



HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2025

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a special called meeting on August 19, 2025, in **person and via zoom**, 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
Terri Meadows	County Clerk	PRESENT

County Officials/Employees in person:

James Angerstein	Tax Assessor-Collector	Zoom
Zak Benge	Sheriff	Present
Kris Dyches	Insurance Coordinator	Present
Meagan Frizzell	9-1-1 Addressing	Zoom
Laura Goolsby	District Clerk	Present
Melissa Jeter	County Auditor	Present
Cynthia Lum	Elections Administrator	Zoom
Ryan Martin	Chief Deputy	Present
Kristina Massey	County Attorney	Present
Todd McConnell	IT	Present
Mike McCreight	JP1	Present
Jan Pigford	Assistant to the County Judge	Present
Daphne Session	District Attorney	Zoom
Darrellyn Smith	Assistant to the County Commissioners	Present
Red Smith	Constable Precinct 2	Present
Brittani Womack	First Assistant County Auditor	Zoom
<u>Media:</u> Greg Ritchie	Messenger	Zoom

Public/Guests:

- (1) Welcome, Invocation and Pledges:
Judge Lovell called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Commissioner Kitchen led the Opening Prayer followed by Judge Lovell leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.
- (2) Budget Workshop – FY 2026 Budget. **Judge Lovell announced the Budget Workshop at 9:04 a.m. There was much discussion about a cell phone policy and a cell phone questionnaire for department heads to complete on their employees. There was also discussion on Constable Precinct 1. The Budget Workshop ended at 9:45 a.m.**
- (3) Discuss and consider action on proposing elected officials’ salaries for FY 2026, per LGC 152.013. **Commissioner Kitchen moved to approve the proposed elected officials’ salaries for FY 2026, per LGC 152.013 as presented and leave Constable Precinct 1 at the new salary with the \$2,000 COLA. Commissioner Stokes seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.**
- (4) Adjourn **Judge Lovell made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed by everyone standing up and leaving the meeting at 9:53 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

Date Approved: August 26, 2025