



## HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

### MINUTES

### SPECIAL MEETING

### JUNE 5, 2025

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a special called meeting on June 5, 2025, **in person and via zoom**, 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
Terri Meadows	County Clerk	PRESENT

County Officials/Employees in person:

James Angerstein	Tax Assessor Collector	Zoom
Zak Benge	Sheriff	Present
Mike Cochran	Bailiff	Present
Kris Dyches	Insurance Coordinator	Present
Sheila Johnson	Grants Administrator	Present
Donavan Mahan	Jail Administrator	Zoom
Ryan Martin	Chief Deputy Sheriff	Present
Todd McConnell	IT	Present
Mike McCreight	JP 1	Present
Jan Pigford	Admin Assistant to the County Judge	Present
Darrellyn Smith	Assistant to the County Commissioners	Present
Brittani Womack	First Assistant Auditor	Present

Media

Greg Ritchie	Messenger	Zoom
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Public/Guests: Wesley Ratcliff, Velda Green, Ernest Collins, Balis Dailey, Amber Stelly (General Manager at Consolidated Water), David Malone, Allen Stonta (K C Ranch), Todd Stone, Greg Chapin (Commissioner Precinct 1 – Anderson County), John Angerstein (City of Crockett Administrator), Lee Standley (City of Crockett Assistant Administrator), Joni Clonts, Randy Parten (Rattlesnake Ranch and 7J StockFarm)

(1) Welcome, Invocation and Pledges:

Judge Lovell called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. Commissioner Stokes led the Opening Prayer followed by Judge Lovell leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.

- (2) Consider and authorize County Judge Jim Lovell to file notice of contest of the well permit applications of Pine Bliss, LLC and Redtown Ranch Holdings, LLC with the Neches & Trinity Valley Groundwater Conservation District and engage Allison, Bass & Magee, LLP to provide legal assistance (Judge Lovell added "if needed").

***\*\*At this time Judge Lovell opened up the floor to allow those in attendance to speak. He waived the necessity of filling out a Public Participation Form.***

***Judge Lovell gave a brief summary of what is going on with the water situation.***

***Amber Stelly, General Manager at Consolidated Water was the first to speak. She shared what she knows about the situation. She encouraged everyone to 1)Send in a written contest before June 19, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. to [manager@ntvgcd.org](mailto:manager@ntvgcd.org), 2) we need individuals willing to go to the meeting on June 19, 2025 (location to be determined) and 3)we may need individuals to testify under oath. She concluded by saying that Consolidated Water will continue the legal fight to keep them from taking our water.***

***Randy Parten, Owner of Rattlesnake Ranch and 7J StockFarm, he encouraged everyone to get involved and asked our Commissioners Court to continue to fight.***

***Greg Chapin, Commissioner Precinct 1 Anderson County, He talked about the health of this aquifer and that it can sustain us, but not if it gets taken by other areas. He also encouraged us to write, attend the meetings, and call our State Officials.***

***Commissioner Stokes agreed that we should write. He encouraged us not to put our displeasure about this on Facebook because the ones we need to see this are not reading Facebook***

**Commissioner Lovell made a motion to authorize County Judge Jim Lovell to file notice of contest of the well permit applications of Pine Bliss, LLC and Redtown Ranch Holdings, LLC with the Neches & Trinity Valley Groundwater Conservation District and engage Allison, Bass & Magee, LLP to provide legal assistance if needed. Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.**

(3) Adjourn. **Judge Lovell made a motion to adjourn. The motion carried by everyone rising and leaving the meeting at 12:04 p.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

Date Approved: June 10, 2025