



**HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 28, 2021**

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a regular, called meeting **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:

Sharon Luker	Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners
Jan Pigford	Administrative Assistant to County Judge
Todd McConnell	IT
Terri Meadows	County Clerk
Sheila Johnson	Grants Administrator
Melissa Jeter (Zoom)	Auditor
Daphne Session (Zoom)	County Attorney
Cynthia Lum	Elections Administrator
Janis Omelina	County Treasurer

Media:

Will Johnson (Zoom)	The Messenger
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Visitors:

None

- (1) Welcome, Invocation and Pledges:
Judge Lovell called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Commissioner Kitchen voiced the opening prayer and Judge Lovell led the Pledge to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.

- (2) Recognition and comments from guests. (For informational purposes only, with no deliberation and no action taken, except that the Court may discuss whether to include any matter on a future agenda for deliberation and/or action.) **None**

- (3) **Commissioner Lovell moved to approve the Commissioners Court minutes from December 14, 2021. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.**
- (4) **Consider approving budget amendments. Commissioner Stokes made a motion to approve the Budget Amendments. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.**
- (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. **County Treasurer's Report**
 - b. **Compensator Report**
 - c. **Cynthia Lum, Elections Administrator shared that Center Hill Methodist Church reached back out to her and indicated they do not want to be a polling location. Judge Lovell asked Commissioner Henderson if he could talk to some of the members and tell them how much we need their facility as a polling location.**
- Commissioner Kitchen made a motion to receive the Reports as information. Commissioner Lovell seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.**
- (7) **Consider approving salaries for new and/or transfer employees:**
- Judge Lovell made a motion and Commissioner Stokes seconded to approve the following:**
- a) **Facilities Administrator, Carl Johnson at bi-weekly salary of \$1,800.27 in pay grade 23 and a bi-weekly cell phone allowance of \$18.46.**
- Motion carried 5 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 Rocky Hoch, HCSO for comp time in the amount of \$383.52. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.**
- (9) **Commissioner Lovell made a motion to approve agreement with TLO an investigative resource for law enforcement at a monthly rate of \$110.00 and any necessary budget amendments. Commissioner Kitchen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.**
- (10) **Commissioner Kitchen made a motion to approve Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Application and Interlocal Agreement with Pineywoods Fine Arts Association for Lone Star Concert to be held on January 22, 2022 and Swingin' Axes Jazz Band concert to be held on February 24, 2022 at \$1000 for each event for a total of \$2000. Commissioner Stokes seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.**
- (11) **Commissioner Lovell made a motion for the county to purchase a hangar from Mark Whitfill to be used as County storage and inventory facility. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.**

(12) Ratify the transfer of deeds between the City of Crockett and Houston County:

- a) To City undivided interest in Henry's masters Survey A-53 containing 10 acres
- b) From City 2.352 acres containing the Armory Building within A-53
- c) To city All of Block 21 A-423 known as Old Crockett Hotel Parking lot

Passed at this time.

(13) Judge Lovell made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Stokes seconded. Motion carried by everyone standing and leaving the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:18 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