

*Notice of Meeting and Agenda
December 05, 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
December 05, 2023**

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Jefferson County, Texas, will meet at **10:30 AM**, on the **05th** day of **December 2023** 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:

10:00 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.

NOTICE: Commissioner Pierce may attend and participate in this Commissioners Court Meeting via videoconference. A quorum of members of Commissioners Court and the presiding officer will be physically present for this meeting in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 4th Floor, Jefferson County Courthouse, 1149 Pearl Street, Beaumont, Texas. Commissioner Pierce shall be considered present for this meeting but shall be considered absent from any portion of the meeting during which audio or video communication with him is lost or disconnected. Commissioners Court will continue the meeting while Commissioner Pierce is absent.

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Jefferson County has taken steps to minimize the exposure of COVID-19 by implementing the following steps to allow the public to view the Commissioner's Court meeting.

The following options are available:

**View live with audio from the County Webpage:
https://co.jefferson.tx.us/comm_crt/commlink.htm**

Listen to audio by calling 347-973-4395, conference id 113569383# The court will also have a time for public comments at the beginning of the meeting. If you would like to speak at that time, please be on the phone call. The Court will allow public comments related to items on the agenda that day at the beginning of the meeting. Public comments will be limited to 3 minutes per person.

Please be mindful that the audio portion of this meeting will be of better quality from the website.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Vernon Pierce, Commissioner, Precinct One

PURCHASING:

- (a) a. Consider and approve award, execute receive and file contract for Request for Proposal (RFP 23-063/MR) Lease of Jefferson County Downtown Jail with LaSalle Corrections VI, LLC dba LaSalle Corrections.

[LaSalle Contract \(RFP23-063MR\)Lease of Downtown Jail.pdf](#)

- (b) Consider and approve Professional Services Agreement (PROF 23-075/JW) with Science Engineering (SEL Geotechnical Environmental Materials Testing) in the amount of \$1,500.00 for Geotechnical Consulting for the repair and rehabilitation of the Midway Area of Ford Park. Funding provided by Capital Projects.

[\(PROF 23-075 JW\) Science Engineering \(SEL\) - Consulting for Ford Park Midway Repair-Rehab.pdf](#)

COUNTY AUDITOR:

- (a) Consider and approve FY 2024 budget amendment - Parks - additional cost for lighting at Keith Lake boat ramp.

116-0604-452-4056	ELECTRICITY	\$7,500.00	
120-9999-415-9999	CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATION		\$7,500.00

[cc Parks.pdf](#)

- (b) Receive and file subrecipient agreement for American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds with the HOW Center, Inc.

[cc - HOW center.pdf](#)

- (c) Consider and approve advanced funding request for American Rescue Plan Act approved project with Legacy in the amount of \$188,775.51.

[cc Legacy advance.pdf](#)

- (d) Consider and approve electronic disbursement for \$624.82 to Texas Department of Criminal Justice for December insurance reimbursement.

- (e) Consider and approve utilizing funding from Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund to replace the current badge system at a cost of \$193,450.

[cc badge system.pdf](#)

- (f) Consider and approve utilizing funding from Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund to replace two x-ray machines for the Beaumont courthouse at a net cost of \$47,941.81. Additional funding from the SHSP grant will cover the partial cost of one machine in the amount of \$37,741.81.

[cc xray machines.pdf](#)

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- (g) Consider and approve utilizing funding from Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund to replace the postage machines in the Beaumont and Port Arthur courthouses in the amount of \$29,071.

[cc PA courthouse postage machine.pdf](#)
[cc Bmt courthouse postage machine.pdf](#)

- (h) Regular County Bills – check #512515 through check #512647.

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

- (a) Consider and possibly approve the reappointment of Hoyt Simmons, Position 1; reappointment of Robert Barnett, Position 4 ; and reappointment of Mark Zambardino, Position 5 as Commissioners for Jefferson County Emergency Services District No. 1. (All are appointments of Commissioner Pierce.)

[Letter to the Hon Commissioner Vernon Pierce re Appointment-Places 1, 4 and 5.pdf](#)

- (b) Consider, possibly approve and authorize the County Judge to execute an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Multi-County Broadband Feasibility Study pursuant to Section 791.014, Texas Government Code.

[Interlocal Agreement Broadband Study.pdf](#)

- (c) Consider, possibly approve and authorize payment for Invoice #010 from Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission in the amount of \$133,782.00 as the Jefferson County contribution for the Southeast Regional Planning Commission's Broadband Feasibility Study.

[Invoice Broadband Study.pdf](#)

- (d) Consider possibly approve, and authorize the County Judge to execute the Amended Abatement Agreement between Jefferson County and ZeroPark Management LLC. to reflect the correct name of the Owner as ZeroPark I, LLC. pursuant to Chapter 312.401 et seq., Texas Tax Code.

[Amended abatement Zero Park.pdf](#)

- (e) Conduct a Public Hearing regarding proposed amendment to the Tax Abatement between Jefferson County and Arbor Renewable Gas LLC Phase 1 pursuant to Sec. 312.401 et seq., Texas Tax Code.

- (f) Consider, possibly approve and authorize the County Judge to execute and Amended Tax Abatement Agreement between Jefferson County and Arbor Renewable Gas LLC Phase 1 pursuant to Sec. 312.401 et seq., Texas Tax Code.

[ARBOR PHASE 1 Amended abatement form DRAFT 102623.pdf](#)

- (g) Consider, possibly approve, receive and file Certificates of Completion of requisite continuing education by Commissioner Erickson, for a total of 32.50 hours, July 17-20, 2023 and January 10-13, 2023.

[Certificates - Erickson.pdf](#)

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

- (a) Consider, possibly approve and authorize the County Judge to execute, receive and file a Survey Authorization for Port Arthur Pipeline, LLC to conduct a geo-technical and cultural survey of Tract No. 002.00,034.00 and 041.00.

[Survey Authorization Geo Technical.pdf](#)

OTHER BUSINESS:

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

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

Jeff R. Branick
County Judge