

**JONES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2025 - 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; Lonnie Vivian, Commissioner Precinct 2; Danny Collett, Commissioner Precinct 3; Joel Spraberry, Commissioner Precinct 4; and LeeAnn Jennings, Jones County Clerk. Roy Spalding, Commissioner Precinct 1 was absent.

1. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR MEETING.

Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to approve the minutes from the August 25, 2025 regular meeting as presented. Commissioner Spraberry seconded the motion with Commissioner Collett and Judge Spurgin voting aye.

2. PUBLIC HEARING ON 2026 PROPOSED BUDGET.

Judge Spurgin opened the public hearing on the 2026 proposed budget at 9:03 AM.

Judge Spurgin closed the public hearing on the 2026 proposed budget at 11:15 AM.

3. PUBLIC HEARING ON 2025 PROPOSED TAX RATES.

Judge Spurgin opened the public hearing on the 2025 proposed tax rates at 9:06 AM.

Judge Spurgin closed the public hearing on the 2025 proposed tax rates at 11:18 AM.

4. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON A BID SUBMITTED BY JONATHAN DARLING FOR THE PURCHASE OF (R15677), LOTS 4 AND 5, BLOCK 17, OF THE HANNA EAST SIDE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF STAMFORD, JONES COUNTY TEXAS. THE BID AMOUNT IS \$8000.00. COURT COSTS HAVE BEEN WAIVED.

Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to approve a bid in the amount of \$8,000.00 submitted by Jonathan Darling for the purchase of R15677. Commissioner Collett seconded the motion with Commissioner Spraberry and Judge Spurgin voting aye. See Exhibit A.

5. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON A BID SUBMITTED BY CODY ROBERTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF R24868, ORIGINAL LUEDERS BLOCK 19, LOTS 1-3. THE BID AMOUNT IS \$2000.00. COURT COSTS ARE \$983.00.

Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to approve a bid in the amount of \$2,000.00 submitted by Cody Roberts for the purchase of R24868.

Commissioner Collett seconded the motion with Commissioner Spraberry and Judge Spurgin voting aye. See Exhibit B.

6. 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.

7. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON FUNDS TRANSFER FOR DR 4416 PRECINCT 1.

Judge Spurgin entered a motion to transfer \$100,000 from Precinct 1 to the general fund to reimburse a portion of the funds advanced to Precinct 1 for FEMA disaster declared roads. Commissioner Vivian seconded the motion with Commissioner Collett and Commissioner Spraberry voting aye.

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

No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.

9. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON EQUIPMENT PURCHASE.

No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.

10. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED LANCIUM LLC DATA CENTER PROJECT, INCLUDING PROJECT UPDATES, INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR TAX ABATEMENT, AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

The Court went into executive session at 9:07 AM and reconvened at 10:38 AM.

Commissioner Vivian entered an order to post notice for an abatement agreement on the proposed Lancium LLC Data Center for October 27, 2025. Commissioner Collett seconded the motion with Commissioner Spraberry and Judge Spurgin voting aye. See Exhibit C.

11. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON JONES CITY SOLAR ROAD USE AGREEMENT.

No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.

12. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATION FOR JONES CITY ENERGY STORAGE, LLC. No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.

13. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON ROAD IMPROVEMENT AND CROSSING AGREEMENT BETWEEN JONES COUNTY, TEXAS AND LONE STAR TRANSMISSION, LLC.

No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.

14. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON ANSON SOLAR CENTER 2 EASEMENT AGREEMENTS FOR CULVERT PROJECTS. No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.

15. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON TIGER SOLAR AND FUNSTON SOLAR PROJECTS.

No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.

16. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON APPLYING FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA) DISASTER GRANT.

No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.

17. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON BURN BAN.

No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.

18. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ABILENE RECOVERY COUNCIL. Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to approve the memorandum of understanding with Abilene Recovery Council. Commissioner Collett seconded the motion with Commissioner Spraberry and Judge Spurgin voting aye. See Exhibit D.

19. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON 2026 INDIGENT DEFENSE GRANT PROGRAM RESOLUTION. Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to approve the 2026 Indigent Defense Grant Program resolution. Commissioner Collett seconded the motion with Commissioner Spraberry and Judge Spurgin voting aye. See Exhibit E.

20. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON 2026 SHERIFF'S AND CONSTABLE'S FEES.

Commissioner Spraberry entered a motion to approve the 2026 Sheriff's and Constable's fees as presented by Constable Puente and Sheriff Jimenez. Commissioner Collett seconded the motion with Commissioner Vivian and Judge Spurgin voting aye. See Exhibit F.

21. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON AIRMEDCARE MEMBERSHIP FOR ADDITIONAL BENEFITS UNDER THE CAFETERIA INSURANCE PROGRAM.

Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to add the AirMedCare additional benefits to the cafeteria plan and offer the additional benefits to the employees at their expense to be paid with payroll deductions. Commissioner Collett seconded the motion with Commissioner Spraberry and Judge Spurgin voting aye.

22. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON WHEAT ROW SUBDIVISION.

No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.

23. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS.

No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.

24. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE 2026 PROPOSED BUDGET

Commissioner Spraberry entered a motion to approve the 2026 budget. Commissioner Collett seconded the motion. Judge Spurgin polled the Court. Commissioner Vivian voted aye. Commissioner Collett voted aye. Commissioner Spraberry voted aye. Judge Spurgin voted aye. See Exhibit G.

25. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE 2025 TAX RATES.

Commissioner entered a motion that the 2025 property tax rate be decreased from the 2024 tax rate by the adoption of a total tax rate of \$0.536293, which is effectively a 2.60% increase in the tax rate above the no new revenue tax rate. Maintenance and Operation (M&O) tax rate of \$0.504240 per \$100 valuation and Interest and Sinking (I&S) tax rate of \$0.032053 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 Collett seconded the motion. Judge Spurgin polled the Court. Commissioner Vivian voted aye. Commissioner Collett voted aye. Commissioner Spraberry voted aye. Judge Spurgin voted aye. See Exhibit H.

26. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO RATIFY 2025 TAX RATE.

Commissioner Spraberry entered a motion to ratify the 2025 tax rates. Commissioner Collett seconded the motion. Judge Spurgin polled the Court. Commissioner Vivian voted aye. Commissioner Collett voted aye. Commissioner Spraberry voted aye. Judge Spurgin voted aye.

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

Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Commissioner Collett seconded the motion with Commissioner and Judge Spurgin voting aye.

28. AMEND BUDGET AND APPROVE LINE-ITEM TRANSFERS.

Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to amend the budget and approve line-item transfers. Commissioner Collett seconded the motion with Commissioner and Judge Spurgin voting aye. See Exhibit I.

29. PAY BILLS.

Commissioner Spraberry entered a motion to pay the bills as presented by the Auditor. Commissioner Collett seconded the motion with Commissioner and Judge Spurgin voting aye.

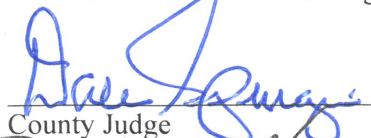
DISCUSSION ITEM

A public participation form was submitted by Mark and Donna Washburn. See Exhibit J.

A public participation form was submitted by Russell Carrigan. See Exhibit K.

ADJOURN


Commissioner Spraberry entered a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Collett seconded the motion with Commissioner Vivian and Judge Spurgin voting aye.

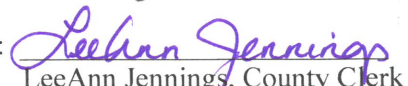

County Judge


Commissioner Precinct 2


Commissioner Precinct 4


Commissioner Precinct 1


Commissioner Precinct 3

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

