

Notice of Meeting and Agenda
January 02, 2024

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
January 02, 2024**

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Jefferson County, Texas, will meet at **10:30 AM**, on the **02nd** day of **January 2024** 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:

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.

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.

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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: Michael S. Sinegal, Commissioner, Precinct Three

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Everette "Bo" Alfred, Commissioner, Precinct Four

PURCHASING:

- (a) Consider and approve, execute, receive and file Amendment No. 5 (five) to contract (IFB 19-029/YS) Term Contract for Pest Control Services for Jefferson County. This amendment will add monthly service for Jefferson County Correctional Facility, located at 5030 Hwy 69 S, Beaumont, TX 77705 at a rate of \$1,570.00 per month.
[Amendment 5 \(IFB 19-029 YS\).pdf](#)
- (b) Consider and approve, execute, receive and file Amendment No. 1 (one) to Task Order #1 for (RFP 23-028/MR) Re-Bid Term Contract for FEMA Grant Management Services for Jefferson County. This amendment will add a compensation rate for a Senior Consultant of \$175.00 per hour and a rate for a Junior Consultant of \$125.00 per hour.
[Amendment 1 Task Order 1.pdf](#)
- (c) Consider and approve, execute, receive and file Amendment No. 1 (one) to Task Order #3 for (RFP 23-028/MR) Re-Bid Term Contract for FEMA Grant Management Services for Jefferson County. This amendment will add a compensation rate for a Senior Consultant of \$175.00 per hour and a rate for a Junior Consultant of \$125.00 per hour.
[Amendment 1 Task Order 3.pdf](#)
- (d) Consider and approve additional service year for (Agreement 20-001/JW) with Thomson Reuters (Westlaw) for an online access subscription for (1) user for the 58th District Court; for a monthly cost of \$63.00. The term of this online subscription shall continue until the DIR Master Agreement ultimately expires, or should the court formally request cancellation. This is in accordance with DIR Contract # DIR-LGL-CALIR-02 (Contract Option 1A, Contract Year: 7) as shown on ATTACHMENT A.
[ATTACHMENT A.pdf](#)
- (e) Consider and approve additional service year for (Agreement 22-048/JW) with Thomson Reuters (Westlaw) for online access subscription for (2) users for the 252nd District Court; for a monthly cost of \$103.00. The term of this online subscription shall continue until the DIR Master Agreement ultimately expires, or should the court formally request cancellation. This is in accordance with Contract # DIR LGL-CALIR-02 (Contract Option 1B, Contract Year: 7) as shown on ATTACHMENT B.
[ATTACHMENT B.pdf](#)

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- (f) Consider and approve additional service year for (Agreement 22-060/JW) with Thomson Reuters (Westlaw) for online access subscription (1) user for the 279th Civil District Court; for a monthly cost of \$63.00. The term of this online subscription shall continue until the DIR Master Agreement ultimately expires, or the court requests cancellation. This in accordance with DIR Contract # DIR-LGL-CALIR-02 (Contract Option: 1A, Contract Renewal Year: 7), as shown on ATTACHMENT C.

[ATTACHMENT C.pdf](#)

COUNTY AUDITOR:

- (a) Receive and file order of appointment for Fran Lee, County Auditor for the unexpired term January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

[cc Fran Lee order.pdf](#)

- (b) Consider and approve authorizing Fran Lee for all financial matters for State, Federal and other granting agencies that Patrick Swain previously had access and/or authorized.

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

- (d) Consider and approve electronic disbursement for \$131,850.00 to The Bank of New York Mellon for interest payment for the Refunding Bond Series 2012.

- (e) Consider and approve electronic disbursement for \$232,200.00 to Bank of Oklahoma Financial for interest payment and service fees for the Certificates of Obligation Bond Series 2019.

- (f) Consider and approve amending FY 2023 budget due to the required accounting of Government Accounting Standards Board pronouncement 96 for the change in the treatment of technology type subscriptions. Revenue line item Other Financing Sources - Subscriptions (120-0000-394-3000) will increase \$5,194,488. Expenditure line items Subscription Expense (120-1024-419-5043) increase \$4,577,262, Interest expense (120-1024-419-5046) will increase \$5,727, and Subscription Principal (120-1024-419-5087) will increase \$611,499. There is a zero net effect on ending fund balance for this budget amendment.

[cc GASB 96.pdf](#)

- (g) Consider and approve electronic disbursement for \$1,226,975.56 to State Comptroller for Intergovernmental Governmental Transfer for Jefferson County Local Provider Participation Fund for the Hospital Augmented Reimbursement Program.

[cc HARP 2024.pdf](#)

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- (h) Receive and file Inter-fund Loan Agreement between the County of Jefferson – General Fund and the Jack Brooks Regional Airport – Airport fund.

[cc Airport loan.pdf](#)

- (i) Consider and approve reallocating previously approved capital funds for Ford Park for a point of sales system to labor and equipment to replace the LED light fixtures at the ball fields. Replacement parts are covered by the warranty and have already been provided.

[cc Ford Park ballfield lighting.pdf](#)

- (j) Regular County Bills – check #513079 through check #513296 (12/26/2023), and check #513297 through checks #513421 (1/2/2023).

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[0513297_0513421.pdf](#)

RISK MANAGEMENT:

- (a) Consider and possibly approve Public Official's Bond for the appointed official: Frances Lee, County Auditor.

[Public Official's Bond, Frances Lee - County Auditor.pdf](#)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

- (a) Consider and approve the Certification of Loaned Government for the Naval Undersea Museum for the torpedo on display at Veterans Memorial Park.

[Naval Undersea Museum Docs.pdf](#)

- (b) Receive and file Transcript for Commissioner Vernon Pierce. Commissioner Pierce has successfully completed the 2023 continuing education provisions of Article 81.0025 of the Texas Local Government Code.

[Transcript Pierce.pdf](#)

- (c) Consider, possibly approve and reappoint Commissioners Doug Saunders, Place 2, Brandon Rose, Place 4 and Rich Courville, Place 5 to Jefferson County Emergency Services District No. 3, pursuant to Sec. 775.034(a), Texas Health & Safety Code. (All are appointments of Commissioner Pierce).

- (d) Consider, possibly approve, receive and file the statutory Oaths of Office and Office Statements of Mark Zambardino, Robert Barnett III and Hoyt Simmons as Commissioners for Jefferson County Emergency Services District No. 1.

[JCESD 1 Oaths.pdf](#)

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- (e) Consider and possibly approve the reappointments of Robert Bordes, Place 1, Jeff Roebuck, Place 3, and Davilyn Walston, Place 5, as Commissioners of Jefferson County Emergency Services District No. 4, pursuant to Texas Health & Safety Code Sec. 775.034(b). (Mrs. Walston is appointed by Commissioner Pierce, Mr. Bordes is appointed by Commissioner Sinegal and Mr. Roebuck is appointed by Commissioner Alfred.)

[JCESD No. 4 Letter Re-Appointment of ESD Commissioners.pdf](#)

- (f) Receive and file executed Amended Abatement between Jefferson County and Arbor pursuant to Tax Code Section 312.401 et seq.

[Arbor Unit 1 -Amendment 1 - Abatement Agreement County - 12.5.23 Executed.pdf](#)

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

- (a) Consider, possible approve, authorize the County Judge to execute, receive and file Archaeological Field Records and Report with the Texas Historical Commission for Orbit Pipeline.

[TAC_JeffersonCo_Johnathan Minton \(2\).pdf](#)
[GOV LOT Jefferson County \(1\) \(1\).pdf](#)

COUNTY TREASURER:

- (a) Receive and File Investment Schedule for November, 2023, including the year to date total earnings on County funds.

[Scan_1123 Investment Report.pdf](#)

CONSTABLE PRECINCT 6:

- (a) Consider and possibly approve the hiring of Everett Demon Cormier, Sr. as a full-time Deputy Constable with Constable Precinct 6 in accordance with Local Government Code (LGC) 86.011.

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