



**HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
AUGUST 29, 2022**

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a special called meeting on August 29, 2022, **in person and via zoom due to Covid**, with the following members present, to wit:

Jim Lovell	County Judge	ABSENT
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
Randy Hargrove	Sheriff
Todd McConnell	IT
Sheila Johnson	Grants Administrator
Sharon Luker	Administrative Assistant to Commissioners
Tom Streetman	Chief Juvenile Probation Officer
Roger Dickey	Chief Deputy Sheriff
Melissa Jeter	Auditor
Daphne Session	County Attorney

County Officials/Employees by Zoom:

Carl Johnson	Facilities Administrator
Brittani Womack	First Assistant Auditor

Media:

Jan White	Courier
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Visitors: None

(1) Welcome, Invocation and Pledges:

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

(2) Budget Workshop (began at 9:02 a.m.)

**Commissioner Stokes made a motion to approve budget amendment to move \$20,000 into additional funding for Juvenile Probation Dept-Detention. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.**

**Commissioner Lovell made a motion to approve budget amendment to move \$20,000 from contingency for the purchase of the Pepper Gun System into the Sheriff's Office budget pending approval of bids. Commissioner Stokes seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.**

**Daphne Session, County Attorney, addressed the Sheriff's Office about looking into dash cams and body cams for the S/O employees.**

**Commissioner Stokes made a motion to approve the budget amendment of \$8500.00 for Adjustments to three supplements (error in calculation). Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.**

Budget Workshop Ended at 9:42 a.m.

(3) Discuss and consider action on authorizing the following items through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant Fund and necessary budget amendments:

- a. Approve American Rescue Plan Essential Worker Premium Pay Order and set disbursement date.

**Commissioner Henderson made a motion to approve the American Rescue Plan Essential Pay Order as presented and set the disbursement date on August 31, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. Commissioner Stokes seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.**

(4) Adjourn. **At 10:01 a.m., Commissioner Kitchen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.**

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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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Jimmy Henderson, Commissioner, Precinct #4

Attest:

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Terri Meadows, County Clerk