



**HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JANUARY 14, 2022**

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a special called meeting on January 14, 2022, **in person and via zoom due to Covid**, with the following members present, to wit:

Jim Lovell	County Judge
Gary Lovell	Commissioner, Precinct #1
Willie Kitchen	<b>**ABSENT</b> Commissioner, Precinct #2
Gene Stokes	<b>**ABSENT</b> Commissioner, Precinct #3
Jimmy Henderson	Commissioner, Precinct #4

Also present:

Melissa Jeter	County Auditor
Terri Meadows	County Clerk
Jan Pigford	Administrative Assistant to County Judge
Todd McConnell	Information Technology
Randy Hargrove	Sheriff
Lt. Jackson	Jail Administrator
Lt. Molnes	Jail
Sharon Luker	Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners
Roger Dickey	Chief deputy Sheriff
Sheila Johnson	Grants Administrator

Media:

None

Visitors: None

- (1) Welcome, Invocation and Pledges:  
Judge Lovell called the meeting to order at **10:31 a.m.**, then Commissioner Henderson led the opening prayer, and that was followed by Judge Lovell leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.
- (2) Recognition and comments from guests. (For informational purposes only, with no deliberation and no action taken, except that the Court may discuss whether to include any matter on a future agenda for deliberation and/or action.) **None**

- (3) **Judge Lovell made a motion to pay accumulated Comp Time for Sheriff Deputies, Jailers, and Dispatchers out of the American Rescue Plan Act due to the on-going response to the Covid 19 public health emergency and pay all other departments from General Fund. Commissioner Lovell seconded the motion. At this time Sheriff Hargrove said that he spoke to the jailers the day before today and they don't want this comp time paid out. Some already have plans to take the time whenever they have enough employees to work again so they can be off. The Sheriff also reiterated the same thing he did at the last commissioners court that concerned paying out the Sheriff Office Employees in "overtime" as they work over their 40 hours. It was announced this would require policy change. After much discussion about this issue Judge Lovell said, "I make a motion to rescind this motion and asked Commissioner Lovell if he wished to do the same." Commissioner Lovell stated, "yes".**
- (4) **Commissioner Lovell made a motion to approve to advertise for bids for construction work for Precinct 1 County Barn. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 3 to 0.**
- (5) **Adjourn. Judge Lovell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 3 to 0. Court adjourned at 11:05 a.m.**

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Jim Lovell, County Judge

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Gary Lovell, Commissioner, Precinct #1

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Willie Kitchen, Commissioner, Precinct #2

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Attest:

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Terri Meadows, County Clerk