

Notice of Meeting and Agenda
September 20, 2022

Jeff R. Branick, County Judge
Vernon Pierce, Commissioner, Precinct One
Darrell Bush, 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
September 20, 2022**

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Jefferson County, Texas, will meet at **10:30 AM**, on the **20th** day of **September 2022** 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:

9:45 a.m. - Announcement of an executive (closed) session, pursuant to Texas Government Code Sec. 551.074 to deliberate regarding personnel matters.

10:00 a.m.-Announcement of an executive (closed) session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sec. 551.071 to consult with out attorney regarding pending or anticipated litigation.

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 346-248-7799 Meeting ID: 917 160 6532# Participant ID: # The

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court will also have a question and answer session at the end of the meeting. If you would like to ask any questions of the Court, please be on the phone call. The Court will give a question and answer session at the end of the meeting as time allows. You will be called upon by your last 4 digits of your phone number. If you do not have any questions, you can pass. 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: Darrell Bush, Commissioner, Precinct Two

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PURCHASING:

(a) Consider and approve, execute, receive and file renewal for (IFB 19-062/YS) Term Contract for Liquid Soil Stabilizer for Jefferson County for a third (1) one year renewal with Base-Seal International, Inc. from November 9, 2022 to November 8, 2023.

[Renewal \(IFB 19-062 YS\) Base-Seal.pdf](#)

(b) Consider and approve, execute, receive and file Amendment No. 2 (two) to contract (IFB-029/YS) Term Contract for Pest Control Services for Jefferson County. This amendment will add service locations for Ben Rogers Visitor's Center, located at 5055 Interstate 10 S, Beaumont, TX 77705 at a rate of \$21.67 per month which is \$65.00 quarterly and add service for Jefferson County Service Center, located at 7789 Viterbo Rd, Beaumont, TX 77705 at a rate of \$28.33 per month which is \$85.00 quarterly.

[\(IFB 19-029 YS\) Amendment.pdf](#)

COUNTY AUDITOR:

(a) Consider and approve budget transfer – Road & Bridge Pct. 1 – repairs to building from storm damage.

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|-------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| 111-0105-431-4009 | BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS | \$5,685.00 | |
| 111-0102-431-3001 | ASPHALT | | \$5,685.00 |

[ccRoad&Bridge Pct1build.damaged -092022.pdf](#)

(b) Consider and approve budget transfer– Road & Bridge Pct. 1 – purchase of welding machine.

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| 111-0109-431-6018 | POWER TOOLS & APPLIANCES | \$6,295.00 | |
| 111-0109-431-6042 | TRUCKS & TRAILERS | | \$6,295.00 |

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(c) Consider and approve budget transfer – Road & Bridge Pct. 3 – additional cost for fuel.

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| 113-0305-431-3037 | GASOLINE | \$2,000.00 | |
| 113-0305-431-3034 | DIESEL FUEL | \$3,000.00 | |
| 113-0302-431-1098 | OVERTIME ALLOWANCE | | \$5,000.00 |

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(d) Consider and approve budget amendment – Service Center– additional cost for fuel and benefits.

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| 120-8095-417-3037 | GASOLINE | \$50,000.00 | |
| 120-8095-417-2001 | F.I.C.A. EXPENSE | \$500.00 | |
| 120-8095-417-2003 | EMPLOYEES' INSURANCE | \$3,000.00 | |
| 110-2027-412-5055 | PETIT JURORS | | \$53,500.00 |

[ccServiceCenter -092022.pdf](#)

(e) Consider and approve budget amendment– Jail – additional cost for fuel and benefits.

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| 120-3062-423-4004 | AIRPLANE FUEL | \$20,000.00 | |
| 120-3062-423-2003 | EMPLOYEES' INSURANCE | \$30,000.00 | |
| 120-3059-421-1043 | DEPUTIES | | \$50,000.00 |

[ccJail -092022.pdf](#)

(f) Consider and approve budget amendment – County Morgue – additional cost for contractual payments.

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| 120-3080-421-5077 | CONTRACTUAL SERVICE | \$150,000.00 | |
| 110-2027-412-5055 | PETIT JURORS | | \$36,000.00 |
| 120-1024-419-5077 | CONTRACTUAL SERVICE | | \$114,000.00 |

[ccCountyMorgue -092022.pdf](#)

(g) Receive and file Sheriff and Constables' Fees to be effective January 1, 2023.

[ccSheriff & Constables' Fees -092022.pdf](#)

(h) Receive and file the VINE (Victim Information & Notification Everyday) Program service agreement with Appriss for 09/01/22- 08/31/23. Cost of contract is reimbursed by the Office of the Attorney General.

[ccVINE Program -092022.pdf](#)

(i) Consider and approve Resolution for 2023 Indigent Defense Formula Grant Application.

[ccResolution for IndigentDefenseProgram -092022.pdf](#)

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(j) Consider and approve acceptance of 2022 Port Security Grant Program from the US Department of Homeland Security. Federal award portion is \$57,172 with cost match of \$8,589 to be provided by the Marine Division.

[ccPortSecurityGrant Program -092022.pdf](#)

(k) Regular County Bills – check # 498826 through check #499094.
[0498826_0499094.pdf](#)

(l) Consider and Approve 2020 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant with the Texas Water Development Board for the elevation of five homes in Jefferson County. Grant amount is \$1,010,727.90 with no match.

[cc-Contract_2000012634_-_Jefferson_County_\(FY2020-Texas Water Board\).pdf](#)

(m) Discuss submitting request to the General Land Office to change the construction method for Project Ditch 110-B from Contract to Force Account Labor (FAL). The FAL would be provided by Drainage District #6.

[ccProjectDitch 110-B\(FAL\) -092022.pdf](#)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

(a) Conduct a public hearing regarding an amendment to the Property Tax Abatement Agreements with Coastal Caverns, L.P regarding phases 1 through 5 of that project pursuant to Texas Property Tax Code Chapter 312.401 et seq. and the merger of Coastal Caverns L.P into Energy Transfer Spindletop LLC.,

(b) Consider and possibly approve an amendment to the Property Tax Abatement Agreements with Coastal Caverns, L.P regarding phases 1 through 5 of that project pursuant to Texas Property Tax Code Chapter 312.401 et seq. and the merger of Coastal Caverns L.P into Energy Transfer Spindletop LLC,

(c) Consider and possibly approve and authorize the County Judge to execute the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Jefferson County, Texas and the Jefferson County Deputy Constables Association for October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2025.

[ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN JEFF COUNTY AND THE JEFF COUNTY DEPUTY CONSTABLES.pdf](#)

(d) Consider and possibly approve a Proclamation for National Voter Registration Day.
[PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY.pdf](#)

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(e) Receive and file Second Amendment to the Property Tax Abatement Agreement between Jefferson County and Port Arthur LNG (Sempra) pursuant to Property Tax Code Sec. 312.401et seq.

[2ND AMENDMENT TO ABATEMENT AGREEMENT PALNG SEMPRA.pdf](#)

(f) Conduct public hearing on property tax increase for the 2022-2023 budget year. The proposed tax rate is \$.363184, which is \$.025012 above the no-new tax rate.

(g) Consider and approve Order to adopt tax rate at \$.363184 cent per \$100 valuation. Tax rate is \$.343268 for maintenance and operations and \$.019916 for debt service.

[ORDER TAX RATE.pdf](#)

(h) Conduct public hearing on proposed 2022-2023 Jefferson County Budget.

(i) Adopt the 2022-2023 Budget.

[FY 2023 Annual Budget.pdf](#)

(j) Consider and ratify the property tax increase reflected in the adopted budget.

(k) Consider, possibly approve and authorize the County Judge to execute the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award for FY 2022.

[FY 22 EDWARD BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT JAG PROGRAM AWARD.pdf](#)

COUNTY TREASURER:

(a) Receive and File Investment Schedule for August, 2022, including the year to date total earnings on County funds.

[August 2022.pdf](#)

(b) Consider and approve wire for \$60.00 to cover Safekeeping Fees from Wells Fargo Securities for the month of August, 2022.

[August 2022 Safekeeping Letter.pdf](#)

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ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

(a) Consider and possibly approve the Plat of Boudreax Place, 4.763 Acres of Land, replat of Part of Part of Lots 4 & 5 Block 14, Orange Farms, Jefferson County, Texas. The property is off of F.M. 365 in Precinct No. 2. This Plat is located in the City of Port Arthur ETJ and has met the City of Port Arthur's and Jefferson County's platting requirements.

[September 20, 2022 Boudreax Place Plat.pdf](#)

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL:

(a) Consider and possibly approve Environmental Control's application for the NEHA-FDA Retail Flexible Funding Model (RFFM) Grant Program. This is a fully funded grant request in the amount of approximately \$26,500 and requires no cash match from the county.

(b) Consider and possibly approve Out-of-State travel to Denver, Colorado for Angela Caraway on November 7, - November 10, 2022 for the Retail Program Standards NEHA-FDA RFFM Mentorship Program Meeting which is funded by NEHA-FDA as part of the Mentorship grant we received and at no cost to the County.

[OUT OF STATE TRAVEL FOR ANGELA CARAWAY TO DENVER COLORADO NOV 7TH THRU 10TH 2022.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**