



**HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 1, 2022**

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a special called meeting on August 1, 2022, **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:

Brittany Womack	First Assistant County Auditor
Terri Meadows	County Clerk
Jan Pigford	Administrative Assistant to County Judge
Randy Hargrove	Sheriff
Todd McConnell	IT
Sheila Johnson	Grants Administrator
Sharon Luker	Administrative Assistant to Commissioners
Cory Hicks	Prairie View A&M Cooperative Extension Agent
Tasha Brent	Extension Agent
Jessica Rosalie	Admin Assistant at Extension Office (ZOOM)

Media:

Greg Ritchie	Messenger
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Visitors:

Ruby Evans, Lois Ball, Jurlinda Gentry, Port A (not sure of last name), Marguerite Simmons, Gerald (not sure of last name), Elmer Murray, T (not sure of last name), Natrenia Hicks, Joe Hicks, Carolyn McKnight, Henry F. Reed, II, Dwayne A. Moffett, Sr., Janice Moten, Leonard (not sure of last name), Brenda Brock, Dr. C.L. Bunch (Zoom – Director of Prairie View A&M University Cooperative Extension Program), ipad (unknown), 4095 (unknown), Sharon Parker

(1) Welcome, Invocation and Pledges:

Judge Lovell called the meeting to order at **9:00 a.m.** Commissioner Henderson voiced the opening prayer followed by Judge Lovell leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.

(2) Discuss and take action for the submission of a written request to the director of the Prairie View A&M University Cooperative Extension Program for the removal and replacement of the current Prairie View A&M Cooperative Extension agent assigned/appointed to Houston County and designate the County Judge to sign the written request.

Joe Hicks spoke about the situation and shared how upset and disappointed he is in the turn of events. He doesn't want his son to relocate along with his daughter-in-law and grandchildren. Natrenia Hicks had filled out a public comment sheet, but declined to speak because she said Joe Hicks said everything she was going to say.

Judge Lovell said that he had been given word before coming into the meeting that Cory Hicks has agreed to a transfer and this was verified by Dr. C.L. Bunch the Director of the Prairie View A&M Cooperative Extension Program via Zoom. Commissioner Stokes made a motion to table the action of a transfer. Commissioner Lovell seconded. Motion carried unanimously 5 for 0 against.

(3) Discuss and consider advertising for bids for the purchase of a pickup truck from ARPA grant funds for Precinct 2.

- a. **Commissioner Kitchen made a motion to advertise for bids for the purchase of a pickup truck from ARPA grant funds for precinct 2 and to add in the bid the approximate date delivery could be made. Commissioner Stokes seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.**

(4) Adjourn. **At 9:25 a.m., Judge Lovell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.**

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