

*Notice of Meeting and Agenda*  
*January 16, 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 16, 2024**

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Jefferson County, Texas, will meet at **10:30 AM**, on the **16th** 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:

**9:00 am - Announcement of an executive (closed) session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.0725 to deliberate business and financial issues relating to a contract being negotiated, that deliberation in open meeting, would have a detrimental effect on the Commissioners Court in negotiations with a third person.**

**9:30 am - Announcement of an executive (closed) session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to consult with our attorney regarding pending or anticipated litigation.**

**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.**

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**10:15 am - Announcement of an executive (closed) session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.0725 to deliberate business and financial issues relating to a contract being negotiated, 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](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: Vernon Pierce, Commissioner, Precinct One**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Cary Erickson, Commissioner, Precinct Two**

**PURCHASING:**

- (a) Consider and approve specifications for Invitation for Bid (IFB 24-002/MR) Term Contract for Armored Car Service for Jefferson County.  
[Specifications IFB 24-002 MR.pdf](#)
- (b) Discuss and possibly approve the Purchasing Agent to enter into contract negotiations for Request for Proposal (RFP 23-066/JW) Professional Grant Administration and Management Services for Texas General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Resilient Communities Program.
- (c) Consider and approve, execute, receive and file an agreement (Agreement 24-006/DC) with Spectrum and Jefferson County for New and Revised Internet Services located at the Downtown Courthouse Complex, 1149 Pearl Street, Beaumont, TX 77701; for a total monthly cost of \$219.98 and a one-time change fee of \$99.00.  
[\(Agreement 24-006DC\) New and Revised Internet Services at the Downtown Courthouse Facility.pdf](#)
- (d) Consider and approve, execute, receive and file an auction of surplus property as authorized by Local Government Code §263.152 (a)(1) by Horn’s Auction, Inc. The auction is scheduled for Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 9:00 am.  
[Surplus Property Auction.pdf](#)
- (e) Consider and possibly approve removal of a 2020 Dodge Ram 1500 Truck VIN 1C6RREKT7LN107952 from the Sheriff’s inventory due to a vehicle accident and sold to Progressive Insurance.  
[Disposal of Wrecked Vehicle.pdf](#)
- (f) Consider and approve, execute, receive and file disposition of salvage property as authorized by Local Government Code §263.152 (3), for broken or obsolete items.  
[Disposal of Salvage Property.pdf](#)

**COUNTY AUDITOR:**

- (a) Consider and approve budget transfer – District Clerk - cost to provide notary appointments.

120-2031-414-5045	BONDS SURETY/NOTARY	\$690.00	
120-2031-414-3084	MINOR EQUIPMENT		\$690.00

[ccDistrict Clerk -011624.pdf](#)

- (b) Consider and approve budget transfer – 172nd District Court –cost for TV monitor.

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120-2036-412-3084	MINOR EQUIPMENT	\$1,000.00	
120-2036-412-5062	TRAVEL EXPENSE		\$1,000.00

[cc172nd District Court -011624.pdf](#)

(c) Consider and approve budget amendment – Jail & Nurse Practitioner  
 –cost for Covid testing kits.

120-3062-423-3050	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	\$23,000.00	
120-5076-441-3050	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	\$7,000.00	
120-9999-415-9999	CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATION		\$30,000.00

[ccJail & Nurse Practitioner -011624.pdf](#)

(d) Regular County Bills – check #513545 through check #513778.

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**TAX OFFICE:**

(a) Consider and approve an erroneous or overpayment property tax refund to Msonthi B. Levine M.D., P.A. and Charlotte A. Levine in the amount of \$4,616.95 in accordance with Property Tax Code 31.11.

[Refund-Dr. Levine \\$4,616.95.pdf](#)

(b) Consider and approve an erroneous or overpayment property tax refund to Radian Real Estate LLC in the amount of \$4,857.47 in accordance with Property Tax Code 31.11.

[Refund-Radian Real Estate LLC \\$4,857.47.pdf](#)

(c) Consider and approve an erroneous or overpayment property tax refund to Phelan and Phelan LLC in the amount of \$2,664.11 in accordance with Property Tax Code 31.11.

[Refund-Phelan and Phelan LLC \\$2,664.11.pdf](#)

(d) Consider and approve an erroneous or overpayment property tax refund to Larry Richard in the amount of \$3,855.64 in accordance with Property Tax Code 31.11.

[Refund-Larry Richard \\$3,855.64.pdf](#)

**COUNTY TREASURER:**

(a) Consider and possibly approve a Resolution recognizing Thomas Sigeo, Sr. for his 32 years and 7 months of service to Jefferson County and to the citizens of Jefferson County and wishing him well in his retirement.

[Scan\\_Thomas Sigeo, Sr. Resolution.pdf](#)

## **CRIME LAB:**

- (a) Consider and possibly approve out of state travel for Tiffany Aardahl and Steve Mayes of the Crime Lab to attend the American Academy of Forensic Science (AAFS) conference in Denver, Colorado, February 21 – 24, 2024. Travel is funded by the Coverdell Grant at no cost to the County.

[Out of State Travel form - Crime Lab.pdf](#)

- (b) Consider, possibly approve, execute, receive and file a Resolution to approve the application for the Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Grant #4406103 from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division for FY 2025 for the Jefferson County Crime Lab.

[Coverdell Resolution 2024-2025.pdf](#)

## **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

- (a) Conduct a Public Hearing regarding the establishment of the GT Logistics Blue Ammonia Reinvestment Zone.

- (b) Consider, possibly approve, authorize the County Judge to execute, receive and file an Order to establish the GT Logistics Blue Ammonia Reinvestment Zone pursuant to Sec. 312.401 et seq., Texas Tax Code.

[COURT VERSION RIZ Order JS 1.2.24.pdf](#)  
[Survey.pdf](#)

- (c) Conduct a Public hearing to consider granting a property tax agreement to GT Logistics LLC for a project to be constructed within the GT Logistics Blue Ammonia Reinvestment Zone.

- (d) Consider, possibly approve a property tax agreement between Jefferson County and GT Logistics LLC for a project to be constructed within the GT Logistics Blue Ammonia Reinvestment Zone pursuant to Sec. 312.401 et seq. Texas Tax Code.

[REVISED Jefferson County Abatement Agreement \(Blue Ammonia Terminal\) \(clean\).pdf](#)

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

- (a) Consider and possibly approve out-of-state travel for Robert Grimm to Orlando, Florida on March 24, 2024 to March 28, 2024 for the National Hurricane Conference. The conference will be paid for by a grant from Motiva.

[Out of State Travel Policy Grimm.pdf](#)

**ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:**

- (a) Consider, possibly approve, execute, receive and file the County Judge to execute the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Local Assistance Program for Allocation of Road Materials pursuant to Transportation Code Sec. 201.706.

[JEFFERSON County Letter LGAP 2024.docx.pdf](#)  
[Jefferson County Material Request LGAP 2024 \(2\).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.**

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**Jeff R. Branick**  
**County Judge**