



HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 29, 2023

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a special called meeting on August 29, 2023, **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:

Terri Meadows	County Clerk
Todd McConnell	IT
Kris Dyches	Insurance Coordinator
Sharon Luker	Administrative Assistant to County Commissioners
Sheila Johnson	Grants Administrator
Jan Pigford	Administrative Assistant to County Judge
Janis Omelina	County Treasurer
Andy Biscamp	Bailiff
Randy Hargrove	Sheriff
Daphne Session	County Attorney
Melissa Jeter	Auditor
Mike Molnes	Sheriff Office

County Officials/Employees by Zoom:

Carl Johnson	Facilities Administrator
Cynthia Lum	Elections Administrator
Laura Goolsby	District Clerk
Brittani Womack	First Assistant Auditor
Heath Murff	Emergency Management

Media:

Cheril Vernon	Newspaper
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Visitors:

Ronnie Omelina (Citizen)

(1) Welcome, Invocation and Pledges:

Commissioner Kitchen called the meeting to order at **9:03 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.

****Ronnie Omelina addressed the Commissioners Court about continued concerns of dead trees and debris on the county roads.**

(2) Discuss and consider action on accepting the resignation of Detric Murray as full-time Houston County Sheriff's Department Patrol Sgt and approving part-time salary as Patrol Deputy.

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to accept the resignation of Detric Murray as full-time Houston County Sheriff's Department Patrol Sgt. Commissioner Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0. Commissioner Kitchen made a motion to approve part-time salary of Detric Murray as Patrol Deputy at \$19.78 per hour in pay grade 20 effective August 29, 2023. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

(3) Discuss and consider action on addressing the Cadet Employment Agreement for Kasey Ballard, Houston County Sheriff's Deputy and necessary action.

(4) Discuss and consider action on accepting the resignation of Kasey Ballard as full-time Houston County Sheriff's Department Patrol deputy and approving part-time salary as Patrol Deputy.

Judge Lovell announced the Court would consider Item 3 and 4 at the same time. Commissioner Kitchen made a motion to accept the resignation of Kasey Ballard as full-time Houston County Sheriff's Department Patrol Deputy and approve part-time salary as Patrol Deputy. Commissioner Lovell seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0. Commissioner Kitchen amended his motion to approve part-time salary of Kasey Ballard at \$18.50 per hour in pay grade 20 as part-time Patrol Deputy effective August 29, 2023. Commissioner Lovell seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

(5) Budget Worship – FY 2024 Budget. **Workshop began at 9:15 a.m. and ended at 9:49 a.m.**

(6) Adjourn **Judge Lovell made a motion to adjourn. The motion carried by everyone rising and leaving the meeting at 9:49 a.m.**

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