



**HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 23, 2021**

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a regular, called meeting on November 23, 2021, **in person and via zoom due to Covid**, with the following members present, to wit:

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

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. Commissioner Stokes voiced the opening prayer and Judge Lovell led the Pledge to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.

(2) Recognition and comments from guests: Beverly Davis came in late to the meeting and filled out a request to speak about the conditions of CR 3363. Judge Lovell thanked her for coming to

the meeting and reminded her that they could hear from her but could not have any dialogue or take any action.

(3) **Commissioner Lovell moved to approve the Commissioners Court minutes from November 9, 2021. Commissioner Stokes seconded. Motion carried 4 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 Kitchen 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 Lovell. The motion carried 4 to 0.**

(6) Receive information, announcements and reports from County Departments:

- a. County Treasurers Report
- b. Compensatory Report
- c. Judge Lovell thanked everyone that participated in the County Thanksgiving Dinner and said that he thought it was a success.
- d. Judge Lovell reminded everyone about the County Christmas Dinner on December 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
- e. Melissa Jeter made mention of the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals about upholding the Judge's position on the mask mandate.
- f. Jan Pigford reminded us to attend the Department Head/Elected Official Meeting at the Community Bank Room on 12/1/21.
- g. Terri Meadows thanked the Commissioners Court for their financial assistance to provide the downtown Christmas Lights. If you haven't seen them you need to come down at night and enjoy how beautiful they are.

**Commissioner Lovell made a motion to receive the Reports as information. Commissioner Kitchen seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.**

(7) Consider approving salaries for new and/or transfer employees:

- a. **Commissioner Kitchen made a motion to approve the pay for**  
**\*Javondrick Williams, Jailer at the HCSO. Bi-weekly pay is \$1059.56 in Pay Grade 15**  
**\*Vantrelisa Jones, Jailer at HCSO. Bi-weekly pay is \$1059.56 in Pay Grade 15**  
**\*and Amber Jowers, Jailer at HCSO. Bi-weekly pay is \$1059.56 in Pay Grade 15.**  
**Commissioner Stokes seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.**
- b. **Commissioner Lovell moved to approve Casey Bradshaw, Part time Jailer at HCSO, at \$15.48 per hour in Pay Grade 15. Commissioner Stokes seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.**

(8) Discuss and consider approving payment of compensatory, and vacation time for County employees and necessary budget amendments. **Commissioner Kitchen made a motion to approve payment to Greg McKinney (Pct 4 Road Hand) for comp time in the amount of \$531.87, Rocky Hoch (HCSO) for comp time in the amount of \$102.00, and Jordan Millican (HCSO) for comp time in the amount of \$951.69. Commissioner Lovell seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.**

- (9) Commissioner Lovell made a motion to approve on holding public forums to discuss moving voting precinct lines within Precinct 1 and Precinct 4 and approve a budget expense of no more than \$500 for advertising. Commissioner Stokes seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.
- (10) Commissioner Kitchen made a motion to approve a contract from Kenneth W Cory for an unspecified amount of iron ore gravel for \$2.50 per truck yard and authorizing removal from the owner's property for use by Precinct 2. Commissioner Lovell seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.
- (11) Commissioner Kitchen made a motion to accept a donation from Glenn Cross on behalf of the Houston County Senior Citizen's Center and approve any necessary budget amendments. Commissioner Stokes seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.
- (12) Commissioner Kitchen moved to renew the liability insurance policy at the Houston County Airport at the annual premium rate of \$2,127.00. Commissioner Stokes seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.
- (13) Judge Lovell made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Stokes seconded. Motion carried by everyone standing and leaving the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 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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Gene Stokes, Commissioner, Precinct #3

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Jimmy Henderson, Commissioner, Precinct #4

Attest:

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Terri Meadows, County Clerk