

**JONES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 - 9:00 AM**

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

1. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR AND CALLED MEETINGS.

Commissioner Davis entered a motion to approve the minutes from the August 22, 2022 regular meeting as well as the September 2, 2022 called meeting as presented. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.

2. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON A BID SUBMITTED BY RUPERTO & FELIPA PEREZ FOR THE PURCHASE OF (R21319), THE EAST HALF (E/2) OF LOTS 11 AND 12, BLOCK 47, OF THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF HAMLIN, JONES COUNTY, TEXAS. THE BID AMOUNT IS \$1700.00. COURT COST HAS BEEN WAIVED.

Commissioner Davis entered a motion to approve the bid in the amount of \$1,700.00 submitted by Ruperto & Felipa Perez for the purchase of R21319. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit A.

3. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON MATERIAL AND MATERIAL HAULING BIDS.

Commissioner Davis entered a motion to accept the material hauling bid submitted by K Kay's Trucking Inc and the material bid submitted by Mezger Stone. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit B.

4. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO SET THE 2022 TAX RATE.

Commissioner Spalding made a motion that the 2022 property tax rate be decreased from the 2021 tax rate by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.550786, which is effectively a 2.04% increase in the tax rate above the no new revenue tax rate. Maintenance and Operation tax rate of \$0.5512209 per \$100 valuation and Interest and Sinking tax rate of \$0.038577 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 Spraberry seconded the motion. Commissioner Vivian polled the Court. Commissioner Spalding voted aye. Commissioner Vivian voted aye. Commissioner Davis voted aye. Commissioner Spraberry voted aye. See Exhibit C.

5. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO RATIFY THE VOTE ON THE 2022 TAX RATE.

Commissioner Vivian polled the Court. Commissioner Spalding voted aye. Commissioner Vivian voted aye. Commissioner Davis voted aye. Commissioner Spraberry voted aye.

6. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE 2023 BUDGET.

Commissioner Spalding entered a motion to adopt the 2023 Budget as presented. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Commissioner Vivian polled the Court. Commissioner Spalding voted aye. Commissioner Vivian voted aye. Commissioner Davis voted aye. Commissioner Spraberry voted aye. See Exhibit D.

7. **DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON AN ORDER TO AUTHORIZE THE POSSIBLE REFINANCING OF THE JONES COUNTY CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATIONS BONDS FOR THE 96 BED COUNTY JAIL AT A LOWER INTEREST RATE, ESTABLISHING CERTAIN PARAMETER FOR SUCH BONDS, AUTHORIZE THE SALE AND ISSUANCE OF THE JONES COUNTY TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, LEVYING AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE REFUNDING BONDS, AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT.** Commissioner Spalding entered a motion to approve the order to authorize the possible refinancing of the Jones County Certificates of Obligations bonds for the 96 bed County Jail at a lower interest rate, establishing certain parameter for such bonds, authorize the sale and issuance of the Jones County Texas general obligation refunding bonds, levying an annual ad valorem tax for the payment of the refunding bonds, and enact other provisions related to the subject. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit E.

8. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON BURN BAN.**
Commissioner Vivian made a motion to keep the current burn ban in place. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.

9. **DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON TREASURER’S REPORT.**
Commissioner Davis entered a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.

10. **AMEND BUDGET AND APPROVE LINE ITEM TRANSFERS.**
Commissioner Davis entered a motion to amend the budget and approve line item transfers. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit F.

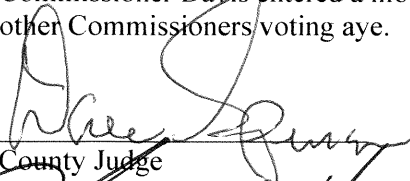
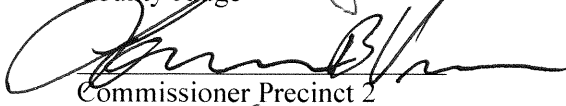
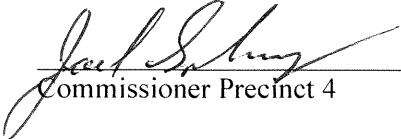
11. **PAY BILLS.**
Commissioner Davis entered a motion to pay the bills as presented by the Auditor. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.

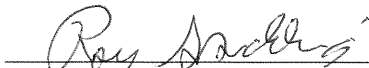
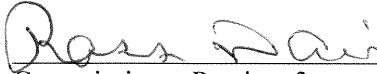
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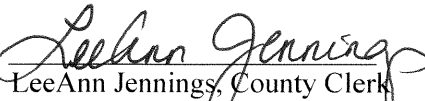
The Extension Office submitted an office agenda for review. See Exhibit G.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Davis entered a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Spalding 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

