Jeff R. Branick, County Judge Brandon Willis, 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 July 08, 2025

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Jefferson County, Texas, will meet at **10:30 AM**, on the **08th** day of **July 2025** 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:

8:45 a.m. - Announcement of an executive (closed) session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section § 551.071 for the purpose of receiving information regarding pending or contemplated litigation.

9:15 a.m. - 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.

9:45 a.m. – To receive information from Mr. Nathan Watkins of Americus Holdings regarding a Public Private Partnership Program.

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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: Brandon Willis, Commissioner, Precinct One

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Cary Erickson, Commissioner, Precinct Two

PURCHASING:

(a) Receive and file bid for Invitation for Bid (IFB 25-018/CG), Term Contract for Disaster and Emergency Repair, Service, and Installation of Electrical Services for Jefferson County, Pursuant to Chapter 262, Texas Local Government Code, the County Purchasing Act and 2 CFR Section 200.318-327

Bid (IFB 25-018 CG) Gulf Coast Electric.pdf

(b) Consider and approve, execute, receive and file Professional Services Agreement (PROF 25-031/MR) with The LaBiche Architectural Group, Inc. for oversight assistance for storm recovery work by County's insurance carrier in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00; in accordance with a discretionary exemption as authorized by Local Government Code 262.024(a)(4) a personal or professional service.

(PROF 25-031 MR) The LaBiche Architectural Group.pdf

(c) Consider and approve, execute, receive and file an agreement (Agreement 25-032/MR) with Thomson Reuters (Westlaw) for a West Proflex online subscription for the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office access for 30 users in accordance with TX MSA DIR-CPO-5258 (TXM1). This one-year agreement (effective: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026) will be for a total monthly cost of \$3,648.14.

(Agreement 25-032 MR) Thomson Reuters.pdf

(d) Consider and approve, execute, receive and file Job Order Contract (JOC 25-033/MR) with Preferred Facilities Group, USA for Jefferson County Port Arthur Tax Office Renovations in the amount of \$38,955.78; pursuant to Buy Board Contract 728-24.

(JOC 25-033 MR) Preferred Facilities Group.pdf

COUNTY AUDITOR:

(a) Consider and approve budget transfer – Mosquito Control– cost of pesticide applicator license for new employees.

124-5081-448-5021	DUES/SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$250.00	
124-5081-448-3044	JANITOR SUPPLIES		\$250.00

ccMosquito Control - 070825.pdf

(b) Consider and approve electronic disbursement for \$3,079,815.96 to State Comptroller for Intergovernmental Government Transfer for Jefferson County LPPF for the Aligning Technology by Linking Interoperable Systems Program.

ccDisbursement-State Comptroller -IGT-AligningTechnology - 070825.pdf

(c) Consider and approve electronic disbursement for \$179,878.94 to State Comptroller for Intergovernmental Government Transfer for Jefferson County LPPF for the FY25 Graduate Medical Education (GME) Program Final.

ccDisbursement -State Comptroller -IGT -FY25Graduate Medical Education(GME) - 070825.pdf

(d) Consider, approve, and authorize County Judge to cancel Community Wildfire Defense Grant #CO-25-040 for the fuel's mitigation program with the Texas A&M Forest Service.

ccCommunity Wildfire Defense Grant - 070825.pdf

(e) Consider and approve total electronic disbursement for \$4,531,975.00 to The Bank of York Mellon for principal and interest payments for the Refunding Bond Series 2012.

ccDisbursement -The Bank of New York Mellon - 070825.pdf

(f) Consider and approve total electronic disbursement for \$852,075.00 to Bank of Oklahoma Financial for principal, interest, and paying agent fee payments for the Certificates of Obligation Bond Series 2019.

ccDisbursement -Bank of Oklahoma(BOK) Financial - 070825.pdf

(g) Consider and approve budget transfer – Tax Office Auto Dealer – cost for Port Arthur building upgrades

280-0000-415-6014	BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES	\$50,000.00	
280-0000-415-6022	FURNITURE & FIXTURES		\$22,600.00
280-0000-415-6002	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT		\$27,400.00

ccTax Office Auto Dealer - 070825.pdf

(h) Regular County Bills - check #529717 through check #529926.

0529717 0529926.pdf

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

(a) Consider and possibly approve a proclamation for "Save Our Children - Know Your County Courthouse Day."

SOC 2025know your courthouse day.pdf

(b) Conduct a public hearing regarding a proposed amendment to the Abatement Agreement between Jefferson County and OCI Clean Ammonia Ltd. to transfer the benefits and obligations of that agreement to the new owner, Woodside Energy Group Ltd. and to amend the abatement schedule for Phase 1 to begin in 2026, pursuant to Sec. 312 et seq. Texas Tax Code.

(c) Consider, possibly approve and authorize the County Judge to execute a proposed amendment to the Abatement Agreement between Jefferson County and OCI Clean Ammonia Ltd. to transfer the benefits and obligations of that agreement to the new owner, Woodside Energy Group Ltd. and to amend the abatement schedule for Phase 1 to begin in 2026, pursuant to Sec. 312 et seq. Texas Tax Code.

CourtversionJuly2025amendandtransfer.pdf

(d) Receive and file approved Antiquities Permit #HS 1324, Amended regarding the scope of work for the Tax Assessor's Office.

AntiquitiesPermit.pdf

(e) Consider, possibly approve, receive and file Mutual Aid Agreement between Jefferson County and the City of Port Neches pursuant to Chapter 418, Government Code, disaster Act of 1975.

MAA City of Port Neches 2025 signed.pdf

JEFFERSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT 3:

(a) Consider and possibly approve the appointment of Colin Garrett, by Commissioner Brandon Willis, to the Board of Jefferson County Emergency Services District No. 3, to fulfill the unexpired term of Doug Saunders who is retiring.

Oath of office.pdf statement of officer.pdf

VISITORS CENTER:

(a) Consider and possibly approve Jefferson County Tourism Committee, formerly tabled, Spring 2025 Hotel Occupancy Tax allocation recommendation for Mardi Gras Southeast Texas.

Requested: \$36,000, Recommendation: \$20,000

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	