

Regular Session, August 10, 2009

BE IT REMEMBERED that on **August 10, 2009**, there was begun and holden a Regular Session of the Commissioners Court of Jefferson County, Texas, with the following members and officers present and participating except those absent as indicated:

Honorable Ronald L. Walker, County Judge

Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Commissioner Pct. No. 1

Commissioner Mark L. Domingue, Commissioner Pct. No. 2

Commissioner Michael Sinegal, Commissioner Pct. No. 3

Commissioner Everette D. Alfred, Commissioner Pct. No. 4

Honorable G. Mitch Woods, Sheriff

Honorable Carolyn L. Guidry, County Clerk -

Absent

Shelia Perkins, Deputy present

when the following proceedings were had and orders made, to-wit:

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**NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA AND MINUTES
OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT
OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS
August 10, 2009**

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Jefferson County, Texas, will meet at **1:30 p.m.**, on the **10th day of August 2009** at its regular meeting place in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 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:

INVOCATION: Mark Domingue, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Michael S. Sinegal, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3

PURCHASING:

1. Consider and possibly approve Addendum #3, to contract with Bailey Architects for RFQ 07-215/TI, Master Plan for the Historical Restoration of the Jefferson County Courthouse to include:
 - a. Perform an energy audit of the historic courthouse as required to assist the County in its application for a LoanSTAR loan from the State Energy Conservation Office.
 - b. If Necessary to achieve the energy cost saving to offset the construction cost within a 10-year period as required by LoanSTAR, to review the Assessment of Ford Park , prepared by Bes-Tech, dated October 2008, to incorporate into the LoanSTAR loan application.
 - c. Design, Construction Documents, Bidding/Negotiation, and Construction Administration services for the Phase Three restoration of the Jefferson County Courthouse, which may include masonry and window restoration work on floors B-14, HVAC system replacement on floors B-8, lighting and plumbing rehabilitation as required for energy savings.

Compensation for Phase 3 is 9.75% of construction cost and administration hourly estimated at \$7500/month for estimated 12 months construction.

Motion by: Commissioner Sinegal

Second by: Commissioner Arnold

Action: Approved

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2. Execute, receive and file Addendum #3, to contract with Bailey Architects for RFQ 07-215/TI, Master Plan for the Historical Restoration of the Jefferson County Courthouse. **SEE ATTACHED PAGE 8**

Motion by: Commissioner Sinegal
Second by: Commissioner Arnold
Action: Approved

3. Consider and possibly approve disposition of salvage property as authorized by Local Government Coder §263.152 (a) (4), by donating it to a charitable organization, Goodwill Computer Depot.

Motion by: Commissioner Sinegal
Second by: Commissioner Arnold
Action: Approved

4. Consider and possibly approve disposition of salvage property as authorized by Local Government Coder §263.152 (a) (4), by donating it to a charitable organization, Texas Recycling Association.

Motion by: Commissioner Sinegal
Second by: Commissioner Arnold
Action: Approved

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

5. Consider authorizing the County Judge to enter a Burn Ban Order or to Rescind an existing Burn Ban Order regarding the danger of wildfire occurrence and drought indices.

Action: TABLED

6. Consider authorizing the County Judge to execute Interlocal Contract between Jefferson County and South East Texas Regional Planning Commission relating to the operation and provision of 9-1-1 Service.

Motion by: Commissioner Arnold
Second by: Commissioner Domingue
Action: Approved

7. Receive and file executed Memorandum of Understanding between Jefferson County and Stat Care EMS and Acadian Ambulance Service for the provision of ambulance services during declared disasters.

Action: TABLED

COUNTY AUDITOR:

8. Consider and approve budget transfer – Beaumont Maintenance – additional extra help.

120-6083-416-1005	Extra Help	\$ 2,000	
120-6083-416-4053	Natural Gas		\$ 2,000

Motion by: Commissioner Alfred
Second by: Commissioner Sinegal
Action: Approved

9. Consider and approve budget transfer – Justice of the Peace, Precinct 6 – additional travel.

120-2047-412-5062	Travel	\$ 500	
120-2047-412-3084	Minor Equipment		\$ 500

Motion by: Commissioner Alfred
Second by: Commissioner Sinegal
Action: Approved

10. Consider and approve issuance of home buy-out checks. Checks will not be released to the title company until Federal funding is received. Check #320004 through check #320008 for \$404,542.98.

Motion by: Commissioner Alfred
Second by: Commissioner Sinegal
Action: Approved

11. Regular County bills – check #319714 through check #320003.\

SEE ATTACHED PAGES 9 - 18

Motion by: Commissioner Alfred
Second by: Commissioner Sinegal
Action: Approved

COUNTY ENGINEER:

12. Execute, receive and file Pipeline Permit 08-P-09 to Cimarex Energy for the placement of two (2) - 4" lines encased in a 12" pipeline carrying oil, gas and water crossing Old Sour Lake Road. Project is located in Precinct No. 1.

SEE ATTACHED PAGES 19-36

Motion by: Commissioner Sinegal
Second by: Commissioner Alfred
Action: Approved

13. Execute, receive and file Pipeline Permit 07-P-09 to EOG Resources, Inc. for the placement of a 4" low pressure saltwater line crossing County Line Road. Project is located in Precinct No. 3. **SEE ATTACHED PAGES 37 - 45**

Motion by: Commissioner Sinegal
Second by: Commissioner Alfred
Action: Approved

14. Consider and possibly approve a Final Plat of Old Big Hill Estates, a 4.24-acre tract out of the Lovan Hamshire Survey, Abstract #509, Jefferson County. Property is located in Precinct No. 3.

Motion by: Commissioner Sinegal
Second by: Commissioner Alfred
Action: Approved

15. Consider and possibly approve a Minor Plat of Miller Place, Tracts 1-A & 1-B, being 11.128 acres of land and part of the Bennett Blackman Survey, Abstract No. 3, Jefferson County. Property is located in Precinct No. 3 and within the City of Beaumont's ETJ.

Motion by: Commissioner Sinegal
Second by: Commissioner Alfred
Action: Approved

COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR:

16. Consider and possibly adopt a Resolution honoring Donna Garner for her years of service in the Jefferson County Tax Office. Mrs. Garner will retire August 31, 2009 after 21 years and 8 months of service. **SEE ATTACHED PAGE 46**

Motion by: Commissioner Domingue
Second by: Commissioner Alfred
Action: Approved

17. Consider and possibly adopt a Resolution honoring Debbie Theriot for her years of service in the Jefferson County Tax Office. Mrs. Theriot will retire August 31, 2009 after 30 years of service. **SEE ATTACHED PAGE 47**

Motion by: Commissioner Domingue
Second by: Commissioner Alfred
Action: Approved

18. Consider and possibly approve “waiver of penalty and interest on eleven (11) accounts pursuant to Sec. 33.011 of the State Property Tax Code.

Motion by: Commissioner Domingue
Second by: Commissioner Alfred
Action: Approved

HUMAN RESOURCES:

19. Consider and possibly approve granting extended leave without pay for up to 90 days for Rhonda Dixon, a Sheriff’s Office employee.

Motion by: Commissioner Sinegal
Second by: Commissioner Alfred
Action: Approved

20. Consider and possibly approve granting extended leave without pay for up to 90 days for Vera Ozen, a Sheriff’s Office employee.

Motion by: Commissioner Sinegal
Second by: Commissioner Alfred
Action: Approved

*****DISCUSSION ON ANY OTHER ITEM NOT ON AGENDA WITHOUT TAKING ACTION.**

Ronald L. Walker
County Judge



**ADDENDUM TO
NOTICE OF MEETING
OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT
OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS**

Notice having been heretofore posted of a **Regular Meeting** to Commissioners' Court of Jefferson County, Texas, on the **10th** day of **August 2009** in the Commissioners' Courtroom, Jefferson County Courthouse, 1149 Pearl Street, Beaumont, Texas, notice is hereby given of the following additional subject to be considered:

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

21. Consider approving resolution affirming Jefferson County's continued participation in the Upper Payment Limit Program and authorizing the County Judge to execute all amendments and certifications re-affirming County participation.

SEE ATTACHED PAGES 48-49

Motion by:	Commissioner Arnold
Second by:	Commissioner Domingue
Action:	Approved

COUNTY AUDITOR:

22. Consider and possibly approve utilizing \$30,000 in the liability insurance line item to increase current year funding to Triangle Aids Network. Budget year 2009/2010 allocation to Triangle Aids Network will be reduced by \$30,000.

Motion by:	Commissioner Alfred
Second by:	Commissioner Sinegal
Action:	Approved

Ronald L. Walker
County Judge

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There being no further business to come before the Court at this time, same is now here adjourned on this date, August 10, 2009.