



**HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 4, 2023**

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a special called meeting on April 4, 2023, **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	PRESENT
Gene Stokes	Commissioner, Precinct #3	PRESENT
Jimmy Henderson	Commissioner, Precinct #4	PRESENT

Also present:

Terri Meadows	County Clerk
Jan Pigford	Administrative Assistant to County Judge
Todd McConnell	IT
Sharon Luker	Administrative Assistant to Commissioners
Sheila Johnson	Grants Administrator
Joel Marin	Bailiff
Brittani Womack	First Assistant Auditor
Carl Johnson	Facilities Administrator
Kris Dyches	Insurance Coordinator
Laura Goolsby	District Clerk

County Officials/Employees by Zoom:

Cynthia Lum	Elections Administrator
Laronica Wooten-Smith	Tax Assessor Collector
Daphne Session	County Attorney

Media:

Greg Ritchie	The Messenger
Jan White	Courier (Zoom)

Visitors: None

(1) Welcome, Invocation and Pledges:

Judge Lovell called the meeting to order at **10:00 a.m.** Commissioner Kitchen voiced the opening prayer followed by Judge Lovell leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.

- (2) Discuss and consider action on advertising to accept bids for delivered concrete to be used to install concrete floor in Precinct 1 Equipment building. **Commissioner Lovell made a motion to approve advertising to accept bids for delivered concrete to be used to install concrete floor in Precinct 1 Equipment building. Commissioner Kitchen seconded the Motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.**
- (3) Designate the Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 and Constable Precinct 2 office at their new location, 110 East Houston Ave. Crockett, Texas 758935 as an Annex to the Courthouse. **Commissioner Henderson made a motion to designate the Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 and Constable Precinct 2 office at their new location, 110 East Houston Ave. Crockett, Texas 758935 as an Annex to the Courthouse. Commissioner Stokes seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.**
- (4) Discuss and consider action on authorizing the designation and renovation of the office space located in the County Courthouse previously designated to JP Precinct 2 and Constable Precinct 2 back to the County Clerk and necessary budget amendments. **Commissioner Stokes made a motion to authorize the designation and renovation of the office space located in the County Courthouse previously designated to JP Precinct 2 and Constable Precinct 2 back to the County Clerk. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.**
- (5) Discuss and consider action on beginning renovations on County Clerk's Land and Deed Room inside the County Courthouse to prepare for the relocation of County Clerk Employees and necessary budget amendments. **PASS to get quotes.**
- (6) **Closed executive session** as authorized by Texas Government Code §551.072 to discuss the county's potential purchase, lease, sale, or exchange of real estate and/or the value of the real estate per Texas Local Government Code §551/071.

The Commissioners Court entered in to closed executive session at 10:05 a.m.

The Commissioners Court reconvened in to open session at 10:15 a.m.

- (7) Discuss and consider approving letter of Intent to purchase property located at 415 East Goliad Avenue, Crockett, Texas. **Commissioner Lovell made a motion to approve Letter of Intent to purchase property located at 415 East Goliad Avenue, Crockett, Texas. Commissioner Stokes seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.**

(8) Adjourn **Judge Lovell made a motion to adjourn. . The motion carried by everyone rising and leaving the meeting at 10:16 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