



HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

AUGUST 20, 2024

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a special called meeting on August 20, 2024, **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

Also present:

Judge Sarah Clark	CCL Judge
Kris Dyches	Insurance Coordinator
Melissa Jeter	County Auditor
Todd McConnell	IT
Jan Pigford	Administrative Assistant to County Judge
Daphne Session	County Attorney

County Officials/Employees by Zoom:

Randy Hargrove	Sheriff
Sheila Johnson	Grants Administrator
Cynthia Lum	Elections Administrator
Heath Murff	Emergency Management
Matthew Van Egmond	S/O

Media:

Visitors: Ryan Martin, Zak Benge (Sheriff Elect)

(1) Welcome, Invocation and Pledges:

Commissioner Kitchen called the meeting to order at **9:00 a.m.** Judge Lovell voiced the opening prayer and then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.

- (2) Budget Workshop – FY 2025 Budget. **The Judge opened the Budget Workshop at 9:02 a.m. There was a lot of discussion. The Court took a brief recess from 9:46 a.m. to 9:52 a.m. The Judge closed the Budget Workshop at 10:03 a.m.**
- (3) Discuss and consider action on renewing the contract with Vyve Business Services for phone services. **Commissioner Kitchen made a motion to renew the contract with Vyve Business Services for phone services. Commissioner Stokes seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.**
- (4) Adjourn. **Commissioner Lovell made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Kitchen seconded. The motion carried by everyone rising and leaving the meeting at 10:04 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 27, 2024