

Notice of Meeting and Agenda
October 08, 2024

Jeff R. Branick, County Judge
Eddie Arnold, 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
October 08, 2024**

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Jefferson County, Texas, will meet at **10:30 AM**, on the **08th** day of **October 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:

9:30 a.m. - 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 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.

10:00 a.m. - Announcement of an open workshop session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.0725 to deliberate business and financial issues relating to a contract being negotiated for economic development and real property.

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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: Eddie Arnold, Commissioner, Precinct One

PURCHASING:

(a) Consider and approve specifications for Invitation for Bid (IFB 24-062/MR) Jefferson County Diversion Center Renovation; pursuant to Chapter 262, Texas Local Government Code, the County Purchasing Act and 2 CFR Sections 200.318-326. Funded by ARPA.

(b) Execute, receive and file renewal for (IFB 21-046/YS), Term Contract for Sheriff's Department Law Enforcement and Corrections Equipment and Uniforms for a third (1) one-year renewal with TND Workwear Co., LLC, Burgoon Company, and Galls, LLC from October 2, 2024 to October 1, 2025 with pricing increases due to manufacturer costs and CPI increases as shown in Attachment A.

[Renewal \(IFB 21-046YS\) TND.pdf](#)
[Renewal \(IFB 21-046YS\) Burgoon .pdf](#)
[Renewal \(IFB 21-046YS\) Galls.pdf](#)
[Attachment A \(IFB 21-046YS\).pdf](#)

(c) Consider and approve, execute, receive and file renewal for (IFB 23-055/MR), Term Contract for Morgue Transport Service for Jefferson County for a first (1) one-year renewal with Proctor's Mortuary, from November 13, 2024 to November 12, 2025.

[Renewal \(IFB 23-055MR\) Proctors Mortuary.pdf](#)

(d) Consider and approve, execute, receive and file Amendment No. 1 (one to Professional Agreement (PROF 22-018/JW) Interpreter Services for court proceedings. This amendment will add American Sign Language Legal/Court In-Person Interpreting (IPI) with MasterWord. As the Service Rate Schedule for this agreement amendment is considered confidential information, this information has been redacted in "Scope of Work and Service Rates" of this agreement amendment.

[Amendment 1 \(PROF 22-018 JW\) MasterWord.pdf](#)

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(e) Consider and approve, execute, receive and file Change Order No. 2 for Invitation for Bid (IFB 22-011/JW) Taxiway A Rehabilitation at Jack Brooks Regional Airport with Brizo Construction, LLC. for a total REDUCTION amount of \$584,159.11 for liquidated damages for construction time overrun and the net of final quantities for concrete pavement removal, marking removal, lime, concrete pavement poured, sodding, boring and duct bank; bringing the total contract amount from \$6,507,736.10 down to \$5,923,576.99; pursuant to Chapter 262, Texas Local Government Code, the County Purchasing Act and 2 CFR Sections 200.318 – 326. This project was awarded to Brizo Construction, LLC. on August 23, 2022. This project is 100% funded by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grant #37.

[Change Order 2 \(IFB 22-011 JW\).pdf](#)

(f) Consider and approve, execute, receive and file disposition of salvage property as authorized by Local Government Code §263.452(3), for broken or obsolete items.

[Disposal of Salvage Property.pdf](#)

(g) Consider and approve, execute, receive and file disposal of scrap metal property. Scrap property to be transported to a metal salvage company and there sold for such price as it may command and return funds to the County.

[Disposal of Scrap Property.pdf](#)

COUNTY AUDITOR:

(a) Consider and approve FY 2024 budget transfer– Constable Pct. 1– additional cost for postage.

120-3065-425-4052	POSTAGE	\$9.00	
120-3065-425-3078	OFFICE SUPPLIES		\$9.00

[ccConstable Pct. 1 - 100824.pdf](#)

(b) Consider, and approve Resolution for 2025 Indigent Defense Formula grant application.

[ccResolution -2025 Indigent Defense Grant - 100824.pdf](#)

(c) Consider, approve, and authorize County Judge to execute SAVNS Maintenance Contract OAG No. C-01726.

[ccFY 2025 SAVNS Maintenance CONTRACT - 100824.pdf](#)

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- (d) Consider and approve the VINE (Victim Information & Notification Everyday) Program service agreement with Appriss for 09/01/24 - 08/31/25. Cost of contract is reimbursed by the Office of the Attorney General.

[ccVINE Service Agreement -Appriss -100824.pdf](#)

- (e) Consider and approve electronic disbursement for \$406,974.61 to LaSalle for revenue received from entities for inmate housing.
- (f) Receive and file revised Exhibit A for American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds with The H.O.W. Center, Inc.

[ccExhibit A -ARPAC -100824.pdf](#)

- (g) Consider and approve expenditure by Voter Registration in accordance with order pursuant to section 130.908 of Texas Local Government Code. Cost associated with yearly subscription with Access Imaging Solutions in the amount of \$15,144.00.

[ccVoter Registration -100824.pdf](#)

- (h) Consider and approve expenditure by Road & Bridge Pct.1 in accordance with order pursuant to section 130.908 of Texas Local Government Code. Cost associated with new purchases of new tank monitoring system (\$11,570), replacement service truck (\$85,518) and replacement dump truck (\$121,966).

[ccR&B Pct. 1 - 100824.pdf](#)

- (i) Consider and authorize County Judge to execute a Texas Safety Program Grant agreement between Jefferson County, Texas and the State of Texas for the STEP Comprehensive Program for the period 10/01/2024 to 09/30/2025.

[ccTexas Safety Program Grant - 100824.pdf](#)

- (j) Consider and authorize County Judge to execute sales contract for the purchase of the property located at 5220 Roberts Rd., Beaumont TX 77705, as part of the 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.

[ccHomebuyout Sales Contract - 5220 Roberts Rd. - 100824.pdf](#)

- (k) Regular County Bills -check #521766 through check #522003.

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- (l) Consider and possibly approve orders to authorize the following change to TCDRS Plan Provisions for Jefferson County to be effective January 1, 2025. Adopt a flat rate 2% COLA for retirees.

[cc Retiree COLA.pdf](#)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

- (a) Consider and possibly approve a proclamation for National 4 - H Month.
[4 H 2024.pdf](#)
- (b) Consider and possibly approve a donation from Bechtel of road barriers to Jefferson County pursuant to Sec. 81.032, Texas Local Government Code.
- (c) Consider, possibly approve and authorize the County Judge to execute a Direct Cost Reimbursement Agreement between Jefferson County and PALNG Operator Company, LLC to reimburse costs incurred by state and local agencies in providing emergency response services pursuant to Section 3A(e) of the Natural Gas act, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 717B-1(e).
[Cost Sharing Agreement - Emergency Response - Jefferson County Emergency Management Office.pdf](#)
- (d) Consider, possibly approve and authorize the County Judge to execute Demolition Waivers, requested by the City of Port Arthur, for unsafe structures located at:
900 San Jacinto Ave., Port Arthur, Texas - Lot 19, Block 1 Lawndale Addition
830 Sabine Ave., Port Arthur, Texas - Lot 4, Block 4, Jefferson Homesites Addition and
3737 26th Street, Port Arthur, Texas - Lot 19 Griffing Addition
526 E. 19th Street, Port Arthur, Texas - W ½ of Lot 2 & all of Lot 3 Block 449, City of Port Arthur Addition
[Demo waiver - 526 E 19th.pdf](#)
[Demo waiver - 830 Sabine Ave.pdf](#)
[Demo waiver - 900 San Jacinto Ave.pdf](#)
[Demo waiver - 3737 26th St.pdf](#)
- (e) Consider, possibly approve, authorize the County Judge to execute, receive and file the Certificate of Appointment (renewal) of Dr. Ezea Ede as the Local Health Authority for Jefferson County pursuant to Texas Health & Safety Code, Sec. 121.021.

[CertificateofAppointmentDrEde.pdf](#)

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- (f) Consider, possibly approve, and authorize the County Judge to execute the FY2024 SB 224 Catalytic Converter Grant Interlocal Agreement for Southeast Texas Auto Theft Task Force, FY2025 SB 224 Catalytic Converter Grant Interlocal Agreement for Southeast Texas Auto Theft Task Force, and the FY2025 Auto Theft Grant Interlocal Agreement for Southeast Texas Auto Theft Task Force, between Jefferson County, Hardin, Orange and Jasper Counties and the Cities of Beaumont and Port Arthur.

DISTRICT CLERK:

- (a) Conduct a Public Hearing to consider taking action regarding approval of a contract between Jefferson County and Linbarger Goggins Blair & Sampson, LLP for legal services to collect unpaid fines, fees and court costs owed to the Jefferson County District Courts pursuant to Sec. 140.009, Texas Local Government Code and Art. 103.0031, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

[JEFFERSON COUNTY NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING-FEES _ FINES \(1\).pdf](#)

- (b) Consider and possibly approve a Resolution of the Commissioner's Court of Jefferson County regarding Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP as being fully qualified as special counsel to perform all legal services pursuant to Sec. 2254.1036 of the Texas Government Code.

[JEFFERSON COUNTY RESOLUTION 2024.pdf](#)

- (c) Consider and possibly approve, and authorize the County Judge to execute an Agreement between Jefferson County and the Law Firm of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson to act as special counsel to perform all legal services necessary to collect unpaid fines, fees and court costs as provided in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 103.031 and by Sec. 140.009 of the Texas Local Government Code; and b) Authorize the County Judge to sign the Agreement on the County's behalf.

[JEFFERSON COUNTY DCO \(1\).pdf](#)
[Order.pdf](#)

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL:

- (a) Consider and possibly approve Environmental Control's application for the NEHA-FDA Retail Flexible Funding Model (RFFM) Grant Program. These are fully funded grants in an amount up to \$35,500 and requires no cash match from the county.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

- (a) Execute, receive and file Utility Permit 10-U-24 between Jefferson County and Meeker Municipal Water District, for the purpose of a Potable Water line project. The Water line will be placed along a route Old Sour Lake Road for approximately 1000 feet. This project is located in Jefferson County in Precinct 1.

[10-U-24 - MWD-050.pdf](#)

- (b) Execute, receive and file Utility Permit 11-U-24 between Jefferson County and CenterPoint Energy, for the purpose of a Gas line project. The Gas line will be placed along a route from Moore Road to and along a portion of Roll Road. This project is located in Jefferson County in Precinct 1.

[11-U-24.pdf](#)

- (c) Consider and possibly approve a Replat of 3.298 acres out of Lot 3 into Lots 3B-1 & 3B-2 Garth Industrial Park, out of the L.J. Kopke Survey Abstract No. 569 Jefferson County, Texas. This Replat is located off of Garth Road in Precinct #4 and is in City of Beaumont ETJ. This Replat has met all of Jefferson County platting requirements.

[City of Beaumont _ Garth Road.pdf](#)
[Replat of Lot 3 into Lots 3B-1 & 3B-2 Garth Industrial Park.pdf](#)

HUMAN RESOURCES:

- (a) Consider and possibly approve revisions to the Personnel Policies Practices and Procedures Manual for the following policies: Section 4.2 - Employment Process; and Section 10.1 - Wages

[2024 Section 4.2 - Employment Process.pdf](#)
[2024 Section 10 - 10.1 Wages.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