



**HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 9, 2021**

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a regular, called meeting on November 9, 2021, **in person and via zoom due to Covid**, with the following members present, to wit:

Jim Lovell	County Judge
Gary Lovell	Commissioner, Precinct #1
Willie Kitchen	Commissioner, Precinct #2
Gene Stokes	Commissioner, Precinct #3
Jimmy Henderson	Commissioner, Precinct #4

Also present:

Sharon Luker	Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners
Jan Pigford	Administrative Assistant to County Judge
Todd McConnell	IT
Brittani Womack	First Assistant Auditor
Heath Murff	Emergency Management
Terri Meadows	County Clerk
Sheila Johnson	Grants Administrator (Zoom)
Daphne Session	County Attorney
Cynthia Lum	Elections Administrator
Jennifer Kulms (Zoom)	
Joel Martin	Chief Bailiff

Media:

Will Johnson	The Messenger (Zoom)
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Visitors:

None

(1) Welcome, Invocation and Pledges:

Judge Lovell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Judge Lovell voiced the opening prayer and then led the Pledge to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.

(2) Recognition and comments from guests: NONE

- (3) **Commissioner Lovell moved to approve the Commissioners Court minutes from October 26, 2021 and November 2, 2021. Commissioner Kitchen seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.**
- (4) Consider approving budget amendments. **NONE**
- (5) Consider payment of bills and expenses:
- a. Accounts payable
  - b. Fund transfers
  - c. Ratify Salary expenses
- Commissioner Lovell made a motion to pay all the bills and expenses for a. (Accounts payable), b. (Fund transfers), and c. (Ratify Salary expenses). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kitchen. The motion carried 5 to 0.**
- (6) Receive information, announcements and reports from County Departments:
- a. Environmental Report
  - b. Community Service (not provided)
  - c. Treasurer's Report
- Jan Pigford reminded everyone about the County Thanksgiving Dinner at the Senior Center on 11/19/21, the Department Heads Meeting on 12/1/21, and the Employee Christmas Party on 12/3/21.
- Commissioner Kitchen made a motion to receive the Reports as information. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.**
- (7) Consider approving salaries for new and/or transfer employees:
- a. **Commissioner Kitchen made a motion to approve the pay for Marie (Missy) d'Angelo, Assistant Auditor in the County Auditor's Office. Bi-weekly pay is \$1112.54 in Pay Grade 16. Commissioner Stokes seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.**
- (8) Discuss and consider approving payment of compensatory, and vacation time for County employees and necessary budget amendments. **Commissioner Henderson made a motion to approve payment to T. Farmer for comp time in the amount of \$135.67. Commissioner Stokes seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.**
- (9) **Commissioner Stokes nominated Heath Murff as Houston County Fire Marshal. Commissioner Lovell seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Nomination of Heath Murff as Houston County Fire Marshal carried 5 to 0.**
- (10) **Commissioner Kitchen made a motion to adopt the Paid Quarantine Leave for Fire Fighters, Peace Officers, Detention Officers, and Emergency Medical Technicians presented by the Human Resources Committee as required by HB 2073. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.**
- (11) **Commissioner Lovell made a motion to approve budget amendment and transfer from General Fund Contingency to Road and Bridge Precinct 1 for \$100,000 for improvements to barn/office building. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.**
- (12) **Canvass votes from Constitutional Amendment Election held on November 2, 2021. Commissioner Kitchen moved to certify the election. Commissioner Lovell seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.**

- (13) Commissioner Kitchen made a motion to receive as information the report from the Dhart Veterinary Clinic that was held on October 28, 2021 to spay and neuter dogs and cats. There were 50 cats and 32 dogs spayed/neutered, 51 households were assisted, 82 vouchers were used at a cost of \$3,840.00. Commissioner Lovell seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.
- (14) Judge Lovell recommended that the county approve interlocal agreement with Downtown Crockett Association for Courthouse, Annex, and surrounding area Businesses Christmas lighting project in the amount of \$19,460 with necessary budget amendments. Commissioner Lovell seconded the recommendation. Motion carried 5 to 0.
- (15) Commissioner Kitchen made a motion and Commissioner Henderson seconded to receive as information the FY 2021 Indigent Defense Expense Report. Motion carried 5 to 0.
- (16) Commissioner Lovell made a motion to approve FY 2022 Contract Extension with DETCOG for the Home Delivered Meal program and Senior Citizens Center Grant through December 31, 2021. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.
- (17) Commissioner Stokes made a motion to declare 9-50' I beams, 9-30' I beams and multiple bent pipe from bridge on CR 4025 replaced by TxDOT as salvage, receive proceeds of sale and necessary budget amendments. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.
- (18) Judge Lovell made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Stokes seconded. Motion carried by everyone standing and leaving the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

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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