



HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 30, 2025

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a special called meeting on June 130, 2025, **in person and via zoom**, with the following members present, to wit:

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| 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 | ABSENT |
| Terri Meadows | County Clerk | PRESENT |

County Officials/Employees in person:

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| James Angerstein | Tax Assesor-Collector | Present |
| Gordon Denman | Bailiff | Present |
| Kris Dyches | Insurance Coordinator | Present |
| Laura Goolsby | District Clerk | Present |
| Cynthia Lum | Elections Administrator | Present |
| Kristina Massey | County Attorney | Present |
| Todd McConnell | IT | Present |
| Jan Pigford | Assistant to the County Judge | Present |
| Darrellyn Smith | Assistant to the County Commissioners | Present |
| Brittani Womack | First Assistant County Auditor | Zoom |

Media: Greg Ritchie Messenger Zoom

Public/Guests: Gary White (A A Capital), Amber Nelson (A A Capital)

(1) Welcome, Invocation and Pledges:

Commissioner Kitchen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Kitchen led the Opening Prayer followed by leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.

(2) Discuss and consider the appointment of a Ground Water Conservation District Development Committee. **Commissioner Lovell nominated Barrett Riess, Commissioner Kitchen nominated Randy Parten, Judge Lovell nominated John A. McCall, Commissioner Stokes nominated**

Amber Stelly, and Commissioner Kitchen nominated Jimmy Gaines. Commissioner Henderson was not present, but was called on the phone, and he said that the persons he spoke to did not want to serve and he did not have any other names. This is the reason that Commissioner Kitchen made a second nomination. Commissioner Lovell moved to approve the nominations of Barrett Riess, Randy Parten, John A. McCall, Amber Stelly, and Jimmy Gaines to serve on the Ground Water Conservation District Development Committee. Commissioner Stokes seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

- (3) Discuss and consider the engagement of an attorney to provide legal assistance to Houston County during its development of a GWCD. **Commissioner Stokes made a motion to employ attorney, Adam Friedman, that the County has already hired as legal counsel to represent us in the current battle, and expand his scope of work to include providing legal assistance to Houston County during its development of a GWCD. Judge Lovell seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.**
- (4) Discuss and consider amending the tax abatement agreement between Houston County/City of Crockett and A & A Capital correcting the deed conveying City of Crockett property to A & A Capital pursuant to the original tax abatement agreement. **Commissioner Stokes made a motion to approve amending the tax abatement agreement between Houston County/City of Crockett and A & A Capital correcting the deed conveying City of Crockett property to A & A Capital pursuant to the original tax abatement agreement. Commissioner Lovell seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.**
- (5) Discuss and consider approving a resolution authorizing the acceptance of the 2025 Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Election Security Subgrant. **Commissioner Lovell made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the acceptance of the 2025 Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Election Security Subgrant. Judge Lovell seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.**
- (6) Adjourn **Judge Lovell made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed by everyone standing up and leaving the meeting at 9:12 a.m.**
- (7)

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: July 8, 2025