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 August 12, 2025

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Jefferson County, Texas, will meet at **10:30 AM**, on the **12th** day of **August 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:

9:00 a.m. – Announcement of a Workshop to receive Information from Ms. Jennifer Clark of Southeast Texas Impact Initiative regarding tax abatement agreements.

9:30 a.m. – Announcement of a Workshop to consider and receive information from the District Clerk's Office regarding the AI Kiosk.

10:00 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.

11:00 a.m. - Announcement of an executive (closed) session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sec. 551.074 for commissioners' court to

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deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

11:10 a.m. - Announcement of an executive (closed) session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.

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

## **COUNTY AUDITOR:**

(a) Consider and approve budget transfer – District Clerk – additional cost for the relocation and buildout of Family Law Department.

120-2031-414-6022	FURNITURE & FIXTURES	\$2,000.00	
120-2031-414-3078	OFFICE SUPPLIES		\$2,000.00

ccDistrict Clerk - 081225.pdf

(b) Consider and approve budget transfer – R&B Pct. 3 – additional cost to repair road machinery.

113-0305-431-4018	ROAD MACHINERY	\$3,730.00	
113-0306-431-3099	MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES		\$3,730.00

ccRoad & Bridge Pct. 3 - 081225.pdf

(c) Consider and approve budget transfer – Juvenile Detention – additional cost for Water and Sewer.

120-3064-424-4057	WATER AND SEWER	\$15,000.00	
120-3064-424-1002	ASSISTANTS & CLERKS		\$15,000.00

ccJuvenile Detention- 081225.pdf

- (d) Consider and approve electronic disbursement for \$1,249.64 to Texas Department of Criminal Justice for August insurance reimbursement.
- (e) Consider, approve, and execute Order Authorizing the Defeasance and Optional Redemption of Certain Outstanding Certificates of Obligations and Containing Other Matters Related Thereto.

ccORDER- The Defeasance and Optional Redemption- - 081225.pdf

- (f) Consider and approve Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces for the use of Jefferson County Sheriff's Office overtime and authorized expenses for the Strategic Initiative Program and authorize the County Judge to sign agreements for possible reimbursements.
- (g) Consider and approve applying for the 2025 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) and authorizing County Auditor to submit application through FEMA GO portal. Grant will require 25% match. If awarded, proposed projects match will be \$256,250 from Marine Division and \$25,463.00 from the General Fund.
- (h) Consider and approve electronic disbursement for \$1,800,000.00 to State Comptroller for the second half of Intergovernmental Governmental Transfer for Indigent Health Care County funds.

- (i) Discuss proposed tax rate for tax year 2025 (fiscal year 2025-2026).
- (j) Consider and approve proposing a tax rate of \$.357 for tax year 2025 (fiscal year 2025-2026).
- (k) Consider and approve advanced funding request for American Rescue Plan Act approved project with Jefferson County: reVision in the amount of \$26,120.12

ccAdvanced funding request for ARPA - JC -reVision -081225.pdf

(l) Regular County Bills – Check #530742 through check #530949.

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## **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

(a) Consider and possibly approve the petition of the law enforcement officers of the Sheriff's Office to conduct a representation election for the exclusive designation of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Law Enforcement Association as collective bargaining agent for the police officers of the Sheriff's Office under Texas Local Government Code Sec. 174.104.

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(b) Consider and possibly approve an Order pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Sec.174.104 to appoint the County Clerk as the election officer to prepare ballots and conduct the election of representatives of Jefferson County Sheriff's Law Enforcement Association.

ORDER OF APPOINTMENT of CBA Officers.pdf

- (c) Receive and file executed Interlocal Agreement between Jefferson County Precinct 2 & Hamshire Fannett Independent School District.

  ExecutedInterlocalAgreement.pdf
- (d) Consider, possibly approve, receive and file Standing Order for Settlement Week, pursuant to Sec. 155.000, Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

StandingOrderSettlementweek.pdf

## **HISTORICAL COMMISSION:**

(a) To approve and receive the donation of replacement interpretative panels from the Beaumont Heritage Society to be installed at Spindletop Centennial Park, pursuant to LGC 81.032.

## **COMMUNITY SUPERVISION:**

(a) Consider, possibly approve, receive and file the FY 26-27 Budget for the Adult Probation Office pursuant to Texas State Law.

FY26-FY27 Jefferson County CSCD (Adult Probatiion) State Budgets.pdf

#### **CONSTABLE PRECINCT 1:**

(a) Consider and possibly approve the hiring of Heather Avery as a Reserved Deputy Constable with the Constable's Precinct 1 office, in accordance with Local Government Code (LGC) 86.011.

HEATHER AVERY AGENDA (1).pdf

## **ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:**

(a) Execute, receive and file Overweight Vehicle Permit 08-OW-25 and Road Use Agreement between Jefferson County and Golden Triangle Storage, LLC, for the purpose of constructing a new Brine Disposal Well North of Erie Street. This project is located in Jefferson County in Precinct 4.

08-OW-25.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