

**Special Session, November 22, 2010**

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**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on **November 22, 2010**, there was begun and holden a Special Session of the Commissioners Court of Jefferson County, Texas, with the following members and officers present and participating except those absent as indicated:

ABSENT:

Honorable Ronald L. Walker, County Judge -

Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Commissioner Pct. No. 1

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

Commissioner Michael Shane Sinegal, Commissioner Pct. No. 3

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

Honorable G. Mitch Woods, Sheriff

Honorable Carolyn L. Guidry, County Clerk -

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



**NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA  
OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS  
November 22, 2010**

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Jefferson County, Texas, will meet at **1:30 p.m.**, on the **22<sup>nd</sup>** day of **November 2010** at its regular meeting place in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 4<sup>th</sup> 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:

**INVOCATION: Eddie Arnold, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mark L. Domingue, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2**

**PURCHASING:**

1. Consider and possibly approve an auction of surplus property as authorized by Local Government Code §263.152 (a), to be auctioned by Horn's Auction, Inc. The auction is scheduled for Saturday December 4, 2010 at 9:00 A.M.

Motion: Commissioner Alfred  
Second: Commissioner Sinegal  
Action: Approved

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2. Consider and possibly approve inter-department transfer of 2005 Toyota Prius (Vin # JTDKB22U953083030) from Service Center (Motor Pool) to Crime Lab as authorized by Local Government Code §262.011 (j).

Motion: Commissioner Arnold  
Second: Commissioner Alfred  
Action: Approved

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

3. Consider authorizing the County Judge to enter/ terminate a Burn Ban Order.

Action: Tabled

4. Consider and possible approve the reappointment of Jimmie Grimes, Walter Lucas and T. Zane Bledsoe as Commissioners to the Jefferson County Emergency Services District #1 (J.C.E.S.D. #1) Board of Commissioners for a two year term.

Motion: Commissioner Arnold  
Second: Commissioner Alfred  
Action: Approved

5. Consider and possible approve the reappointment of Larry L. Landry and Paul Truax as Commissioners to the Jefferson County Emergency Services District #1 (J.C.E.S.D. #1) Board of Commissioners for a one year term.

Motion: Commissioner Arnold  
Second: Commissioner Alfred  
Action: Approved

6. Consider and possibly authorize the County Judge to execute an Amended Tax Abatement Agreement with Premcor Refining Group, Inc. DBA Valero Port Arthur Refinery.

Motion: Commissioner Arnold  
Second: Commissioner Alfred  
Action: Approved

7. Consider authorizing the Engineering Department to fill the position of Engineering Superintendent and confirming Don Rao as Director of Engineering; replacing the title of County Engineer.

Motion: Commissioner Domingue  
Second: Commissioner Arnold  
Action: Approved

**Note:** Alfred & Sinegal voted “No” / Walker, Arnold & Domingue voted “Yes”  
Discussion on changing the process after budget hearings for reclassification and countless hours spent by the committee and Human Resources Department on over 20 applicants.

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8. Receive and file executed Amended Order regarding renaming of roads.

Motion: Commissioner Arnold

Second: Commissioner Alfred

Action: Approved

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9. Consider and possibly approve Jefferson County Tourism Committee Hotel Occupancy Tax allocation recommendation.

Motion: Commissioner Arnold

Second: Commissioner Alfred

Action: Approved

10. Consider approving Consent Resolution and Certificate of Resolution consenting to the Port of Port Arthur issuing Disaster Recovery Bonds for the benefit of Total Petrochemicals USA, Inc.

Motion: Commissioner Arnold

Second: Commissioner Alfred

Action: Approved

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**COUNTY AUDITOR:**

11. Consider and approve FY 2010 budget amendment – Capital Projects – move funding for capital item.

120-0000-491-8006	Transfer Out – Capital	\$ 4,409
	Projects	

120-3059-421-6002	Capital – Computer	\$ 4,409
	Equipment	

Motion: Commissioner Arnold

Second: Commissioner Alfred

Action: Approved

12. Regular County Bills – check #346666 through check #347029.

Motion: Commissioner Arnold

Second: Commissioner Alfred

Action: Approved

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**ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:**

13. Consider and possibly approve a permit application to dry bore and jack beneath the KCS railroad. This is in connection with TDRA Drainage Improvements to the South Central Gardens Area with Bob Shaw Consulting Engineers. Project is located in Precinct 2.

Motion: Commissioner Arnold  
Second: Commissioner Sinegal  
Action: Approved

**SET NEXT MEETING DATE, NOVEMBER 25 & 26 2010 IS A COUNTY HOLIDAY  
(THANKSGIVING)**

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

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**Ronald L. Walker**  
**County Judge**



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

Notice having been heretofore posted of a **Special Meeting** to Commissioners' Court of Jefferson County, Texas, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of **November 2010** in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 4<sup>TH</sup> Floor, Jefferson County Courthouse, 1149 Pearl Street, Beaumont, Texas, notice is hereby given of the following additional subject to be considered:

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:**

14. Receive an update regarding the investigation of the hangman's noose incident that occurred on November 15, 2010.

Action: None

**Note: Sheriff Mitch Woods gave an update and stated the rope was placed by one of the vagrants, Mr. McElroy. He just hung it at the door for lack of a better place. Sheriff Woods stated that they look out for the two homeless people that stay around the courthouse and he deemed them to be harmless.**

**Commissioner Alfred stated it was all about informing the people of Jefferson County the factual circumstance rather than a lot of speculations.**

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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, November 22, 2010.**