



**HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**  
**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a special called meeting on February 7, 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
Melissa Jeter	County Auditor
Sheila Johnson	Grants Administrator

County Officials/Employees by Zoom:

Cynthia Lum	Elections Administrator
Brittani Womack	First Assistant Auditor
Carl Johnson	Facilities Administrator
Laura Goolsby	District Clerk

Media:

Greg Ritchie	The Messenger
Jan White	Courier (Zoom)

Visitors: None

(1) Welcome, Invocation and Pledges:

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

- (2) Discuss and consider action to accept the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) and necessary budget amendments. **Commissioner Stokes made a motion to accept the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) and to Increase budget revenue 647-355-398 LATCF-Grant-Federal by +\$374,658.49 with LATCF Grant funds available for General Government Service and Increase budget expense: 647-410-798 Non/Dept-Gen Govt Services -\$374,658.49. Commissioner Kitchen seconded the Motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.**
- (3) Discuss and consider action on authorizing the following items through the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) Grant Fund and necessary budget amendments:
- a. Approve purchase and authorize payment of (1) Kubota M Series Tractor Model #M7060HDC12 for Road & Bridge Precinct 3 from Houston County Equipment under Buy Board contract #611-20 TOTAL \$57,325.37.
- Commissioner Stokes made a motion to authorize the purchase and payment of (1) Kubota M Series Tractor Model #M7060HDC12 for Road & Bridge Precinct 3 from Houston County Equipment under Buy Board contract #611-20 TOTAL \$57,325.37 through the Local Assistance Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) Grant Fund and approve necessary budget amendments. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.**
- (4) Discuss and consider action on authorizing the following items through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant Fund and necessary budget amendments:
- a. Approve purchase and authorize payment of (1) Land Pride Medium Duty Cutter SR #2005811 for Road & Bridge Precinct 3 from Houston County Equipment under Buy Board contract #611-20 TOTAL \$19,974.75
- Commissioner Stokes made a motion to approve purchase and authorize payment of (1) Land Pride Medium Duty Cutter SR #2005811 for Road & Bridge Precinct 3 from Houston County Equipment under Buy Board contract #611-20 TOTAL \$19,974.75 through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant Fund and approve necessary budget amendments. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.**
- b. Approve purchase and authorize payment of (1) Land Pride Claw Grapple SR #1957040 for Road & Bridge Precinct 3 from Houston County Equipment under buy Board contract #611-20 TOTAL \$4,782.00
- Commissioner Stokes made a motion to approve purchase and authorize payment of (1) Land Pride Claw Grapple SR #1957040 for Road & Bridge Precinct 3 from Houston County Equipment under buy Board contract #611-20 TOTAL \$4,782.00 through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant Fund and approve necessary budget amendments. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.**
- c. Approve purchase and authorize payment of (1) 2020 Ford F-350 Truck SR #4003 for Road & Bridge Precinct 1 from (3) written quotes TOTAL \$25,000.00
- Commissioner Lovell made a motion to approve purchase and authorize payment of (1) 2020 Ford F-350 Truck SR #4003 for Road & Bridge Precinct 1 from (3) written quotes TOTAL \$25,000.00 through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant Fund and approve necessary budget amendments. Commissioner Lovell seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.**

(5) Adjourn. **At 10:10 a.m., Judge Lovell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by everyone standing and leaving.**

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Jim Lovell, County Judge

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Gary Lovell, Commissioner, Precinct #1

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Willie Kitchen, Commissioner, Precinct #2

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Gene Stokes, Commissioner, Precinct #3

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Jimmy Henderson, Commissioner, Precinct #4

Attest:

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Terri Meadows, County Clerk