



**HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MARCH 15, 2022**

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a special called meeting on March 15, 2022, **in person and via zoom due to Covid**, with the following members present, to wit:

Jim Lovell	County Judge
Gary Lovell	Commissioner, Precinct #1
Willie Kitchen	Commissioner, Precinct #2
Gene Stokes	Commissioner, Precinct #3
Jimmy Henderson	Commissioner, Precinct #4

Also present:

Melissa Jeter	County Auditor
Terri Meadows	County Clerk
Todd McConnell	IT
Jan Pigford	Administrative Assistant to County Judge
Sharon Luker	Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners
Sheila Johnson (Zoom)	Grants Administrator
Joel Martin	Bailiff
Carl Johnson	Facilities Administrator
Thomas Schaffer	Victim's Assistance Coordinator and Investigator for County Attorney
Daphne Session (Zoom)	County Attorney
Heath Murff (Zoom)	Emergency Management Coordinator

Media:

Will Johnson (Zoom)	Messenger
Jan White (Zoom)	Houston County Courier

Visitors: Brenda McKnight

(1) Welcome, Invocation and Pledges:

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

- (2) Recognition and comments from guests. (For informational purposes only, with no deliberation and no action taken, except that the Court may discuss whether to include any matter on a future agenda for deliberation and/or action.) **None**
- (3) **Commissioner Lovell made a motion to approve hiring of Thomas Shafer as Crime Victim Coordinator/Co Attorney Investigator at bi-weekly salary of \$1632.90 in pay grade 21 that includes a supplement (pending approval in item 4) in the amount of \$513.72. Commissioner Kitchen seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.**
- (4) **Commissioner Kitchen made a motion to approve the County Attorney's request for budget amendment to fund Crime Victim Coordinator/County Attorney Investigator in the amount of \$513.72. Commissioner Stokes seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.**
- (5) **Commissioner Stokes made a motion to appoint Commissioner Jimmy Henderson to negotiate for right of way and construction easements on the Texas Department of Transportation bridge improvement projects:**
- a. **#11-114-0-AA02-03-001 CR 4555 @ Lake Creek**
  - b. **#11-114-0-AA02-10-001 CR 45454 @ Camp Creek**
- Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.**
- (6) Discuss and consider action on advertising to accept bids for:
- a. Road Materials
  - b. Delivery of Road Materials
  - c. Gas and Diesel for County vehicles and equipment
  - d. Airport fuel (AV Gas)
- After some discussion this item was PASSED
- (7) **Commissioner Lovell moved to ratify extension contract with electric provider for 2 additional buildings: EOS/Armory and storage facility at airport. Commissioner Kitchen seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.**
- (8) **Judge Lovell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0. Court adjourned at 11:05 a.m.**

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Jim Lovell, County Judge

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Attest:

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Terri Meadows, County Clerk