



**HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**  
**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 7, 2021**

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a special called meeting on September 7, 2021, **in person and via zoom due to Covid**, with the following members present, to wit:

Jim Lovell	County Judge
Gary Lovell	<b>**ABSENT</b> Commissioner, Precinct #1
Willie Kitchen	Commissioner, Precinct #2
Gene Stokes	Commissioner, Precinct #3
Jimmy Henderson	Commissioner, Precinct #4

Also present:

Melissa Jeter	County Auditor
Terri Meadows	County Clerk
Sharon Luker	Administrative Assistant to Commissioners
Jan Pigford	Administrative Assistant to County Judge (ZOOM)
Sheila Johnson	Grants Administrator (ZOOM)
Daphne Session	County Attorney (ZOOM)
Todd McConnell	Information Technology
Heath Murff	Emergency Management (ZOOM)
Randy Hargrove	Sheriff (ZOOM)
Roger Dickey	Chief Deputy Sheriff (Zoom)

Media:

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

Visitors: None

- (1) Welcome, Invocation and Pledges:  
Judge Lovell called the meeting to order, then Commissioner Henderson led the opening prayer, and that was followed by Judge Lovell leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.
  
- (2) Conduct Public Hearing on Proposed Budget for Houston County Fiscal Year 2022. Judge Lovell opened the Public Hearing at 10:02 a.m. and asked if anyone wanted to speak. Melissa Jeter,

County Auditor addressed the Court about a mission statement she saw and commented on how many different things our county does. Several on the court agreed. There was no further discussion about the proposed budget. Judge Lovell closed the Public Hearing at 10:21 a.m.

- (3) Commissioner Kitchen made a motion to accept the Appriss (VINE Service) second grant contract renewal with the Office of the Attorney General from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022. Commissioner Stokes seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.
- (4) Commissioner Kitchen made a motion to approve contract with Texas Department of Health and Human Services Commission for Home Delivered Meals Program. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.
- (5) Adjourn. Judge Lovell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Stokes seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

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Jim Lovell, County Judge

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Attest:

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Terri Meadows, County Clerk