

Regular Session, August 8, 2011

BE IT REMEMBERED that on **August 8, 2011**, 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 Jeff Branick, County Judge

Commissioner Eddie Arnold, Commissioner Pct. No. 1

Commissioner Brent Weaver, 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 -
Theresa Goodness, Chief Deputy present

ABSENT

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

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Jeff R. Branick, County Judge
Eddie Arnold, Commissioner, Precinct One
Brent A. Weaver, Commissioner, Precinct Two
Michael S. Sinegal, Commissioner, Precinct Three
Everette "Bo" Alfred, Commissioner, Precinct Four



**NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA AND MINUTES
OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT
OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS
August 8, 2011**

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Jefferson County, Texas, will meet at **1:30 p.m.**, on the **8th** day of **August 2011** at its regular meeting place 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:

INVOCATION: Eddie Arnold, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Brent A. Weaver, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2

PURCHASING:

1. Award (RFP 11-016/AW) Term Contract for Auditing Services for Jefferson County to Patillo, Brown, and Hill.

Motion by: Commissioner Alfred
Second by: Commissioner Arnold
Action: APPROVED

2. Execute receive and file contract (RFP 11-016/AW) Term Contract for Auditing Services for Jefferson County with Patillo, Brown, and Hill.
SEE ATTACHED PAGES 9 -15

Motion by: Commissioner Alfred
Second by: Commissioner Arnold
Action: APPROVED

3. Execute, receive and file gas sales contract between Jefferson County and Oneok Energy Marketing Company effective August 1, 2011 to July 31, 2012.
SEE ATTACHED PAGES 16 -22

Motion by: Commissioner Alfred
Second by: Commissioner Arnold
Action: APPROVED

4. Consider and approve, execute, receive and file Change Order #3 for (IFB 10-048/KJS), Sabine Neches Navigation District Control Building Reconstruction Project to install additional electrical duct bank for extension of conduits, additional hours of survey time, installation of conduit on the center island adjacent to the saltwater locks, change routing of bore conduit to the 7-gate structure, additional light poles, and rain days provided for 6/21 & 6/22, and increase days of completion by 14 days. This change is in the amount of \$ 70,832.53, and increases the contract total from \$2,481,766.00 to \$2,552,598.53. This project is funded by Round 1 TDRA grant.
SEE ATTACHED PAGES 23 - 27

Motion by: Commissioner Alfred
Second by: Commissioner Arnold
Action: APPROVED

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

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

Action: TABLED

6. Consider and possibly approve the adoption of a Proclamation celebrating the week of August 8-14, 2011 recognizing the Pioneering Women who have given of themselves to assist women in achieving greater heights to improve the quality of life throughout our community. **SEE ATTACHED PAGE 28**

Motion by: Commissioner Alfred
Second by: Commissioner Arnold
Action: APPROVED

7. Receive and file engagement letter with Vinson & Elkins regarding Ford Park bonds. **SEE ATTACHED PAGES 29 - 42**

Motion by: Commissioner Alfred
Second by: Commissioner Arnold
Action: APPROVED

8. Consider and possibly approve a Resolution regarding the approval of construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline Project (TransCanada Pipeline.)

Action: TABLED

9. Conduct a Public Hearing to consider and possibly find that the creation of Emergency District 3 is feasible. **SEE ATTACHED PAGES 43 - 77**

Action: PUBLIC HEARING CONDUCTED
Speakers: Hubert Oxford, IV, Attorney at Law

10. Consider and possibly approve a Resolution finding the creation of Emergency District 3 feasible and the Order for an Election concerning the creation of the district. **SEE ATTACHED PAGES 78 - 79**

Motion by: Commissioner Weaver
Second by: Commissioner Sinegal
Action: APPROVED

11. Receive and file Resolution finding the creation of Emergency District 3 feasible and the Order for an Election concerning the creation of the district. **SEE ATTACHED PAGES 80 - 81**

Motion by: Commissioner Weaver
Second by: Commissioner Sinegal
Action: APPROVED

12. Consider and possibly authorize the District Attorney to file an intervention in a suit styled Hinojosa v. Controlled Fluids, Inc., (Cause No. B-190,571) for property damages and medical expenses incurred as a result of an automobile accident on May 24, 2011.

Motion by: Commissioner Alfred
Second by: Commissioner Arnold
Action: APPROVED

13. Consider and possibly approve the hiring of Jennifer Hogancamp as the Director of the Jack Brooks Regional Airport.

Motion by: Commissioner Weaver
Second by: Commissioner Alfred
Action: APPROVED

COUNTY AUDITOR:

14. Consider and approve budget amendment – Road & Bridge, Precinct 4 – purchase of a computer.

114-0409-431-6002	Capital – Computer	\$	1,500
	Equipment		
116-0609-452-4011	Equipment	\$	1,500
	Maintenance		

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

15. Consider and approve budget transfer – Agriculture Extension – purchase of a computer.

120-4071-461-6002	Capital – Computer	\$	1,000
	Equipment		
120-4071-461-3084	Minor Equipment	\$	1,000

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

16. Receive and file Financial and Operating Statements for the Month Ending June 30, 2011. **SEE ATTACHED PAGES 82 -98**

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

17. Regular County Bills – check #356223 through check #356507.

SEE ATTACHED PAGES 99 - 109

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

DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

18. Request approval for Tom Maness, Criminal District Attorney, to attend the National District Attorneys Association Conference to be held in Denver Colorado, September 26-30, 2011. This is to replace the conference held in Idaho, July 16-20, 2011, which he was unable to attend. This is a budgeted item.

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

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

19. Consider and possibly approve Amended Final Plat of Lot 3, Block 10 of the William Reppen Subdivision out of the M. Pevitot Survey, Abstract No. 43. The purpose is to relocate the property line between two existing tracts of land. This property is located in Precinct No. 4 and is within the City of Beaumont's ETJ.

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

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

20. Receive and file executed Inter-Local Agreement between Jefferson County and the Cities of Beaumont and Port Arthur itemizing asset sharing to be received from the 2011 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award.

SEE ATTACHED PAGES 110 - 112

Motion by: Commissioner Weaver

Second by: Commissioner Sinegal

Action: APPROVED

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

Jeff R. Branick
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 **8th of August 2011** in the Commissioners' Courtroom, **4TH Floor**, Jefferson County Courthouse, 1149 Pearl Street, Beaumont, Texas, notice is hereby given of the following additional subject to be considered:

PURCHASING:

21. Consider and possibly approve, execute, receive and file renewal for (IFB 10-049/KJS), Term Contract for Termite Treatment for Jefferson County. The renewal period is August 8, 2011 to August 7, 2012. **SEE ATTACHED PAGE 113**

Motion by: Commissioner Alfred
Second by: Commissioner Arnold
Action: APPROVED

22. Consider and approve, execute, receive and file a professional service agreement (PROF 11-047/KJS) The LaBiche Architectural Group, Inc. to render architectural services for the roofing repairs in the Jefferson County Sub Courthouse Port Arthur for a fixed fee of \$2,400 plus reimbursable expenses. **SEE ATTACHED PAGES 114 - 115**

Motion by: Commissioner Alfred
Second by: Commissioner Arnold
Action: APPROVED

Jeff R. Branick
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 8, 2011