



HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 28, 2020

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a regular, called meeting on July 28, 2020, via **Zoom due to Covid 19**, with the following members present, to wit:

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

Also present:

Jan Pigford	Administrative Assistant to the County Judge
Sharon Luker	Assistant to the Commissioners
Brittani Womack	First Assistant Auditor
Justin Killough	Sheriff
Daphne Session	County Attorney
Carolyn Rains	District Clerk
Janis Omelina	County Treasurer
Roger Dickey	Emergency Management Coordinator
Bonita Newman	911 Addressing
Patricia Hill	Historical Commission
Al Craker	Historical Commission
Terri Meadows	County Clerk

Media:

Will Johnson	The Messenger
Alton Porter	Houston County Courier

Visitors:

Kim Johnson with Todd, Hamaker & Johnson, LLP, A. Britz

(1) Welcome, Invocation and Pledges:

Judge Lovell called the meeting to order and Commissioner Lovell led the opening prayer. Following the Prayer Judge Lovell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.

- (2) Recognition and comments from guests: None
- (3) **Commissioner Lovell moved to approve the Commissioners Court minutes from July 14, 2020 and July 17, 2020. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 4 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 of 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 4 to 0.**
- (6) Receive information, announcements and reports from County Departments:
 - a. County Treasurer's Report
 - b. Compensatory Report (not available)**Commissioner Lovell made a motion to receive as information the County Treasurer's Report and the Compensatory Report. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.**
- (7) Consider approving salaries for new and/or transfer employees:
(a)Commissioner Kitchen made a motion to approve Deborah Denby as Part Time Jailer with the Sheriff's Office, Hourly Salary of \$12.74. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.
- (8) Discuss and consider approving payment of compensatory, and vacation time for County employees and necessary budget amendments. **Commissioner Lovell made a motion to pay Roger White Assistant DA vacation, holiday and comp time in the amount of \$1166.94 and necessary budget amendments. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0**
- (9) **Commissioner Lovell on behalf of the Texas Historical Commission presented the Houston County Historical Commission with the 2019 Distinguished Service Award in recognition of its active and well-balanced preservation program. Patricia Hill and Al Craker accepted the award on behalf of the Houston County Historical Commission. Judge Lovell thanked them for the job they do.**
- (10)**Commissioner Kitchen moved to renew Houston County's Membership with the State of Texas BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.**
- (11)**Kim Johnson from Todd, Hamaker & Johnson, LLP presented the FY 2019 Houston County Auditor Report. Commissioner Lovell made a motion to approve the FY 2019 Houston County Auditor Report as presented. Commissioner Kitchen seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.**
- (12)Discuss and consider action on partnering with the City of Crockett to enter into a contract with Earl's Apparel to produce face masks to be distributed to local businesses. Judge Lovell said the money the county spends will come from the Coronavirus Relief Fund. **Commissioner Kitchen**

made a motion to partner with the City of Crockett and enter into a contract with Earl's Apparel to produce face masks to be distributed to local businesses and any necessary budget amendments. Commissioner Lovell seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

(13) Closed Executive Session to consult with Attorney per Texas Local Government Code §551.071.
The Court entered into Executive Session at 10:38 a.m.
The Court returned from Executive Session at 10:59 a.m.

(14) Adjourn. **Judge Lovell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Kitchen seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.**

Jim Lovell, County Judge

Gary Lovell, Commissioner, Precinct #1

Willie Kitchen, Commissioner, Precinct #2

Pat Perry, Commissioner, Precinct #3

Jimmy Henderson, Commissioner, Precinct #4

Attest:

Terri Meadows, County Clerk