

Notice of Meeting and Agenda
January 09, 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 09, 2024**

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Jefferson County, Texas, will meet at **10:30 AM**, on the **09th** day of **January 2024** 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:

9:00 am Workshop to receive information and consider a Pauper Cremation Policy.

9:30 am Announcement of an executive (closed) session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sec. 551.074 to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee and/or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer of employee.

9:45 am Announcement of an executive (closed) session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sec. 551.089 to deliberate security assessments relating to information resources technology and/or network security information.

10:15 am Announcement of an executive (closed) session pursuant to Texas

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Government Code Section` 551.0725 to deliberate business and financial issues relating to a contract being negotiated for economic development and real property, and security that deliberation in open meeting, would have a detrimental effect on the Commissioners Court in negotiations with a third person

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.

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

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PURCHASING:

- (a) Consider and approve specifications for Request for Proposal (RFP 23-077/MR) Controlled Building Access System for Jefferson County.

[Specifications RFP 23-077 MR.pdf](#)

- (b) Consider and approve specifications for Invitation for Bid (IFB 23-078/MR) Airboats for Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. Funded by Port Security Grant 2023.

[Specifications IFB 23-078 MR.pdf](#)

- (c) Consider and approve Professional Services Agreement (PROF 24-003/JW) with Science Engineering (SEL Geotechnical Environmental Materials Testing) for Soil and Foundation Investigation (to include borings) for the repair and rehabilitation of the Midway at Ford Park, for a cost of \$2,000.00 which is not to be exceeded without prior approval. Funding provided by Capital Projects.

[\(PROF 24-003 JW\) Science Engineering.pdf](#)

- (d) Consider and approve, execute, receive and file an agreement (Agreement 24-004/DC) with Spectrum and Jefferson County for New and Revised Services located at the Downtown Courthouse Complex, 1149 Pearl Street, Beaumont, TX 77701; for a total monthly cost of \$294.94 and a one-time change 588 equipment installation fee of \$475.00.

[\(Agreement 24-004DC\) Spectrum New and Revised Services at 1149 Pearl Street, Beaumont, TX.pdf](#)

COUNTY AUDITOR:

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

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| 114-0405-431-4018 | ROAD MACHINERY | \$10,000.00 | |
| 114-0402-431-3079 | CRUSHED STONE | | \$10,000.00 |

[ccRoad & Bridge Pct4 -010924.pdf](#)

- (b) Consider and approve electronic disbursement for \$110,348.22 to State Comptroller for Intergovernmental Governmental Transfer for Jefferson County Local Provider Participation Fund for the Graduate Medical Education Program.

[ccElectronicDisbursement Graduate Medical Education Program -010924.pdf](#)

- (c) Consider and approve electronic disbursement for \$553,489.56 to LaSalle for revenue received from entities for inmate housing.

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- (d) Consider and approve eliminating the Food Service Manager position budgeted at \$68,650. Consider and approve reclassing the Painter position (Grade 46) to a Corrections Maintenance Crew position and increasing the salary grade of the Corrections Maintenance Crew positions (2) to Grade 52 and increasing the budget position to \$62,148. In addition, increase the budgeted position of the Welder position to \$62,418 and the Electrician – Corrections position to \$75,102. The net effect of these changes will result in an estimated annual savings of \$67,000 including fringe benefits.

[ccSheriff Department-Salary Adjustments -010924.pdf](#)

- (e) Regular County Bills – check #513422 through check #513544.

[0513422_0513544.pdf](#)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

- (a) Conduct a public hearing, pursuant to Chapter 312.401 et seq. Property Tax Code, to consider approving an amendment to the Property Tax Agreement between Jefferson County and Linde, Inc. for the project located within the Golden Storage 2023 Reinvestment Zone.
- (b) Consider, possibly approve and authorize the County Judge to execute an Amended Agreement between Jefferson County and Linde, Inc. to postpone the commencement of the abatement because of exigencies encountered that have caused delays in construction.

[Court version of Amended abatement form DRAFT 111623.pdf](#)

HUMAN RESOURCES:

- (a) Consider and possibly approve revisions to the Personnel Policies Practices and Procedures Manual for the following policies: Section 5.6 - Grounds for Immediate Suspension or Dismissal; Section 5.11 - Computer, Electronic Mail, and Internet Use; and Section 10.2 - Vacation.

[Section 5.6 Grounds for Immediate Suspension or Dismissal.pdf](#)

[Section 5.11 Computer Electronic Mail and Internet Use.pdf](#)

[Section 10.2 Vacation.pdf](#)

CRIME LAB:

- (a) Consider, possibly approve, receive and file Resolution for Cloverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Program Grant for the Crime Lab for FY 2024.

[Cloverdell Resolution.pdf](#)

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

- (a) Consider and possibly approve a resolution to authorize the County Judge to execute a grant application with the Office of the Governor for the 2024 State Homeland Security Program Grant-Regular Projects SHSP-R. No matching funds are required.

[Letter for 2024 State Homeland Security Program.pdf](#)
[2024 State Homeland Security Program.pdf](#)

- (b) Consider and possibly approve a resolution to authorize the County Judge to execute a grant application with the Office of the Governor for the 2024 State Homeland Security Program Grant-Regular Projects SHSP-R. No matching funds are required.

[Letter for 2024 LETPA.pdf](#)
[2024 LETPA Resolution.pdf](#)

- (c) Consider and possibly approve a resolution to authorize the County Judge to execute a grant application with the Texas Comptroller of Public Account Office for the 2023-2024 Rural Counties Law Enforcement Project Funding, pursuant to SB 22, 88R. No matching funds are required.

[Letter for Rural Counties Law Enforcement Project Funding.pdf](#)
[Resolution for Rural Counties Law Enforcement Project Funding.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