

**JONES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 11, 2021 - 9:00 AM**

The Commissioner's Court of Jones County, Texas, met this day in regular session with the following members present: Dale Spurgin, County Judge, presiding; Roy Spalding, Commissioner Precinct 1; Lonnie Vivian, Commissioner Precinct 2; Todd McWilliams, Commissioner Precinct 3; Joel Spraberry, Commissioner Precinct 4; and LeeAnn Jennings, Jones County Clerk

1. **APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST REGULAR MEETING.** Commissioner Spraberry entered a motion to approve the minutes from the December 28, 2020 regular meeting as presented. Commissioner Vivian seconded the motion with Commissioner Spalding and Judge Spurgin voting aye.
2. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ALL TRUST PROPERTY BIDS AS ONE ACTION ITEM, AGENDA ITEMS 3-9.** Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to approve agenda items three through nine as one action item. Commissioner Spraberry seconded the motion with Commissioner Spalding and Judge Spurgin voting aye.
3. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON A BID SUBMITTED BY CITY OF HAMLIN FOR THE PURCHASE OF (R13997), LOTS 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, AND 9, BLOCK 53, HAMLIN TOWNSITE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF HAMLIN, JONES COUNTY, TEXAS. THE BID AMOUNT IS \$10.00. COURT COST HAS BEEN WAIVED.** Refer to agenda item 2. See Exhibit A.
4. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON A BID SUBMITTED BY CITY OF HAMLIN FOR THE PURCHASE OF (R18535), LOTS 9 AND 10, BLOCK 38, HAMLIN TOWNSITE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF HAMLIN, JONES COUNTY, TEXAS. THE BID AMOUNT IS \$10.00. COURT COST HAS BEEN WAIVED.** Refer to agenda item 2. See Exhibit B.
5. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON A BID SUBMITTED BY CITY OF HAMLIN FOR THE PURCHASE OF (R28927), LOTS 1, 2, AND 3, BLOCK 73, HAMLIN TOWNSITE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF HAMLIN, JONES COUNTY, TEXAS. THE BID AMOUNT IS \$10.00. COURT COST HAS BEEN WAIVED.** Refer to agenda item 2. See Exhibit C.
6. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON A BID SUBMITTED BY AYON WEALTH, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF (R23486), A 1.00-ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF SECTION 2, IN BLOCK 1, OF THE T & N O R Y. CO. LAND SURVEY, JONES COUNTY, TEXAS; BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS REFERRED TO IN THE WARRANTY DEED RECORDED IN VOLUME 638, PAGE 284 OF THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS OF JONES COUNTY, TEXAS; SUCH DESCRIPTION BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE (R23486). THE BID AMOUNT IS \$1025.00. COURT COST HAS BEEN WAIVED.** Refer to agenda item 2. See Exhibit D.
7. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON A BID SUBMITTED BY RACHEL AND RALPH FERNANDEZ FOR THE PURCHASE OF (R17267), BEING LOT 3, BLOCK 162, KENNEDY AND BISHOP ADDITION, TOWN OF ANSON, JONES COUNTY, TEXAS; BEING THAT PROPERTY MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN A WARRANTY DEED RECORDED IN VOLUME 273, PAGE 176 IN THE DEED RECORDS OF JONES COUNTY, TEXAS. THE BID AMOUNT IS \$1209.00. COURT COST HAS BEEN WAIVED.**  
Refer to agenda item 2. See Exhibit E.
8. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON A BID SUBMITTED BY RACHEL AND RALPH FERNANDEZ FOR THE PURCHASE OF (R20072), BEING N/2 OF LOT 3, BLOCK 32 OF THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF ANSON, JONES COUNTY, TEXAS; BEING THAT PROPERTY MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN A WARRANTY DEED RECORDED IN VOLUME 606, PAGE 633 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF JONES COUNTY, TEXAS. THE BID AMOUNT IS \$1000.00. COURT COST HAS BEEN WAIVED.**  
Refer to agenda item 2. See Exhibit F.
9. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON A BID SUBMITTED BY RACHEL AND RALPH FERNANDEZ FOR THE PURCHASE OF (R15555), LOT 1, IN BLOCK 205, OF THE JOHNSON ADDITION, TO THE TOWN OF ANSON, JONES COUNTY, TEXAS. THE BID AMOUNT IS \$600.00. COURT COST HAS BEEN WAIVED.**  
Refer to agenda item 2. See Exhibit G.
10. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON DISASTER DECLARATION AND ALL ITEMS RELATED REGARDING FEMA AND TDEM FORMS AND REQUIREMENTS.**  
No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.
11. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON TXDOT COUNTY TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (CTIF) GRANT FOR \$256,644.**  
No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.

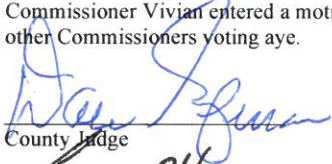
- 12. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON MATERIAL AND MATERIAL HAULING BIDS.**  
No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.
- 13. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON AMENDING AN ORDER CONTINUING A DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER FOR JONES COUNTY INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO COVID PAID LEAVE.** Commissioners Court went into executive session at 10:41 AM and reconvened at 12:04 PM. Judge Spurgin entered a motion to amend the declaration to add 80 hours of Covid sick leave in addition to the original 80 hours of Covid sick leave and extend the 80 hours of family emergency medical leave that expired on December 31, 2020 to allow a combined total of 240 Covid sick leave hours per employee that would be retroactive to include the current payroll. Covid sick leave includes Covid symptoms, positive cases and close contact with a positive case. Employees who are hospitalized due to Covid may apply with the sick pool. Commissioner Spraberry seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit H.
- 14. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON ANSON SOLAR CENTER ROAD USE AGREEMENT.**  
No action was taken by the Commissioner Court.
- 15. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS AND DRIVEWAY CULVERTS ON COUNTY ROAD RIGHT OF WAYS.**  
No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.
- 16. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON TEXAS MIDWEST/JONES COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY:** No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.
  - 1. UPDATE AND REPORT FROM LEGAL ADVISOR AND OPERATOR TO COUNTY RELATING TEXAS MIDWEST/JONES COUNTY DETENTION CENTER/BLUEBONNET DETENTION FACILITY IN JONES COUNTY.** No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.
  - 2. APPROVE AND/OR RATIFY AGREEMENTS TO PROCEED WITH RESTRUCTURING OF PROJECT REVENUE BONDS RELATING TO THE JONES COUNTY DETENTION CENTER/BLUEBONNET DETENTION FACILITY.**  
No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.
- 17. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON JONES COUNTY CHILD PROTECTIVE BOARD MEMBERSHIP.** Commissioner Spraberry entered a motion to accept the Jones County Child Protective Board Membership as presented. Commissioner Vivian seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit II
- 18. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON JONES COUNTY INVESTMENT POLICY.**  
Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to approve the investment policy as presented. Commissioner Spraberry seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit J.
- 19. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON APPOINTMENT OF JUDGE PRO TEM.**  
Judge Spurgin entered a motion to appoint Commissioner Vivian as Judge Pro Tem. Commissioner Spraberry seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.
- 20. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON EQUIPMENT PURCHASE.** Commissioner Spalding entered a motion to approve the purchase of a 50 foot low boy trailer in the amount of \$29,000.00 for Precinct 2 and a packer for a grader in the approximate amount of \$28,000.00 for Precinct 1. Commissioner McWilliams seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.
- 21. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY.** Commissioner Spraberry entered a motion to approve to advertise the sale of surplus property. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit K.
- 22. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON TREASURER'S REPORT.** Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit L.
- 23. AMEND BUDGET AND APPROVE LINE ITEM TRANSFERS.**  
No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.
- 24. PAY BILLS.** Commissioner Spraberry entered a motion to pay the bills as presented by the Auditor. Commissioner Vivian seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.
- 25. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL ON DEPUTATION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES.** Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to approve the deputation of county employees. Commissioner McWilliams seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit M.

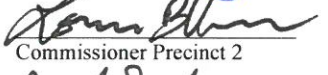
- 26. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO DISTRIBUTE PAYROLL AS BUDGETED.** Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to authorizing the Treasurer to distribute payroll as budgeted. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.
- 27. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON ORDER SETTING COMPENSATION FOR COUNTY AUDITOR.** Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to approve the order setting compensation for County Auditor. Commissioner McWilliams seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit N.
- 28. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON ORDER SETTING COMPENSATION FOR ASSISTANT COUNTY AUDITOR.** Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to approve the order setting compensation for Assistant County Auditor. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit O.
- 29. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON ORDER SETTING SALARY OF OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER.** Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to approve the order setting the salary of the Official Court Reporter. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit P.
- 30. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO SET PAY OF PRECINCT #1 EMPLOYEES ADMIN SHEILA SPALDING AND ROAD HAND BILLY WEAVER.** Commissioner McWilliams entered a motion to set the pay of Precinct 1 employees Shelia Spalding and Billy Weaver. Commissioner Spraberry seconded the motion with Commissioner Vivian voting aye. Commissioner Spalding abstained.
- 31. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING AGENDA ITEMS 32-43 IN ONE ACTION.** Commissioner McWilliams entered a motion to approve agenda items 32 through 43 in one action. Commissioner Spraberry seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.
- 32. APPROVE BONDS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS.** Refer to agenda item 31.
- 33. SET BAILIFF PAY.** Refer to agenda item 31.
- 34. SET SALARIES OF COUNTY AND PRECINCT OFFICERS.** Refer to agenda item 31.
- 35. SET PAY OF EMPLOYEES.** Refer to agenda item 31.
- 36. SET SPECIAL VENIRE PAY.** Refer to agenda item 31.
- 37. SET LICENSING AND REGISTRATION FEES FOR TAX AGENT.** Refer to agenda item 31.
- 38. SET JUDGES TRAVEL EXPENSE.** Refer to agenda item 31.
- 39. SET EDUCATIONAL EXPENSE FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS.** Refer to agenda item 31.
- 40. SET TRAVEL EXPENSE FOR COUNTY AGENT AND HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT.** Refer to agenda item 31.
- 41. SET JURY PAY.** Refer to agenda item 31.
- 42. SET PAUPERS FUNERAL EXPENSE.** Refer to agenda item 31.
- 43. SET EXPENSE ACCOUNT FOR JUVENILE BOARD MEMBERS.** Refer to agenda item 31.
- 44. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON DISTRIBUTION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDS.** Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to distribute fire department funds in the amount of \$6,769.74 to Anson, \$914.96 to Hamby, \$6,161.37 to Hamlin, \$6,954.51 to Hawley, \$5,607.04 to Lueders, \$1,827.07 to Merkel, \$6,350.35 to Stamford and \$914.96 to Tye. Commissioner McWilliams seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit Q.
- 45. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE FOR VOLUNTEER FIREMEN OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS WHILE WORKING FIRES.** Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to approve workers' compensation insurance for volunteer fireman working fires outside city limits. Commissioner McWilliams seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.
- 46. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON SALARY GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE.** Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to appoint Tori Norman, Brandi Pritchard and Johnna Page to the Salary Grievance Committee using Lane Blankenship, Gregory Unzueta or Annissa Luna as alternates. Commissioner Spraberry seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.

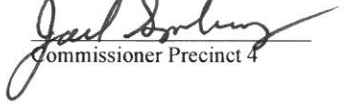
**47. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF PURCHASING AGENT AND ADOPT POLICY OF EXPENDITURES OF \$750 TO \$5000 APPROVED BY PURCHASING AGENT AND PURCHASES OVER \$5000 APPROVED BY COMMISSIONERS COURT. EACH REQUEST MUST BE MADE IN WRITING.** Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to appoint Judge Spurgin as purchasing agent and adopting a policy where expenditures from \$750 to \$5000 must be approved by the purchasing agent and any purchase over \$5000 must be approved by Commissioners Court. Commissioner McWilliams seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.

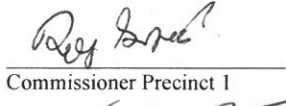
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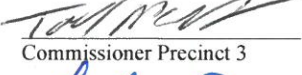
Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Spraberry seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.

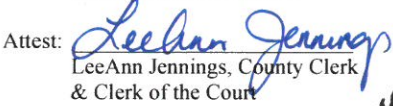
  
County Judge

  
Commissioner Precinct 2

  
Commissioner Precinct 4

  
Commissioner Precinct 1

  
Commissioner Precinct 3

Attest:   
LeeAnn Jennings, County Clerk  
& Clerk of the Court

