

**JONES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 23, 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 Vivian entered a motion to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2021 regular meeting as well as the minutes from the August 16, 2021 called meeting as presented. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.
2. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING ON REDUCING SPEED LIMIT TO 40 MPH ON CR 365.** Public hearing opened at 9:03 AM. No public comment was made. Public hearing closed at 9:13 AM.
3. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING ON 2022 BUDGET.** Public hearing opened at 9:03 AM. No public comment was made. Public hearing closed at 9:34 AM.
4. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING ON 2021 TAX RATES.** Public hearing opened at 9:04 AM. No public comment was made. Public hearing closed at 9:41 AM.
5. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON DISASTER DECLARATION FOR DR-4416 AND ALL ITEMS RELATED REGARDING FEMA AND TDEM FORMS AND REQUIREMENTS.** No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.
6. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON AMENDING AN ORDER CONTINUING A DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER FOR COVID-19 FOR JONES COUNTY.** Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to amend an order continuing a declaration of local state of disaster for Covid-19 for Jones County and extend the order through October 25, 2021. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit A.
7. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON REDUCING SPEED LIMIT TO 40 MPH ON CR 365.** Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to reduce the speed limit to 40 MPH on CR 365. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.
8. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON ANSON SOLAR CENTER ROAD USE AGREEMENT.** No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.
9. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON JONES CITY SOLAR ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND TAX ABATEMENT 1 YEAR EXTENSION REQUEST.** Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to approve the one year extension of the tax abatement with Anson Solar 1 and Anson Solar 2. Commissioner McWilliams seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit B
10. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON MATERIAL AND MATERIAL HAULING BIDS.** No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.
11. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON TEXAS MIDWEST / JONES COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY.** No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.
12. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON BURN BAN.** Commissioner Spalding entered a motion to implement a burn ban authorizing Judge Spurgin to lift the burn ban before the next Commissioners Court meeting. Commissioner Vivian seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit C.
13. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON 2020 CENSUS REDISTRICTING EXCLUDING PRISON POPULATION.** Commissioner McWilliams entered a motion to exclude the prison population from the 2020 census for redistricting. Commissioner Spraberry seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit D.
14. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON EQUIPMENT PURCHASE.** No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.
15. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY.** No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.
16. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON CONTRACT WITH TAYLOR COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER.** Commissioner Spraberry entered a motion to approve the contract with Taylor County Juvenile Justice Center for housing of juvenile offenders. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit E.

17. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE ANSON OPERA HOUSE FOR JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS.** Commissioner Spalding entered a motion to approve the interlocal agreement with the Anson Opera House for judicial proceedings. Commissioner McWilliams seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit F.
18. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON AUTHORIZING TREASURER TO SET UP ACCOUNT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS.** Commissioner McWilliams entered a motion to authorize the Treasurer to set up a special account for the American Rescue Plan Act Funds in a savings, CD or any form of an interest bearing account. Commissioner Spraberry seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.
19. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON TREASURER'S REPORT.**  
No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.
20. **AMEND BUDGET AND APPROVE LINE ITEM TRANSFERS.**  
Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to amend the budget and approve line item transfers. Commissioner McWilliams seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit G
21. **PAY BILLS.** Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to pay the bills as presented by the Auditor's Office. Commissioner McWilliams seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.
22. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON ADOPTING 2022 BUDGET.** Commissioner McWilliams entered a motion to adopt the 2022 budget. Commissioner Vivian seconded the motion. Judge Spurgin polled the Court. Commissioner Spalding voted aye. Commissioner Vivian voted aye. Commissioner McWilliams voted aye. Commissioner Spraberry voted aye. Judge Spurgin voted aye. See Exhibit H.
23. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON ADOPTING 2021 TAX RATES.** Commissioner McWilliams entered a motion that the 2021 property tax rate be decreased from the 2020 tax rate by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.618948, which is effectively a 5.44% increase in the tax rate above the no new revenue tax rate. Maintenance and Operation (M&O) tax rate of \$0.561405 per \$100 valuation and Interest and Sinking (I&S) tax rate of \$0.057543 per \$100 valuation capped at \$0.80 per \$100 valuation. Maintenance of Public Roads tax rate of \$0.00 per \$100 valuation capped at \$0.15 per \$100 valuation. Farm to Market Road or Flood Control tax rate of \$0.00 per \$100 valuation capped at \$0.30 per \$100 valuation. Commissioner Vivian seconded the motion. Judge Spurgin polled the Court. Commissioner Spalding voted aye. Commissioner Vivian voted aye. Commissioner McWilliams voted aye. Commissioner Spraberry voted aye. Judge Spurgin voted aye. See Exhibit I.
24. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON RATIFYING 2021 TAX RATES.** Judge Spurgin entered a motion to ratify the 2021 tax rate of \$0.618948 with a Maintenance and Operation tax rate of \$0.561405 and Interest and Sinking tax rate of \$0.057543. Commissioner Spraberry seconded the motion. Judge Spurgin polled the Court. Commissioner Spalding voted aye. Commissioner Vivian voted aye. Commissioner McWilliams voted aye. Commissioner Spraberry voted aye. Judge Spurgin voted aye.

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

The Extension Office submitted an office agenda for the Court to review. See Exhibit J.

**ADJOURN**

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

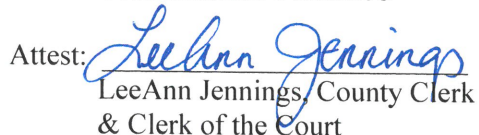
  
County Judge

  
Commissioner Precinct 2

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Commissioner Precinct 4

  
Commissioner Precinct 1

  
Commissioner Precinct 3

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

