JONES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 28, 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 Vivian entered a motion to approve the minutes for the August 14, 2023 as presented. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.
- 2. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON A BID SUBMITTED BY MARK NICHOLS FOR THE PURCHASE OF (R15363), A0902 174 BBB&C TRACT A ACRES 2.754. THE BID AMOUNT IS \$3000.00. THE COURT COSTS ARE \$889.00. Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to approve a bid in the amount of \$3000 submitted by Mark Nichols for the purchase of R15363. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit A.
- 3. 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.
- 4. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON DISASTER DECLARATION FOR ONGOING WEATHER EVENTS THAT BEGAN ON JUNE 14, 2023.

 No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.
- **5. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON ANSON SOLAR CENTER ROAD USE AGREEMENT.** No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.
- **6. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON EQUIPMENT PURCHASE.** No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.
- 7. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON EQUIPMENT PURCHASE FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT FROM ARPA FUNDS. No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.
- 8. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON MATERIAL AND MATERIAL HAULING BIDS. No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.
- **9. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON JONES CITY SOLAR.** No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.
- 10. 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.

11. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON BURN BAN.

No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.

- 12. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON BROADBAND INTERNET PROJECT AND GRANT APPLICATION. No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.
- **13. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON FIVE STAR CORRECTIONAL SERVICES RENEWAL.**Commissioner Spalding entered a motion to approve a renewal with Five Star Correctional Services as a food service vendor for the jail. Commissioner Vivian seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit B.
- 14. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON WEST CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS GRANT FOR NEW WORKSTATIONS AND CARPET FOR DISPATCH. Commissioner Davis entered a motion to make application for a grant from West Central Council of Governments for new workstations and carpet for dispatch. Commissioner Spraberry seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting ave.
- 15. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN JONES COUNTY AND MERKEL ISD FOR AN ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 7, 2023. Commissioner Davis entered a motion to approve the interlocal agreement with Merkel ISD for an election to be held on November 7, 2023. Commissioner Vivian seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit C.

16. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON A JUVENILE CONTRACT FOR RESIDENTIAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE 259TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT AND PEGASUS SCHOOLS, INC.

Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to approve the juvenile contract for residential services with Pegasus Schools Inc. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit D.

17. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON BLUE LACY SUBDIVISION.

Commissioner Spalding entered a motion to approve the Blue Lacy Subdivision plat. Commissioner Spraberry seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit E.

18. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON PURCHASE OF ELECTION TRAILER FOR COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE USING ARPA FUNDS.

Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to approve the purchase of a 7x16 Continental cargo trailer to haul election equipment in the amount of \$7000 from Stash Steel to be paid with ARPA funds. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit F.

19. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON 2023 UNCLAIMED PROPERTY CAPITAL CREDIT FROM TEXAS COMPTROLLER AND DONATION TO JONES COUNTY CHILD

WELFARE BOARD. Commissioner Spalding entered a motion accept funds collected from the 2023 Unclaimed Property Capital Credit from the Texas Comptroller in the amount of \$10,808.03 and make a donation of those funds to the Jones County Child Welfare Board. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit G.

20. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET.

Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to approve the 2024 proposed budget. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion with Commissioner Spraberry voting aye. Commissioner Davis and Judge Spurgin voting no. See Exhibit H.

21. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON 2023 PROPOSED TAX RATE.

Commissioner Spraberry entered a motion to approve the 2023 proposed total tax rate of 0.536555. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion with Commissioner Vivian and Judge Spurgin voting aye. Commissioner Davis voted no.

22. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FOR PROPOSED 2023 TAX RATE AND 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET.

Commissioner Spalding entered a motion to publish notice of a public hearing to be held on September 25, 2023 on the proposed 2023 tax rate and 2024 proposed budget. Commissioner Vivian seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit I.

23. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON 2024 BUDGET WORKSHOP.

No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.

24. 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 J.

25. AMEND BUDGET AND APPROVE LINE ITEM TRANSFERS.

Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to amend the budget and approve line item transfers. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit K.

26. PAY BILLS.

Commissioner Davis entered a motion to pay the bills as presented by the Auditor. Commissioner Spraberry seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.

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

County Judge

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LeeAnn Jennings, County Clerk

& Clerk of the Court