

Notice of Meeting and Agenda
January 23, 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 23, 2024**

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Jefferson County, Texas, will meet at **10:30 AM**, on the **23rd** 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:

9:30 am - Workshop to receive information from Mr. Jaylon Brinkley and representatives of Pineywoods CCS Hub to provide public information regarding plans for work they intend to conduct in Jefferson County.

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.

10:00 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.

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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: Cary Erickson, Commissioner, Precinct Two

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Michael S. Sinegal, Commissioner, Precinct Three

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PURCHASING:

- (a) Consider and approve specifications for Request for Proposal (RFP 24-007/DC) Professional Attorney Services for Jefferson County.

[Specifications RFP 24-007 DC.pdf](#)

- (b) Receive and file bids for Invitation for Bid (IFB 23-072/MR) Term Contract for Legal Notices for Jefferson County.

[Bid \(IFB 23-072 MR\) Beaumont Enterprise.pdf](#)

[Bid \(IFB 23-072 MR\) Examiner.pdf](#)

[Bid \(IFB 23-072 MR\) Port Arthur News.pdf](#)

- (c) 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](#)

- (d) Consider and approve, execute, receive and file disposition of county phones as authorized by Local Government code §263.152 (3), for broken or obsolete items.

[Disposal of County Phones.pdf](#)

COUNTY AUDITOR:

- (a) Consider and approve budget transfer - Road & Bridge Pct 3 - purchase of crane for mechanic truck.

113-0309-431-6018	POWER TOOLS & APPLIANCES	\$8,500.00	
113-0305-431-4018	ROAD MACHINERY		\$8,500.00

[cc RB 3.pdf](#)

- (b) Consider and approve budget transfer - 58th District Court - additional cost for postage.

120-2033-412-4052	POSTAGE	\$500.00	
120-2033-412-1095	EDUCATION PAY		\$500.00

[cc 58 District court.pdf](#)

- (c) Regular County Bills - check #513779 through check #513960.

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CRIME LAB:

- (a) Consider and possibly approve out of state travel for Memling Altamirano, Courtney Rivers and Steve Mayes of the Crime Lab to attend the International Association for Chemical Testing (IACT) conference in San Diego, California, April 21 – 25, 2024. Travel is funded by the Coverdell Grant at no cost to the County.

[Out of State Travel form - Crime Lab January 23rd.pdf](#)

COUNTY TREASURER:

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

[Scan_1223 Investment Report.pdf](#)

- (b) Consider and possibly approve a \$68 wire transfer to Wells Fargo Securities for December, 2023 safekeeping fees.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

- (a) Consider and possibly approve a Resolution to approve an application for Grant No. 2103213 for the Victims of Crimes Clearinghouse/Assistance Center for FY 2024-2025 from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division.

[update VOCA resolution 24-25 \(1\).pdf](#)

- (b) Consider and possibly approve a Resolution for grant application for, grant number 1869019, from the Jefferson County Family Intervention Recovery Service Treatment for funding for FY 2024-2025 from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division.

[Resolution 2024-2025 grant 1869019.pdf](#)

COUNTY CLERK:

- (a) Consider and possibly approve the Joint Resolution and Statistical Information For Joint Primary authorizing the Democratic Party and Republican Party of Jefferson County to enter into a 2024 Joint Primary Election Services contract with Jefferson County Clerk as the County Election Officer.

[Joint Primary Resolution - 2024.pdf](#)

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

- (a) Consider and possibly approve a Minor Plat of Mike Bennett Addition, a subdivision of 18.49 acres, recorded in CF No. 2023024360 Official Public Records of Real Property Jefferson County, into Tract 1 -5.00 acres and Tract 2 - 13.484 acres in the S. Dean Survey, Abstract 16, City of China, Jefferson County, Texas. This replat is located off of North Broadway Street in Precinct #1. A portion of this property is in the City of China. This plat has met all of Jefferson County platting requirements.

[Minor Plat Mike Bennett Addition_Comm Court.pdf](#)

- (b) Execute, receive and file Pipeline Permit 01-P-24 to Texas Eastern Transmission, LP to replace existing 30” pipeline under Dawn Drive, and Gaulding Road. This project is located in Precinct #4.

[01-P-24.pdf](#)

RISK MANAGEMENT:

- (a) Consider and possibly approve Interlocal Participation Agreement renewal for Employee and Retiree Health Benefits, with the Southeast Texas Government Employee Benefits Pool, effective January 1, 2024.

[Agenda Rates 2024 IV.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