

Notice of Meeting and Agenda
March 19, 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
March 19, 2024**

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Jefferson County, Texas, will meet at **10:30 AM**, on the **19th** day of **March 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:

9:00am – WORKSHOP – To discuss Proposition 2 regarding property tax exemptions.

9:30am - Announcement of an executive (closed) session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.0725 to deliberate business and financial issues relating to contracts being negotiated, that deliberation in open meeting, would have a detrimental effect on the position of the Commissioners Court in negotiations with a third person.

10:00am – WORKSHOP - Information from representatives and others regarding the delays in completing the new phone system for Jefferson County.

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11:00am - Announcement of an executive (closed) session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.0725 to deliberate business and financial issues relating to contracts being negotiated, that deliberation in open meeting, would have a detrimental effect on the position of 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: Cary Erickson, Commissioner, Precinct Two

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

PURCHASING:

- (a) Receive and file an agreement (Agreement 24-014/MR) with ES&S for the rental of ten (10) poll place scanners and tabulators for the County Clerk's Office in the amount of \$16,295.00; in accordance with the original contract executed on August 3, 2022.

[Agreement 24-014 MR.pdf](#)

- (b) Consider and approve, execute, receive and file an agreement (Agreement 24-016/MR) with Manatron, Inc. ("Harris Recording Solutions-Aumentum Recorder") for extraction of records from the Aumentum Recorder database for the County Clerk's Office in the amount of \$9,800.00.

[Agreement 24-016 MR.pdf](#)

- (c) 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, April 6, 2024 at 9:00 am.

[Surplus Auction Property.pdf](#)

- (d) 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.

[Salvage Property.pdf](#)

COUNTY AUDITOR:

- (a) Consider and authorize County Judge to execute sales contract for the purchase of the property located at 11514 Cuniff Road, Beaumont TX 77705, as part of Jefferson County's Home Buyout program with Hurricane Harvey grant funds through the Texas General Land Office contract 20-066-036-C242. Consider and authorize the County Judge or the County Auditor to execute all other necessary documents for the closing of this property.

[ccSales Contract Cuniff Road -JC HomeBuyoutProgram -031924.pdf](#)

- (b) Consider and approve advance funding request for American Rescue Plan Act approved project with City of China in the amount of \$56,000.

[ccARPA\(funding\) -City Of China -031924.pdf](#)

- (c) Consider and approve advance funding request for American Rescue Plan Act approved project with City of Nome in the amount of \$60,200 for priority 1 project.

[ccARPA\(funding\) -City Of Nome -031924.pdf](#)

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- (d) Consider, possibly approve, authorize the County Judge and Sheriff to execute, receive and file CEO/Law Enforcement Certifications and Assurances Form to enable Jefferson County to participate fully in the grant authority of the Office of the Governor grant funding.

[ccSheriff's Office -031924.pdf](#)

- (e) Regular County Bills – check #515496 through check #515738.

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

- (a) Conduct a public hearing regarding the establishment of the Flexport Petchem Reinvestment Zone, pursuant to Sec. 312.401 et seq. Texas Property Tax Code.

[LJAS403-2203_Energy Transfer Tax Map W-Legals\[13521\].pdf](#)
[Final Zone Order.pdf](#)

- (b) Consider, possibly approve, and authorize the County Judge to execute, receive and file an order to establish the Flexport Petchem Reinvestment Zone pursuant to Sec. 312.401 et seq., Texas Property Tax Code.

- (c) Conduct a public hearing regarding consideration for granting a Property Tax Abatement Agreement between Jefferson County and ETC Marketing LTD for construction of the new Petchem facility pursuant to Sec. 312.401 et seq., Texas Property Tax Code.

- (d) Consider, possibly approve and authorize the County Judge to execute a Property tax Abatement between Jefferson County and ETC Marketing LTD for construction of the new Petchem facility pursuant to Sec. 312.401 et seq., Texas Property Tax Code.

- (e) Conduct a public hearing regarding consideration for granting a Property tax Abatement between Jefferson County and ETC Marketing LTD for construction of the new Flexport facility within the Flexport Petchem Reinvestment Zone pursuant to Sec. 312.401 et seq., Texas Property Tax Code.

- (f) Consider, possibly approve and authorize the County Judge to execute a Property Tax Abatement Agreement between Jefferson County and ETC Marketing LTD for the construction of the Flexport facility pursuant to Sec. 312.401 et seq., Texas Property Tax Code.

- (g) Consider and possibly approve Affiliation Agreement between the Jefferson County Health Department and Lamar University for educating nursing students.

[MOU_Model for Nursing Interns from LAMAR__cd.pdf](#)

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(h) Consider and possibly approve a proclamation for Red Cross Month.

[Proc Red Cross 2024.pdf](#)

(i) Consider and possibly approve a Proclamation for the 80th Annual YMBL South Texas State Fair.

[2024 YMBL SOUTH TEXAS STATE FAIR PROCLAMATION.pdf](#)

(j) Consider and possibly renew the Disaster Declaration of March 11, 2024 regarding the drought and crawfish industry pursuant to Sec. 418.108(b), Texas Government Code.

[Crawfish Resolution to Extend Disaster Declaration.pdf](#)

COUNTY TREASURER:

(a) Receive and File Investment Schedule for February, 2024, including the year to date total earnings on County funds.

[Scan_0224 Investment Report.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