



**HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 29, 2020**

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a special called meeting on September 29, 2020, **via Zoom due to Covid 19**, with the following members present, to wit:

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

Also present:

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| Jan Pigford | Administrative Assistant to the County Judge |
| Melissa Jeter | County Auditor |
| Terri Meadows | County Clerk |
| Janis Omelina | County Treasurer |
| Justin Killough | Sheriff |
| Sharon Luker | Administrative Assistant to Commissioners |
| Tresea Land | Administrative Assistant to JP 1 |
| Roger Dickey | Emergency Management |

Media:

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| Will Johnson | The Messenger |
| Toni Browning | Houston County Courier |

Visitors:

James Gentry – Crockett Economic Development

(1) Welcome, Invocation and Pledges:

Judge Lovell called the meeting to order. Commissioner Kitchen led the opening prayer then Judge Lovell followed by leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.

(2) Recognition and comments from guests. **NONE**

- (3) Discuss and consider action on granting discretionary exemptions for purchases of goods and services related to the COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to Local Government Code §262.024 under the CARES Act/Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF). **Judge Lovell made a recommendation that \$2000.00 be donated to each school district in the county for a total of \$10,000.00 to be disbursed. Commissioner Kitchen put the recommendation to donate \$2000.00 to each school district in Houston County in the form of a motion and Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.**
- (4) Commissioner Kitchen made a motion to approve COVID-19 Houston County Building Policy. Commissioner Perry seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.
- (5) Commissioner Henderson made a motion to approve contract from Quality Consulting and Security Services Inc. for armed uniformed security screeners necessary under the COVID-19 Operating Plan for the Courts of Houston County. Commissioner Perry seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.
- (6) Commissioner Kitchen made a motion and Commissioner Henderson seconded to approve the updated Interlocal Agreement with the City of Crockett for the dispatching and detention services for FY 2021. Motion carried 4 to 0.
- (7) Commissioner Kitchen made a motion to approve contract with Northland Communications to upgrade the internet connection for the Houston County Justice Center and cancellation of current contract with Windstream. He said he was making this motion on the recommendation of Sheriff Killough. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.
- (8) Commissioner Kitchen made a motion and Commissioner Henderson seconded to approve advertising to accept bids for the installation of Automated Weather Observation System III with Present Weather Sensor, Thunder Strike Alert (AWOS III PT). Motion carried 4 to 0
- (9) On the recommendation of Sheriff Killough Commissioner Kitchen made a motion to approve contract with Turn Key Health Clinics for Inmate Health Services beginning November 1, 2020 at the Houston County Jail pending review of the County Attorney. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.
- (10) On the recommendation of Judge Lovell Commissioner Kitchen made a motion to adopt Plan F and Option 1A for the County Choice Silver Supplemental Retiree Medical policy from Texas Association of Counties, Health & Employee Benefits Pool. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.
- (11) Commissioner Kitchen made a motion and Commissioner Henderson seconded to approve Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Application and Interlocal Agreement in the amount of \$2000 for Crockett Area Chamber of Commerce for the 39th Annual Christmas in Crockett Event. Motion carried 4 to 0.

(12)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