

**JONES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 - 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; Ross Davis, Commissioner Precinct 3; Joel Spraberry, Commissioner Precinct 4; and LeeAnn Jennings, Jones County Clerk.

1. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR MEETING.

Commissioner Spalding entered a motion to approve the minutes for the September 11, 2023 meeting as presented. Commissioner Vivian seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.

2. PUBLIC HEARING ON 2024 BUDGET.

Judge Spurgin opened the public hearing on the 2024 budget at 9:01 AM and closed the public hearing at 9:25 AM with one public comment being made by Gloria Little.

3. PUBLIC HEARING ON 2023 TAX RATE.

Judge Spurgin opened the public hearing on the 2023 tax rate at 9:02 AM and closed the public hearing at 9:40 AM with no public comment.

4. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ALL TRUST PROPERTY BIDS AS ONE ACTION ITEM, AGENDA ITEMS 5-7. Commissioner Davis entered a motion to approve agenda items five through seven all in one action. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.

5. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON A BID SUBMITTED BY JACK DAYMON ROLLINS SR. FOR THE PURCHASE OF (R17318), SOUTH 90X140 FEET OF LOT 3, IN BLOCK 59, OF THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF ANSON, JONES COUNTY, TEXAS. THE BID AMOUNT IS \$3200.00. COURT COST HAS BEEN WAIVED. Refer to agenda item 4. See Exhibit A.

6. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON A BID SUBMITTED BY WILLIAM L WALKER JR. FOR THE PURCHASE OF (R27544), LOTS 1, 2, AND 3, BLOCK "A" OF NABORS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF STAMFORD, JONES COUNTY, TEXAS. THE BID AMOUNT IS \$480.00. COURT COST HAS BEEN WAIVED.
Refer to agenda item 4. See Exhibit B.

7. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON A BID SUBMITTED BY WILLIAM L WALKER JR. FOR THE PURCHASE OF (R14240), LOTS 8-11, BLOCK B, NABORS ADDITION, CITY OF STAMFORD, JONES COUNTY, TEXAS. THE BID AMOUNT IS \$640.00. COURT COST HAS BEEN WAIVED. Refer to agenda item 4. See Exhibit C.

8. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON DISASTER DECLARATION FOR DR-4416 AND ALL ITEMS REALTED REGARDING FEMA AND TDEM FORMS AND REQUIREMENTS.
No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.

9. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON PUBLIC NOTICE FOR JONES CITY SOLAR TAX ABATEMENT AMENDMENT. No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.

10. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON ANSON SOLAR CENTER ROAD USE AGREEMENT.
No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.

11. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON ADVERTISEMENT FOR SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY. No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.

12. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON EQUIPMENT PURCHASE.

Commissioner Davis entered a motion to approve a purchase in the amount of \$43,000 for the purchase of a 2007 Mac Truck from T and N for Precinct 3 to be paid with ARPA funds. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.

13. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON MATERIAL AND MATERIAL HAULING BIDS.
No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.

14. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION REGARDING SB 22 TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO QUALIFIED SHERIFF'S OFFICE, CONSTABLE'S OFFICES, AND PROSECUTOR'S OFFICES IN RURAL COUNTIES.
No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.

15. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON BURN BAN.

Commissioner Spraberry entered a motion to lift the burn. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.

16. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON BROADBAND INTERNET PROJECT AND GRANT APPLICATION. No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.

17. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON NOMINATIONS TO THE JONES COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Commissioner Spalding entered a motion to nominate Dale Spurgin, Jim Astin, Jim Beasley, Eugene Griffith and Pete Klein to be placed on the ballot to be elected to serve on the Jones County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Commissioner Vivian seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit D.

18. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON 2024 BUDGET.

Commissioner Spraberry entered a motion to approve the 2024 budget as presented. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Judge Spurgin polled the Court. Commissioner Spalding voted aye. Commissioner Vivian voted aye. Commissioner Davis voted aye. Commissioner Spraberry voted aye. Judge Spurgin voted aye. See Exhibit E.

19. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON 2023 TAX RATE.

Commissioner Vivian entered a motion that the 2023 property tax rate be decreased from the 2022 tax rate by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.536555 which is effectively a 9.08% increase in the tax rate above the no new revenue tax rate. Maintenance and Operation (M&O) tax rate of \$0.494876 per \$100 valuation and Interest and Sinking (I&S) tax rate of \$0.041679 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 Davis seconded the motion. Judge Spurgin polled the Court. Commissioner Spalding voted aye. Commissioner Vivian voted aye. Commissioner Davis voted aye. Commissioner Spraberry voted aye. Judge Spurgin voted aye. See Exhibit F.

20. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON RATIFYING VOTE ON 2023 TAX RATE.

Commissioner Spalding entered a motion to ratify the vote on the 2023 tax rate. Commissioner Spraberry seconded the motion. Judge Spurgin polled the Court. Commissioner Spalding voted aye. Commissioner Vivian voted aye. Commissioner Davis voted aye. Commissioner Spraberry voted aye. Judge Spurgin voted aye.

21. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit G.

22. 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 H.

23. 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.

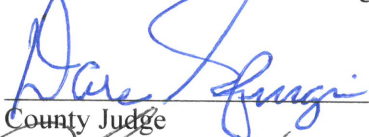
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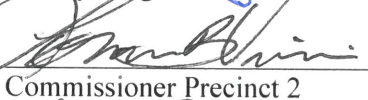
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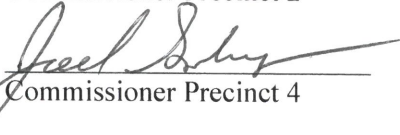
A Public Participation Form was submitted by Gloria Little. See Exhibit J.

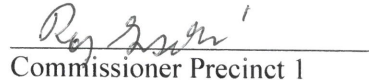
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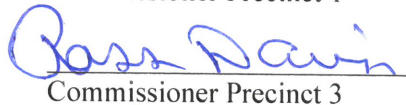
Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Spraberry seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.

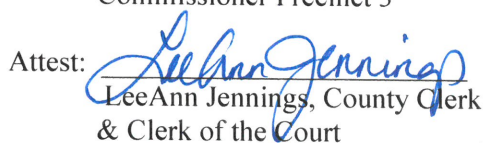

County Judge


Commissioner Precinct 2


Commissioner Precinct 4


Commissioner Precinct 1


Commissioner Precinct 3

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

