

**JONES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2026 - 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 December 22, 2025 regular meeting as presented. Commissioner Vivian seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.

2. 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.

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

Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to include J&J Aggregates to material bids for boulders or bull rock for bridge projects. Commissioner Spraberry seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit A.

Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to include Flint Construction to the material hauling bids for bridge projects. Commissioner Spraberry seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit B.

4. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON EQUIPMENT PURCHASE.

Commissioner Spalding entered a motion to approve a bid in the amount of \$27,769.00 submitted by Batjer Service LLC to replace the air conditioner that sits over the kitchen at the jail paid for from permanent improvement funds. Commissioner Vivian seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit C.

5. 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.

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

No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.

7. 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.

8. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON ANSON SOLAR CENTER 2 EASEMENT AGREEMENTS FOR CULVERT PROJECTS.

No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.

9. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE ANSON SOLAR CENTER 2 CULVERT PAYMENTS FOR PRECINCT ONE AND PRECINCT TWO.

No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.

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

No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.

11. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON ENGIE ROAD USE AGREEMENT FOR SWENSON SOLAR PROJECT IN STONEWALL COUNTY.

No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.

12. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON PRAIRIE VIEW ACRES SECTION 4 SUBDIVISION.

Commissioner Spraberry entered a motion to approve the Prairie View Acres Section 4 subdivision. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit D.

13. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS.

No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.

14. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON TXDOT BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN-KIND PROJECTS.

No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.

- 15. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON ADVERTISING FOR PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.** Parkway Chevrolet entered a bid in the amount of \$183,762.00 for three 2025 four-wheel drive black Chevrolet Tahoe's. Defender Supply entered a bid in the amount of \$81,138.00 for one 2025 four-wheel drive Chevrolet Tahoe. Caldwell Country entered a bid in the amount of \$169,750.00 for three two-wheel drive 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe's.

Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to approve the bid from Parkway Chevrolet in the amount of \$183,762.00 for three 2025 four-wheel drive black Chevrolet Tahoe's for the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Collett seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit E.

- 16. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON CR 347 BRIDGE PROJECT.**

No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.

- 17. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON JURY POOL SOFTWARE.**

No action was taken by the Commissioners Court.

- 18. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON FUNDING SB 22 PROGRAMS.**

Commissioner Spalding entered a motion to approve the grant agreement for the Sheriff's Department for the SB 22 program. Commissioner Vivian seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit F.

Commissioner Spalding entered a motion to approve funding the SB 22 programs for the Sheriff's Office, Constable and District Attorney from existing SB 22 funds or the contingency fund until the funds arrive from the state, at which time the funds would be reimbursed to the County. Commissioner Collett seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.

- 19. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON BURN BAN.**

Commissioner Spalding entered a motion to implement a burn ban with the ag exemption of brush piles. Commissioner Spraberry seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit G.

- 20. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON DEPUTIZATION OF COLE RUTHERFORD AS DEPUTY SHERIFF OF JONES COUNTY.** Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to approve the deputization of Cole Rutherford as Deputy Sheriff. Commissioner Collett seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit H.

- 21. 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 all other Commissioners voting aye.

- 22. AMEND BUDGET AND APPROVE LINE-ITEM TRANSFERS.**

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

- 23. PAY BILLS.**

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

- 24. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL ON DEPUTATION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES.**

Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to deputize all county employees to their respective offices. Commissioner Collett seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.

- 25. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO DISTRIBUTE PAYROLL AS BUDGETED.**

Commissioner Spalding entered a motion to authorize the Treasurer to distribute payroll as budgeted. Commissioner Vivian seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.

- 26. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON ORDER SETTING COMPENSATION FOR COUNTY AUDITOR.**

Commissioner Spalding entered a motion to approve the order setting compensation for the County Auditor. Commissioner Vivian seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit J.

- 27. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON ORDER SETTING COMPENSATION FOR ASSISTANT COUNTY AUDITOR.**

Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to approve the order setting compensation for Assistant County Auditor. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit K.

- 28. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON ORDER SETTING SALARY OF OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER.**

Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to approve the order setting salary of the official court reporter. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit L.

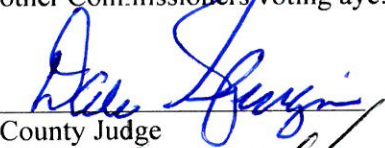
- 29. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING AGENDA ITEMS 30 - 41 IN ONE ACTION.**
Commissioner Spalding entered a motion to approve agenda items thirty through forty-one in one action. Commissioner Collett seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.
- 30. APPROVE BONDS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS.**
Refer to agenda item 29.
- 31. SET BAILIFF PAY.**
Refer to agenda item 29.
- 32. SET SALARIES OF COUNTY AND PRECINCT OFFICERS.**
Refer to agenda item 29.
- 33. SET PAY OF EMPLOYEES.**
Refer to agenda item 29.
- 34. SET SPECIAL VENIRE PAY.**
Refer to agenda item 29.
- 35. SET LICENSING AND REGISTRATION FEES FOR TAX AGENT.**
Refer to agenda item 29.
- 36. SET JUDGES TRAVEL EXPENSE.**
Refer to agenda item 29.
- 37. SET EDUCATIONAL EXPENSE FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS.**
Refer to agenda item 29.
- 38. SET TRAVEL EXPENSE FOR COUNTY AGENT AND HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT.**
Refer to agenda item 29.
- 39. SET JURY PAY.**
Refer to agenda item 29.
- 40. SET PAUPERS FUNERAL EXPENSE.**
Refer to agenda item 29.
- 41. SET EXPENSE ACCOUNT FOR JUVENILE BOARD MEMBERS.**
Refer to agenda item 29.
- 42. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON DISTRIBUTION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDS.**
Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to distribute fire department funds based on the same formula used last year with Anson receiving \$9,344.15, Hamby receiving \$1,262.90, Hamlin receiving \$8,504.43, Lueders receiving \$7,739.29, Merkel receiving \$2,521.87, Stamford receiving \$8,765.27 and Tye receiving \$1,262.90. Commissioner Collett seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye. See Exhibit M.
- 43. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE FOR VOLUNTEER FIREMEN OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS WHILE WORKING FIRES.** Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to approve workers' compensation insurance for volunteer firemen working fires outside of the city limits. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.
- 44. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON SALARY GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE.**
Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to appoint Patrick Arnold, Skyler Herndon and Cathey Beaty to the Salary Grievance Committee with Sharon Wilson, Dianna Murphy and Cameron Tilley listed as alternates. Commissioner Collett seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.
- 45. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON APPOINTMENT OF PURCHASING AGENT AND ADOPT POLICY OF EXPENDITURES OF \$750 TO \$5000 APPROVED BY PURCHASING AGENT AND PURCHASES OVER \$5000 APPROVED BY COMMISSIONERS COURT. EACH REQUEST MUST BE MADE IN WRITING.** Commissioner Vivian entered a motion to appoint Judge Spurgin as purchasing agent and adopting a policy for expenditures from \$750 to \$5000 must be approved by the purchasing agent and any purchase over \$5000 must be approved by Commissioners Court. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.
- 46. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON SETTING THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE JONES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT FOR 2026.** Commissioner Spalding entered a motion to identify the second and fourth Monday of each month at 9AM in the Commissioners Courtroom on the third floor of the Courthouse as the designated regular meeting time of the Jones County Commissioners Court. Commissioner Vivian seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.

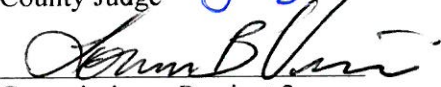
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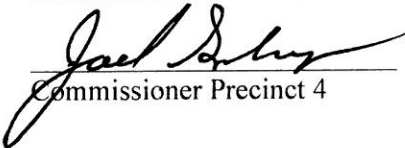
The Extension Office submitted an office agenda for the Court to review. See Exhibit N.

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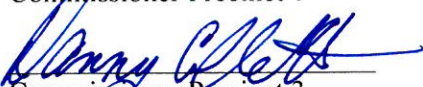
Commissioner Spalding entered a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Vivian seconded the motion with all other Commissioners voting aye.

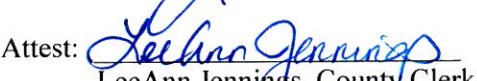

County Judge


Commissioner Precinct 2


Commissioner Precinct 4


Commissioner Precinct 1


Commissioner Precinct 3

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

