

SPECIAL, 12/11/2013 1:15:00 PM

BE IT REMEMBERED that on December 11, 2013, there was begun and holden a SPECIAL session of the Commissioners Court of Jefferson County, Texas, with the following members and officers present and participating except those absent as indicated:

Honorable Jeff Branick, County Judge

Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Commissioner Pct. No. 1

Commissioner Brent Weaver, Commissioner Pct. No. 2

Commissioner Michael Sinegal, Commissioner Pct. No. 3

Commissioner Everette D. Alfred, Commissioner Pct. No. 4

Honorable G. Mitch Woods, Sheriff (ABSENT)

Honorable Carolyn L. Guidry , County Clerk (ABSENT) -

Theresa Goodness, Chief Deputy County Clerk

When the following proceedings were had and orders made, to-wit:



**ADDENDUM TO
NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA
OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT
OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS
December 11, 2013**

Notice having been heretofore posted of a **Special** to Commissioners' Court of Jefferson County, Texas, on the **11th** day of **December 2013** in the Commissioner's Courtroom, 4th Floor, Jefferson County Courthouse, 1149 Pearl Street, Beaumont, Texas. notice is hereby given of the following additional subject to be considered:

ADDENDUMS

COUNTY CLERK:

1. Consider and possibly approve, execute, receive, and file a Primary Joint Resolution authorizing a Joint Primary Contract between the Jefferson County Republican Party Chair, the Democratic Party Chair, and the County Clerk for the conduct of a Joint Primary and Runoff Election in 2014.

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Motion by: Commissioner Arnold

Second by: Commissioner Alfred

In favor: County Judge Branick, Commissioner Arnold, Commissioner Weaver, Commissioner Sinegal, Commissioner Alfred

Action: APPROVED

2. Consider and possibly approve, execute, receive and file and application to the Secretary of State of Texas for the Jefferson County's participation in the Countywide Polling Place Program for the March 4, 2014, Joint Primary Election

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Motion by: Commissioner Arnold

Second by: Commissioner Alfred

In favor: County Judge Branick, Commissioner Arnold, Commissioner Weaver, Commissioner Sinegal, Commissioner Alfred

Action: APPROVED

COUNTY COMMISSIONER:

3. Consider, possibly approve and authorize the County Judge to execute Professional Services Agreement with Duane Gordy.

Motion by: Commissioner Alfred

Second by: Commissioner Arnold

In favor: County Judge Branick, Commissioner Arnold, Commissioner Weaver, Commissioner Sinegal, Commissioner Alfred

Action: APPROVED

**Jeff R. Branick
County Judge**

JOINT RESOLUTION AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION FOR JOINT PRIMARY

WHEREAS, the Republican Party of Jefferson County, Texas, and the Democratic Party of Jefferson County, Texas, desire to enter into a 2014 Joint Primary Election Services Contract with the Jefferson County Clerk aka the County Election Officer.

AND WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Jefferson County, Texas desires to give the courts' authorization for said Joint Primary Election.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF JEFFERSON, COUNTY, TEXAS, THAT:

Said Commissioners Court acknowledges a Joint Contract by and among, Billy Oliver, Republican County Chair, Gilbert Adams, Jr., Democratic Party Chair, and Carolyn L. Guidry, County Election Officer of Jefferson County, Texas, for the conduct and supervision of the Jefferson County Joint Primary Election on March 4, 2014, and the Jefferson County Joint Primary Runoff Election, if necessary, on May 27, 2014.

PASSED AND APPROVED, THIS 9th DAY OF December, 2013.

Jeff Branick, County Judge

Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Precinct 1

Commissioner Brent Weaver, Precinct 2

Commissioner Michael Sinegal, Precinct 3

Commissioner Everette Alfred, Precinct 4

Billy Oliver, Republican Chair

Gilbert Adams Jr., Democratic Chair

Carolyn L. Guidry, County Clerk



December 9, 2013

John Steen
Secretary of State of Texas
Elections Division
P.O. Box 12060
Austin, Texas 78711-2060

RE: Countywide Polling Place Program for the March 4, 2014, Joint Primary Election
In Jefferson County, Texas

Application for Participation in Countywide Polling Place Program

Jefferson County, Texas, hereby makes application to John Steen, Texas Secretary of State, for participation in the Countywide Polling Location Program as authorized under Election Code Sec. 43.007 and in support thereof gives the following information:

Jefferson County's current population is 252,273.

Jefferson County currently has 142,498 registered voters.

Jefferson County utilizes the Election System and Software System, comprised of direct recording electronic (DRE) voting terminals and a M650 Scanner to scan paper ballots. This system has been in place since October of 2006, and is used in every polling location both for early voting and Election Day.

Jefferson County has implemented a computerized voter registration list that allows an election officer at the polling place to verify that a voter has not previously voted in the election. This system utilizing EA Tablet poll books has been in place since the May 11, 2013, Joint Election, and is used in every polling location both for early voting and Election Day.

A public hearing was held on Tuesday, July 23, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. as an agenda item on the scheduled Commissioner's Court meeting.

The Jefferson County Commissioner's Court submitted an Application for Participation in the Countywide Polling Place Program to the Texas Secretary of State on July 23, 2013, immediately following the public hearing on the plan and was approved.

The Countywide Polling Place Program was implemented for the November 5, 2013 Constitutional Amendment Election and our final report was submitted to the SOS office on December 4, 2013.

The county utilized fifty-seven (57) Election Day polling locations for the last election. There is a possibility of downsizing by eight polling locations, but that has not been determined at this time. The Commissioners must be brought on board as well as the voters in the affected precincts. A survey is in progress.

Jefferson County will strive to continue as much public awareness as possible if allowed continuing to be a participant of this Countywide Polling Place Program.

Signed and executed this the 9th day of Decemberⁱ, 2013.

Jeff Branick, County Judge

Approved and
Attested on 12/9/13: _____
Carolyn Guidry, County Clerk

Special, December 11, 2013

There being no further business to come before the Court at this time,
same is now here adjourned on this date, December 11, 2013