

*Notice of Meeting and Agenda*  
*May 19, 2020*

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Brent A. Weaver, Commissioner, Precinct Two  
Michael S. Sinegal, Commissioner, Precinct Three  
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**NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA  
OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS  
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Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Jefferson County, Texas, will meet at **10:30 AM**, on the **19th** day of **May 2020** in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 4th Floor, Jefferson County Courthouse, 1149 Pearl Street, Beaumont, Texas.

Said meeting will be a **Special** meeting for the purpose of transacting the routine business of the County. Persons with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids for services who wish to attend this meeting should contact the County Judge's Office to arrange for assistance.

In addition to the routine business of the County, the subject of said meeting will be the following:

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**INVOCATION: Everette "Bo" Alfred, Commissioner, Precinct Four**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Eddie Arnold, Commissioner, Precinct One**

**PURCHASING:**

- (a) Consider and approve, execute, receive and file a contract renewal for (IFB 16-007/YS), Re-Bid Term Contract for Termite Treatment for Jefferson County for a fourth one (1) year renewal with Hill Country Pest Control from June 2, 2020 to June 1, 2021.

[Contract Renewal - Hill Country Pest Control \(IFB 16-007 YS\).pdf](#)

- (b) Consider and approve, execute, receive and file a purchase agreement for the purchase of thirty (30) indigent burial spaces in accordance with (IFB 18-036/YS), Term Contract for Indigent Burial Plots for Jefferson County with Claybar Haven of Rest Cemetery. The purchase price is \$305.00 each, for a total of \$9,150.00.

[Purchase Agreement - Claybar Haven of Rest Cemetery \(IFB 18-036 YS\).pdf](#)

**COUNTY AUDITOR:**

- (a) Consider and approve budget amendment – Port Arthur Maintenance - replacement of two AC Units.

120-6084-416-6014	BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES	\$16,000.00	
120-9999-415-9999	CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATION		\$16,000.00

[ccPA Maintenance - 051920.pdf](#)

- (b) Consider and approve budget transfer – Jail – computer software for computer replacements.

120-3062-423-6002	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	\$793.00	
120-3062-423-3078	OFFICE SUPPLIES		\$793.00

[ccJail\(Computer\) -051920.pdf](#)

- (c) Consider and approve budget transfer – Constable Pct.1 – additional cost for uniforms.

120-3065-425-3017	CLOTHING	\$1,100.00	
120-3065-425-5062	TRAVEL EXPENSE		\$800.00
120-3065-425-5021	DUES/SUBSCRIPTIONS		\$300.00

[ccConstablePct1 -051920.pdf](#)

- (d) Consider and approve budget transfer - Courthouse Security - replace three radios.

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210-0000-429-3084	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$12,000.00	
210-0000-429-1005	EXTRA HELP		\$12,000.00

[ccCourthouseSecurity -051920.pdf](#)

(e) Regular County Bills - check #471436 through checks #471919.

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**COUNTY CLERK:**

(a) Consider and approve revised dates and times for early voting for the July 14, 2020 Primary Run-off election in accordance with Governor Abbotts' Order for an extended early voting period.

[Early Voting Dates and Times 05262020.pdf](#)

(b) Consider and possibly approve donation of supplies valued at \$775.00 of bleach, disinfectant wipes and hand towels by Sam's Club for use in Elections, Pursuant to Section 81.032 of the Texas Local Government Code.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

(a) Consider and possibly approve requiring the Visitors Center to remain closed to the public until it is determined that the risks of the Coronavirus have subsided to an acceptable level.

(b) Consider, possibly approve and authorize the County Judge to extend the Declaration of Local Disaster dated 03-13-2020, Pursuant to Section 418.108 (b) of the Texas Government Code.

[RESOLUTION COVID 19 PANDEMIC.pdf](#)

(c) Receive and file executed Counsel Contingent Fee Contract between Jefferson County and the Coffman Law Firm and Mitchell A. Toups, Ltd. Regarding Opioid litigation against Purdue Pharma.

[COUNSEL CONTINGENT FEE CONTRACT.pdf](#)

(d) Consider and possibly approve entering an Order regarding the reopening of the Courthouse to the public.

[ORDER REGARDING THE REOPENING OF THE COURTHOUSE TO THE PUBLIC.pdf](#)

**COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR:**

(a) Consider and approve a property tax refund to Beverly Smith in the amount of \$2,604.44 in accordance with Property Tax Code 26.15(f) Correction of Tax Roll.

[Beverly Smith Refund.pdf](#)

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

- (a) Consider, possibly ratify, authorize the County Judge to execute, receive and file Contract for Kara Pent as an Independent Contractor for the Jefferson County COVID-19 Call Center.

[CONTRACT FOR KARA PENT AS AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR FOR JEFF CNTY COVID 19 CALL.pdf](#)

## **ENGINEERING:**

- (a) Execute, receive and file Road Use Agreement between Jefferson County and Lone Star NGL Pipeline LP to conduct a new 20” pipeline construction at a site located on Wellspring Drive. This project is located in Precinct 2.

[May 19, 2020 Lone Star -Wellspring Drive.pdf](#)

- (b) Consider and possibly approve acceptance into the County Road System an extension of Range Rd. which leads to the new gun range at the Jefferson County Correctional Facility. The road is located in Precinct No. 2, will be named Range Rd. Ext., and is approximately 22 ft. wide and 400 ft. long.

[May 19, 2020 Acceptance of Range Rd..pdf](#)

## **HISTORICAL COMMISSION:**

- (a) Consider, possibly approve, receive and file the Jefferson County Historical Commission’s Annual report for 2019.

[JEFFERSON COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSIONS ANNUAL REPORT 2019.pdf](#)

- (b) Consider, possibly approve, receive and file the Jefferson County Certified Local Government Report for 2019.

[2019\\_Jefferson-CHC-Report.pdf](#)

- (c) Consider and possibly approve appointing Doug Port to the Jefferson County Historical Commission.

- (d) Receive and file Jefferson County Courthouse Master Plan update for 2020. (Attached by reference)

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Receive reports from Elected Officials and staff on matters of community interest without taking action.**

**\*\*\*DISCUSSION ON ANY OTHER ITEM NOT ON AGENDA WITHOUT TAKING ACTION.**

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**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

- (e) Consider and possibly approve granting a thirty day extension to Jefferson County Emergency Services District No. 1 to file its Annual Compiled Financial Statement, pursuant to Health & Safety Code Sec. 775.082(b). (This is sought because of delays occasioned by the COVID-19 virus.)

[THIRTY DAY EXTENSION TO JCESD NO 1 TO FILE ITS ANNUAL COMPILED FINANCIAL .pdf](#)

**ENGINEERING:**

- (c) Execute, receive and file Overweight Permit 03-OW-20 and Road Use Agreement between Jefferson County and Texas Sterling Construction for haul route along Englin Road and Shell Hammer Road to dirt pit for hauling dirt to construct highway bridge on SH 73 over Highway 124.

[May 19, 2020-03-OW-20 TX Sterling.pdf](#)

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**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

- (f) Consider and possibly approve accepting a donation of 1,000 Covid-19 masks from Golden Pass LNG for County employees pursuant to Section 81.032, Texas Local Government Code.

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