



**HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 31, 2022**

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a special called meeting on March 31, 2022, **in person and via zoom due to Covid**, with the following members present, to wit:

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

Also present:

Melissa Jeter	County Auditor
Terri Meadows	County Clerk
Todd McConnell	IT
Jan Pigford	Administrative Assistant to County Judge
Sharon Luker	Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners
Daphne Session	County Attorney
Joel Martin	Bailiff
Janis Omelina	County Treasurer
Randy Hargrove (Zoom)	Sheriff

Media:

Visitors:

- (1) Welcome, Invocation and Pledges:
Judge Lovell called the meeting to order at **9:00 a.m.**, Commissioner Henderson led the opening prayer and then Judge Lovell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.

- (2) **Commissioner Stokes made a motion to reduce the Sheriff's Office position of Courthouse Security Deputy and use the funds for adding an Administrative Assistant to the Sheriff's Office in Pay Grade 16. Commissioner Lovell seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.**

Commissioner Lovell made a motion to approve the hiring of Ashlie LeBlanc as part time Deputy Clerk effective March 28, 2022 in Pay Grade 13 with hourly pay of \$12.01 then move to full time Deputy Clerk II on April 12, 2022 in Pay Grade 16 at a bi-weekly salary of \$1203.22. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

(3) Commissioner Stokes made a motion to declare that Houston County has no claim to any portion of old county right of way between the North side of FM 230 and adjoining property. Commissioner Lovell seconded. After some discussion Commissioner Stokes amended his motion to include this approval pending research with the Appraisal District to see if our County has a deed on this property. Commissioner Lovell seconded the amendment. Motion carried 4 to 0.

(4) Judge Lovell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Lovell seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0. Court adjourned at 9:25 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