



**HOUSTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 30, 2026**

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County met in a special, called meeting on March 30, 2026 in **person and via zoom**, with the following members present, to wit:

The Court

Jim Lovell	County Judge	PRESENT
Gary Lovell	Commissioner, Precinct #1	PRESENT
Willie Kitchen	Commissioner, Precinct #2	ABSENT
Gene Stokes	Commissioner, Precinct #3	PRESENT
Jimmy Henderson	Commissioner, Precinct #4	ABSENT
Terri Meadows	County Clerk	PRESENT

County Officials/Employees in person:

Zak Bengé	Sheriff	Present
Sarah Bergman	First Assistant Auditor	Zoom
Hugh Coleman	Assistant County Attorney	Zoom
Laura Goolsby	District Clerk	Present
Melissa Jeter	County Auditor	Zoom
Carl Johnson	Facilities Administrator	Present
Ryan Martin	Chief Deputy Sheriff	Present
Todd McConnell	IT	Present
Mike McCreight	JP1	Present
Jan Pigford	Assistant to County Judge	Present
Darrellyn Smith	Assistant to the County Commissioners	Present

Media:

Visitors: Len Glawson (Secured Boundaries)

(1) Welcome, Invocation and Pledges:

On Monday, March 30, 2026, Judge Lovell called the special scheduled Houston County Commissioners Court meeting to order at 9:01 a.m., Judge Lovell voiced the opening prayer followed by leading the Pledge to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.

(2) Hear presentation from Secured Boundaries on ankle monitors in certain criminal cases. ***Len Glawson was present to talk about his company, Secured Boundaries, and the benefits of ankle monitors. He said that several counties are utilizing this product to save money on housing inmates with expensive medical costs. The cost to the county for placing ankle***

monitors on these special cases is \$350 per month. The Sheriff said that the cost to house an inmate is \$45 a day, and the cost of the monitor is \$11.50 a day. The Sheriff also added that for those that take expensive medications not covered by TurnKey would cause us to save as much as \$4500 a month by being able to have them out of the jail.

- (3) Hear program plans for an ankle monitoring system under the Sheriff's Office. **Judge Lovell said he believes this was all covered during agenda item 2.**
- (4) Discuss and consider action on a contract with Secured Boundaries to provide court-approved ankle monitors in certain criminal cases and necessary budget amendments. **It was noted that there is not a contract, this is a client by client basis. Commissioner Stokes moved to enter into an agreement with Secured Boundaries to provide court-approved ankle monitors in certain criminal cases and necessary budget amendments. Commissioner Lovell seconded. Motion carried 3 to 0.**
- (5) Discuss and consider approving plans, from GLS, for Exterior of Bank Building. **Carl Johnson, Facilities Administrator, went over the drawings of the bank exterior and asked the court if they had any questions. They did not. Commissioner Lovell moved to approve the plans from GLS for exterior of bank building. Commissioner Stokes seconded. Motion carried 3 to 0.**
- (6) Adjourn. **Judge Lovell made a motion for the Commissioners Court Meeting to Adjourn. The motion carried by everyone rising and leaving the meeting at 9:26 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

Date Approved: April 14, 2026