JONES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 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; Roy Spalding, Commissioner Precinct 1; Lonnie Vivian, Commissioner Precinct 2; Danny Collett, 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 from the October 27, 2025 regular meeting as presented. Commissioner Vivian seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.

2. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON A BID SUBMITTED BY RAVEENDRANATH CHOUTAPALLI FOR THE PURCHASE OF (R24720), WINKLES LUEDERS BLOCK 2, LOTS 10-12. THE BID AMOUNT IS \$4777.00. COURT COSTS ARE \$837.00.

Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to rescind the approved bid for R24720 made by Raveendranath Choutapalli from the October 27, 2025 Commissioners Court meeting. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.

Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to approve the increased bid of \$4,777.00 for the purchase of R24720 submitted by Raveendranath Choutapalli. 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.
- DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON HAULING AND MATERIAL BIDS. No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.
- 5. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON EQUIPMENT PURCHASE.

Commissioner Spalding entered a motion to approve the purchase of tactical shield cover in the amount of \$25,345.00 from Marrero Armor LLC for the Jail paid for with SB 22 funds, the purchase of a RedMan XP Instructor Suit in the amount of \$3053.00 from Galls for the Jail paid for with SB 22 funds, the purchase of special response helmets, body and shin guards in the amount of \$1,481.10 purchased from Charm-Tex, Inc. for the Jail paid for with SB 22 funds. Commissioner Vivian seconded the motion with all other Commissioner voting aye. See Exhibit B.

Commissioner Spraberry entered a motion to purchase a Rhino 4155 batwing rotary mower serial number 4155-4-40776 in the amount of \$12,650.00 purchased from Purple Wave Auction for Precinct 1 paid for with ARPA funds. Commissioner Collett seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit C.

- 6. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO CANVASS NOVEMBER 4, 2025 ELECTION.

 Commissioner Spalding entered a motion to approve the canvass of the November 4, 2025

 Constitutional Amendment Election. Commissioner Vivian seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit D.
- 7. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON JOINT PRIMARY ELECTION CONTRACTS AND JOINT PRIMARY RESOLUTION FOR THE MARCH 3, 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION AND IF NECESSARY MAY 26, 2026 PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION

Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to approve the Joint Primary Contracts and Joint Primary Resolution with the Republican Party and Democratic Party for the March 3, 2026 Primary and if necessary May 26, 2026 Primary Runoff Election. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit E.

- 8. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON VOTING FOR THE APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD.

 Commissioner Spraberry entered a motion to place 2050 votes on Dale Spurgin for the Appraisal District Board. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit F.
- 9. 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.

No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.

- 10. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON JONES CITY SOLAR ROAD USE AGREEMENT. No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.
- 11. DURING THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF NOVEMBER 10, 2025 AT 9
 O'CLOCK A.M., THE JONES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL DISCUSS, CONSIDER
 AND TAKE ACTION UPON A RESOLUTION AND ORDER APPROVING THE TERMS OF A

TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT AND A ROAD USE, MAINTENANCE AND CROSSING AGREEMENT BETWEEN JONES COUNTY AND JONES CITY ENERGY STORAGE, LLC. JONES CITY ENERGY STORAGE, LLC HAS FILED AN APPLICATION FOR A TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT WITH JONES COUNTY FOR THE BATTERY ENERGY SYSTEM IT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT WHICH WILL CONSIST OF A BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM CONSISTING OF BATTERY ENCLOSURES, POWER CONVERSION SYSTEMS AND RELATED FACILITIES WITH AN ESTIMATED CAPITAL COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$120,000,000.00.

DURING THIS MEETING, THE COMMISSIONERS WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE CREATION AND THE RENEWAL OF A REINVESTMENT ZONE, WHERE THE BATTERY ENERGY SYSTEM WOULD BE LOCATED. IN DETERMINING WHETHER TO DESIGNATE OR RENEW THE DESIGNATION OF THE REINVESTMENT ZONE, THE COMMISSIONERS COURT WILL CONSIDER WHETHER OR NOT THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS ARE FEASIBLE AND PRACTICAL AND WOULD BE A BENEFIT TO THE LAND AND JONES COUNTY AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF AN ABATEMENT AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO UNDER CHAPTER 312 AND WHETHER THE DESIGNATION WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE RETENTION OR EXPANSION OF PRIMARY EMPLOYMENT AND WILL ATTRACT MAJOR INVESTMENT IN THE ZONE THAT WILL BENEFIT THE ZONE AND WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTY. UPON COMPLETION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING, THE COMMISSIONERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION UPON A RESOLUTION AND ORDER RENEWING AND ALSO DESIGNATING REINVESTMENT ZONE, WHICH IF RENEWED AND DESIGNATED, WILL BE THE "JONES CITY SOLAR REINVESTMENT ZONE".

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS MAY APPEAR AND PRESENT TESTIMONY REGARDING DESIGNATION OF THE REINVESTMENT ZONE. THE COMMISSIONERS WILL LIMIT THE TESTIMONY TO 5 MINUTES PER SPEAKER.

IF DURING THE COURSE OF THE MEETING COVERED BY THIS NOTICE THE COMMISSIONERS SHOULD BETERMINE THAT A CLOSED OR EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE COMMISSIONERS SHOULD BE HELD OR IS REQUIRED IN RELATION TO AN ITEM NOTICED IN THIS MEETING NOTICE, THEN SUCH CLOSED OR EXECUTIVE MEETING OR SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT WILL BE HELD BY THE COMMISSIONERS AT THE DATE, HOUR, AND PLACE GIVEN IN THIS NOTICE OR AS SOON AFTER THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING COVERED BY THIS NOTICE AS THE COMMISSIONERS MAY CONVENIENTLY MEET IN SUCH CLOSED OR EXECUTIVE MEETING OR SESSION CONCERNING ANY AND ALL SUBJECTS AND FOR ANY AND ALL PURPOSES PERMITTED BY SECTION 551.071-551.084 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: SECTION 551.071 – FOR THE PURPOSE OF A PRIVATE CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSIONERS' ATTORNEY ON ANY OR ALL SUBJECTS OR MATTERS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

THE COMMISSIONERS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THE ORDER OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. AGENDA ITEMS MAY BE TAKEN OUT OF SEQUENCE TO ACCOMMODATE PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS AND/OR TO AID IN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE MEETING.

SHOULD ANY FINAL ACTION, FINAL DECISION, OR FINAL VOTE BE REQUIRED IN THE OPINION OF THE COMMISSIONERS WITH REGARD TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED IN SUCH CLOSED OR EXECUTIVE MEETING OR SESSION, THEN SUCH FINAL ACTION, FINAL DECISION, OR FINAL VOTE SHALL BE AT EITHER:

- A. THE OPEN MEETING COVERED BY THIS NOTICE UPON THE RECONVENING OF THIS PUBLIC MEETING, OR
- B. AT A SUBSEQUENT PUBLIC MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS UPON NOTICE THEREOF, AS THE COMMISSIONERS SHALL DETERMINE.

Judge Spurgin opened for public comment at 9:07 AM. No public comment was made. Judge Spurgin closed public comment at 9:08 AM.

Commissioner Spalding entered a motion to approve the Resolution and Order Approving the Renewal of and the Designation of the Jones City Solar Reinvestment Zone. Commissioner Vivian seconded the motion with Commissioner Spraberry, Commissioner Collett and Judge Spurgin voting aye. See Exhibit G.

Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to approve the Tax Abatement Agreement between Jones County and Jones City Energy Storage, LLC and Resolution and Order Approving a Tax Abatement Agreement and a Road Use, Maintenance and Crossing Agreement between Jones County and Jones City Energy Storage, LLC. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion with Commissioner Spraberry, Commissioner Collett and Judge Spurgin voting aye. See Exhibit H.

12. 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.

- 13. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON ANSON SOLAR CENTER 2 EASEMENT AGREEMENTS FOR CULVERT PROJECTS. Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to approve Addendum #1 to Road Use, Maintenance and Crossing Agreement with Anson Solar Center 2 including payment of \$300,000.00 for culvert projects 1.1 and 2.1 paid from Anson Solar Center 2, LLC to Jones County. Anson Solar Center 2, LLC will be responsible for culvert project 3.1. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit I.
- 14. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON TIGER SOLAR AND FUNSTON SOLAR PROJECTS. No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.
- 15. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON HAUL ROUTE UPGRADES FOR SWENSON SOLAR IN STONEWALL COUNTY. Commissioner Spraberry entered a motion to approve traffic haul routes are required to be 22 foot wide with 6 inches of depth in material with water drainage improvements that meet the 100 year flood event on CR 145, switch yard and transmission line route are required to be 20 foot wide with 6 inches of depth in material with water drainage improvements that meet the 100 year flood event. If traffic routes to Highway 92 on CR 145 all road improvements are required to be 22 foct wide with 6 inches of depth in material with water drainage improvements that meet the 100 year flood event. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit J.
- 16. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON WHEAT ROW SUBDIVISION.

No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.

17. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS.

No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.

18. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON ROAD CLOSURE ON COUNTY ROAD 404.

Commissioner Spalding entered a motion to approve the road closure of County Road 404. Commissioner Spraberry seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit K.

- 19. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON TXDOT ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED COUNTIES PROGRAM FOR FY 2026. Commissioner Spalding entered a motion to accept the designation made by TXDOT for the economically disadvantaged county program for FY 2026. Commissioner Vivian seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit L.
- 20. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY JUDGE TO MAKE APPLICATIONS FOR SB 22 GRANT FUNDS FOR SHERIFF AND CONSTABLE OFFICES FOR 2026. Commissioner Spalding entered a motion to authorize Judge Spurgin to make applications for SB 22 grant funds for the Sheriff and Constable Offices for 2026. Commissioner Spraberry seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.
- 21. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO REAPPOINT DR. CHAD WHITE AS THE JONES COUNTY HEALTH AUTHORITY. Commissioner Spalding entered a motion to reappoint Dr. Chad White as the Jones County Health Authority. Commissioner Collett seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit M.
- 22. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

23. AMEND BUDGET AND APPROVE LINE-ITEM TRANSFERS.

Commissioner Spraberry 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 N.

24. PAY BILLS.

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

ADJOURN

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

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Attest: LeeAnn Jennings County Clerk

& Clerk of the Court