



**HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 8, 2021**

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a regular, called meeting on June 8, 2021, **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:

Jan Pigford	Administrative Assistant to County Judge
Sharon Luker	Assistant to the Commissioners
Janis Omelina	Treasurer (Zoom)
Melissa Jeter	County Auditor
Milton Ladnier	VA Officer
Jennifer Kulms	9-1-1 Addressing (Zoom)
Brittani Womack	First Assistant Auditor (Zoom)
Cynthia Lum	Elections Administrator
Sheila Johnson	Grants Administrator
Randy Hargrove	Sheriff
Roger Dickey	Chief Deputy Sheriff (Zoom)
Heath Murff	Emergency Management (Zoom)
Terri Meadows	County Clerk (Zoom)

Media:

Alton Porter	Houston County Courier
Will Johnson	The Messenger (Zoom)

Visitors:

Ann Walker – Pineywoods Fine Arts Association

(1) Welcome, Invocation and Pledges:

Judge Lovell called the meeting to order and he led the opening prayer. Following the prayer Judge Lovell led the Pledge to the American flag and to the Texas Flag.

- (2) Recognition and comments from guests: None
- (3) **Commissioner Henderson moved to approve the Commissioners Court minutes from May 25, 2021 and June 3, 2021. Commissioner Stokes seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.**
- (4) Consider approving budget amendments. **None**
- (5) Consider payment of bills and expenses:
- a. Accounts payable
 - b. Fund transfers
 - c. Ratify Salary expenses
- Commissioner Kitchen made a motion to pay all the bills and expenses for a. (Accounts payable), b. (Fund transfers), and c. (Ratify Salary expenses). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Henderson. The motion carried 5 to 0.**
- (6) Receive information, announcements and reports from County Departments:
- a. Environmental Report
 - b. Community Service Report (not available)
- Commissioner Kitchen made a motion to receive the Environmental Report as information. Commissioner Lovell seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.**
- (7) Consider approving salaries for new and/or transfer employees:
- Commissioner Henderson made a motion and Commissioner Kitchen seconded to approve the following raises/promotions/increases:**
- (a) **5% 6 month raise for State Certified Telecommunicator Casey Olds at the HCSO with increase from \$1018.81 bi-weekly to \$1069.75.effective 6/09/2021.**
 - (b) **Promotion of Mike Combest from Patrol Deputy to Sgt Investigator (previously held by Billy Christian) in Pay Grade 23 and bi-weekly salary of \$1560.35.**
 - (c) **Promotion of Gene Osborn from Patrol Deputy to Patrol Sergeant (new position) in Pay Grade 22 and bi-weekly salary of \$1495.33.**
 - (d) **Promotion of Mike McCreight from Patrol Deputy to Patrol Sergeant in Pay Grade 22 and bi-weekly salary of \$1582.09 (17 years' experience).**
 - (e) **5% 6 month raise for Emergency Management Coordinator Heath Murff from \$1,817.58 bi-weekly to \$1,908,.46 bi-weekly.**
- Commissioners Court approved a, b, c, d, and e 5 to 0.**
- (8) Discuss and consider approving payment of compensatory, and vacation time for County employees and necessary budget amendments. **Commissioner Kitchen made a motion to approve payments to J. Killough \$971.88 and Z. Fields \$556.74. Commissioner Stokes seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.**
- (9) **Commissioner Kitchen made a motion and Commissioner Henderson seconded to approve request for Hotel Occupancy Tax Application and Interlocal Agreement with Pinewoods Fine Arts Association for Lightin' Hopkins Series Concerts in the Davy Crockett Park to be held on June 4, 11 & 25, 2021 in the amount of \$3000.00. Motion carried 5 to 0.**

(10) Discuss and consider action on employee health insurance renewal premiums and option for FY 2022. **Tabled**

(11) **Commissioner Kitchen made a motion and Commissioner Stokes seconded the motion to dispose of surplus items advertised as authorized under LGC 263.152(a)(3) by salvaging 2003 Ford F150 Truck in Precinct 3; 2 - 1995 GMC Sierra Trucks in Precinct 2. Motion carried 5 to 0.**

(12) **Commissioner Kitchen moved to enter interlocal agreement with the City of Crockett/Crockett Police Department to reimburse for the annual license maintenance costs for the Cellebrite investigative software/hardware. Commissioner Stokes seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.**

(13) **Commissioner Kitchen made a motion to advertise for bids for a. road materials and b. Pre-Disaster Contract for Debris Removal. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.**

(14) **Judge Lovell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Kitchen seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.**

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Attest:

Terri Meadows, County Clerk