

Notice of Meeting and Agenda
July 11, 2023

Jeff R. Branick, County Judge
Vernon Pierce, Commissioner, Precinct One
Cary Erickson, Commissioner, Precinct Two
Michael S. Sinegal, Commissioner, Precinct Three
Everette "Bo" Alfred, Commissioner, Precinct Four



**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 **11th** day of **July 2023** in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 4th Floor, Jefferson County Courthouse, 1149 Pearl Street, Beaumont, Texas.

Said meeting will be a **Regular** 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:

Note: Budget Workshops will be held July 10-14, 2023. (See Attached Schedule)

9:45 am - Announcement of an executive (closed) session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sec. 551.071 to consult with our attorney regarding pending or anticipated litigation.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Vernon Pierce, Commissioner, Precinct One

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COUNTY AUDITOR:

- (a) Consider and approve budget transfer– Road & Bridge Pct.4 – additional cost for road materials.

114-0402-431-3001	ASPHALT	\$20,000.00	
114-0402-431-1009	FOREMAN		\$20,000.00

[ccR&B Pct4 -071123.pdf](#)

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

120-3065-425-5062	TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$500.00	
120-3065-425-1098	OVERTIME ALLOWANCE		\$500.00

[ccConstable Pct1 -071123.pdf](#)

- (c) Consider and approve budget transfer– Jail – replacement of oven for kitchen.

120-3062-423-6018	POWER TOOLS & APPLIANCES	\$14,000.00	
120-3062-423-6014	BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES		\$14,000.00

[ccJail -071123.pdf](#)

- (d) Regular County Bills – check #507864 through check #508025.

[0507864_0508025.pdf](#)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

- (a) Consider and possibly approve a proclamation for Save Our Children-Know Your Courthouse Day.

[SOC 2023 know your courthouse day.pdf](#)

- (b) Consider, possibly approve a proclamation for Breastfeeding Month.

[BREAST FEEDING MONTH 2023.pdf](#)

- (c) Consider, possibly approve, authorize the County Judge to execute, receive and file a Disclaimer of interest in property owned by Richmond O. Bennett III which TxDot is seeking for revision of the interchange at IH 10 and Hwy 69.

[Bennett - Disclaimer of Interest \(JCoTX\).pdf](#)

- (d) Consider and possibly approve reappointments to the Board of Trustees of the Spindletop Center:

Frank Coffin, appointed by Commissioner Erickson
Rebecca Ford, appointed by Commissioner Pierce

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- (e) Receive and file executed Field Agreement COS0179 between Jefferson County and the USDA Plant Inspection Service, Texas A&M Extension Service and the Texas Wildlife Damage and Management Association, Inc. intended to augment wildlife damage management activities.
[TWLS FIELD AGREEMENT61323.pdf](#)
- (f) Receive and file executed Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the counties of Jefferson, Hardin, Orange, Chambers and Jasper.
[Executed Amendment Interlocal Agreement.pdf](#)
- (g) Consider, possibly approve, receive and file Proposed Juvenile Probation Budget for FY 2024. Pursuant to 140.004 Local Government Code.
[Juvenile Probation Budget FY 2024.pdf](#)
- (h) Consider, possibly approve and authorize the County Judge to execute a Resolution adopting a settlement on behalf of Jefferson County, Texas in the Texas Opioid Litigation with Walgreens, CVS, and WalMart, referred to as "Retailer Defendants" and to authorize County Judge to execute settlement releases with each Retailer Defendant.
[Opioids Order \(Resolution\) Authorizing the Texas Retailer Defendants Settlement \(1\).pdf](#)
[Opioids.CVS Participation Form and Release \(Texas Settlement\).pdf](#)
[Opioids.Walgreens Participation Form and Release \(Texas Settlement\).pdf](#)
[Opioids.Walmart Participation Form and Release \(Texas Settlement\).pdf](#)

TAX OFFICE:

- (a) Consider and approve an erroneous or overpayment property tax refund to The Conservation Fund, A Non Profit Corporation in the amount of \$7,799.08 in accordance with Property Tax Code 31.11.
[Refund-The Conservation Fund \\$7,799.08.pdf](#)

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ADDENDUM TO
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COUNTY AUDITOR:

- (e) Consider and approve County Judge to submit Urgent Need National Objective Self-Certification Forms for the Jefferson County Home Buyout Program contract 20-066-036-C242 with the Texas GLO.

[ccUrgentNeedNat'lObjectiveSelfCert.Forms -071123.pdf](#)

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**BUDGET WORKSHOP SCHEDULE - Revised
2023-2024**

Monday, July 10

9:30 a.m. Budget overview
9:45 a.m. MIS (1025) Ross
10:00 a.m. Human Resource (1012)/ Risk Management (1016) Rosales
10:15 a.m.
10:30 a.m. JP Pct 1, PI 1 (2041) Doyle
10:45 a.m. County Clerk (1014)/Elections Department (1034) Acosta-Hellberg

12:00 p.m. thru 1:30 p.m. Break for Lunch

1:30 p.m. Service Center (8095) Zurita
1:45 p.m. Mosquito Control (5081) Wheeler
2:00 p.m. Airport (7091) Rupp
2:15 p.m. Visitor Center (8040) - Hughes
2:30 p.m. Ford Park (8028) - Oliveira

Tuesday, July 11

10:30 a.m. Commissioners Court Meeting

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Break for lunch

1:30 p.m. Constable Pct. 1 (3065) Smith-Pollard
1:45 p.m. Constable Pct. 4 (3068) Werner
2:00 p.m. Constable Pct. 6 (3070) Stevenson
2:15 p.m. Constable Pct. 7 (3071) Adams
2:30 p.m. Sheriff (3059)/ Crime Lab (3060)/Jail (3062)/Marine (865) Stephens

Wednesday, July 12

9:30 a.m. District Attorney (2030) Giblin
9:45 a.m. Criminal District Court (2032) Stevens
10:00 a.m. 136th District Court (2035) Wortham
10:15 a.m. 172nd District Court (2036) Templeton
10:30 a.m. District Clerk (2031) Smith

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1:30 p.m. Maintenance – Beaumont (6083) Keller
1:45 p.m. Maintenance – Port Arthur (6084) Shepherd
2:00 p.m. Maintenance – Mid-County (6085) Kelly

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Continued Budget Hearings**

Wednesday, July 12

**2:15 p.m. Capital Projects
General Services (1024)/Tobacco (125)
Road & Bridge Precincts
Court Master (2055)/Justice Court Support Fund (837)
Discuss all other Departments not scheduled**

Thursday, July 13

**1:30 p.m. Agriculture (4071) Fitzgerald
1:45 a.m. Nurse Practitioner (5076) Riggs**

Friday, July 14

Open

The following departments are not scheduled - No capital other than computers or vehicles and no personnel changes requested. MIS will be asked to make recommendation for Computer requests and Service Center will be asked to make recommendation on vehicle requests. Extra help and/or Travel less than \$3,000 increase and only minor changes to other operating line items:

Juvenile Probation/Detention	Dispute Resolution	GIS
County Judge	Constable Pct. 2	Health & Welfare I
Treasurer	Constable Pct. 8	Health & Welfare II
Tax	Child Welfare	Indigent Health
Voter Registration	County Morgue	
Jury	Environmental Control	
58th District Court	Community Supervision	
60th District Court	Engineering	
252nd District Court	Emergency Management	
279th District Court	Veterans	
317th District Court	Parks	
County Court at Law I	Historical Commission	
County Court at Law II	JP Pct. 4	
County Court at Law III	JP Pct. 6	
JP Pct. 1, Pl 2	JP Pct. 7	
JP Pct. 2	JP Pct. 8	

NOTE: TIMES ARE TENTATIVE. YOU MAY WANT TO COME A FEW MINUTES EARLY IN CASE BUDGET HEARINGS ARE MOVING QUICKLY.