 21
 - d. Heath Murff as Part-Time Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator at hourly salary of \$17.07 with \$18.46 cell phone allowance in Pay Grade 21
 - e. Promotion of Tena Smith to Full Time Chief Deputy in Tax Office at bi-weekly \$1,318.44 in Pay Grade 18
 - f. Promotion of Addie Hicks to Senior Clerk-MV in Tax Office at bi-weekly \$1202.97 in Pay Grade 17
 - g. Promotion of Ana Wiley from Part-Time to Full-Time Deputy Clerk I in the Tax Office at bi-weekly \$1,091.15 in Pay Grade 15

Motion carried 5 to 0.

- (3) Commissioner Kitchen made a motion and Commissioner Henderson seconded to approve grant resolution to accept the 2020 HAVA Election Security Sub-Grant of \$120,000 to purchase a new voting tabulation machine with \$16,000 require match and necessary budget amendments. Motion carried 5 to 0.

- (4) Adjourn. Judge Lovell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Kitchen 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