

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF
LIBERTY COUNTY TEXAS**

Notice is hereby given that a **REGULAR MEETING** of the above named **Liberty County Commissioners Court** will be held on the **26TH day of November, 2024**, at **9:00 A.M.**, at the Liberty County Courthouse, 2nd Floor Courtroom, 1923 Sam Houston, Liberty, Texas, at which time the following subjects will be discussed, to-wit:

SEE ATTACHED.

24-4606

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Dated this the **21ST day of November, 2024**

Commissioners' Court of Liberty County, Texas

By: _____

Jay H. Knight, County Judge

Liberty, Texas

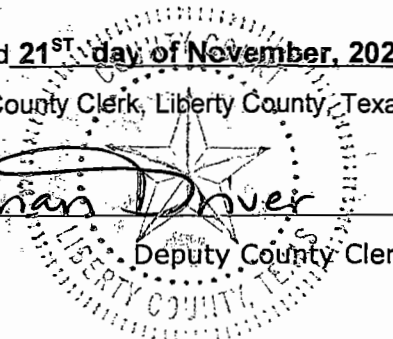
I, the undersigned, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the above named Commissioners' Court, is a true and correct copy of said Notice, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice on the bulletin board at the Courthouse door of Liberty County, Texas, at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the **21ST day of November, 2024** and said Notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting.

Dated **21ST day of November, 2024**

County Clerk, Liberty County, Texas

By: _____

Deputy County Clerk





LIBERTY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
Regular Meeting of Commissioners Court
November 26, 2024
9:00 a.m.
1923 Sam Houston St., Room 203 - Liberty, Texas 77575

1. CALL TO ORDER :

2. PLEDGE TO THE U.S. FLAG AND TEXAS FLAG :

3. INVOCATION :

4. NOTICES AND PROCLAMATIONS :

5. PUBLIC FORUM: :

LIBERTY COUNTY 4H ANNUAL PROGRAM INTERPRETATION / 4H MEMBERS

6. DECLARE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST :

7. CONSENT AGENDA :

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING / 11/12/2024
MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING / 11/15/2024 (ELECTION CANVASS)
MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING / 11/18/2024

2. WARRANTS PAYABLES

APPROVE WARRANTS PAYABLE

3. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

R&B PCT 1: LINE ITEM TRANSFER FROM CAP OUTLAY TO REPAIRS
R&B PCT 1: OTHER INCOME TO ROAD MATERIAL
R&B PCT 3: LINE ITEM TRANSFER FROM RD MATERIAL TO REPAIRS / CAP LSE PYMTS

4. MONTHLY REPORTS

CONSTABLE PCT 5: OCTOBER 2024
JP PCT 4: OCTOBER 2024
JP PCT 2: OCTOBER 2024
AGRI-LIFE EXTENSION: OCTOBER 2024
INDIGENT HEALTHCARE: SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2024

5. OATHS & DEPUTATIONS

OATHS & DEPUTATIONS - NONE

6. PAYROLL ITEMS

LCSO: APPROVE RESIGNATION OF MARK GUSTAFSON: TOTAL OWED LCSO: <\$1307.20
LCSO: APPROVE UNUSED COMP PAY - UNIFORM REIMBURSEMENT FOR CHRISTOPHER GAINES
TOTAL \$ 3344.60
LCSO: APPROVE UNUSED VAC PAY FOR LACI PIECE TOTAL: \$1937.74
JAIL: APPROVE UNUSED COMP AND VAC PAY FOR GARLAND MATLOCK TOTAL: 3245.46

7. COUNTY AUDITOR DWAYNE GOTT

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR PER LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE §130.902(d) TO INCREASE THE CHANGE FUND USED FOR DAILY OPERATIONS IN THE TAX ASSESSOR'S CLEVELAND OFFICE BY \$300 (\$200 STARTING CASH AND \$100 FOR THE CHANGE DRAWER) DUE TO THE ADDITION OF ONE NEW CASH DRAWER

8. REGULAR AGENDA:

1. COUNTY JUDGE JAY KNIGHT

CONSIDER AND APPROVE APPOINTING COMMISSIONER PCT 2 GREG ARTHUR TO OVERSEE ENGINEERING AND PERMITTING DEPARTMENT

2. COUNTY JUDGE JAY KNIGHT

CONSIDER AND APPROVE MOVING GRANT ADMINISTRATOR ACCT #010-4000-10300 TO THE PERMIT DEPARTMENT

3. COUNTY JUDGE JAY KNIGHT

CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RESOLUTION APPROVING VOTES OF THE LIBERTY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT FOR THE DIRECTORS OF THE LIBERTY COUNTY CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD FOR THE 2025 YEAR

4. TAX ASSESSOR / COLLECTOR - RICHARD BROWN

CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE BID FROM McDOWELL CONSTRUCTION ON THE BUILD OUT OF THE ADDITIONAL WINDOW FOR THE ADDED CLERK TO THE CLEVELAND TAX OFFICE, FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$8,600.00

5. COUNTY AUDITOR DWAYNE GOTT

CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF UNUSED ARPA FUND FROM THE "SUPPLY BUILDING" IN THE AMOUNT OF \$283,151.00 TO BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES

6. COUNTY AUDITOR DWAYNE GOTT

CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF ARPA FUNDS FROM "PLANNING/ PROJECT DELIVERY" IN THE AMOUNT OF \$284,785.00 TO BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAW

ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES

7. COUNTY AUDITOR DWAYNE GOTT

CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF UNUSED ARPA FUNDS FROM THE "NORTHWEST ANNEX" IN THE AMOUNT OF \$758.22 TO BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES

8. PERMITS & INSPECTIONS - MELINDA SOLIDAY

CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT FOR LIBERTY COUNTY'S ARPA PROJECT FOR CITY OF HARDIN SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION FOR \$1,762,500.00

9. PERMITS & INSPECTIONS - MELINDA SOLIDAY

CONSIDER AND APPROVE PAYMENT REQUEST #3 FOR LIBERTY COUNTY GENERAL LAND OFFICE GRANT #24-065-014-E171. MIT-MOD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,132,225.00

10. PERMITS & INSPECTIONS - MELINDA SOLIDAY

CONSIDER AND APPROVE PAYMENT TO LJA ENGINEERING FOR INVOICE #2024903 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,132,225.00 FOR THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE CDBG- MIT - MOD ##24-065-014-E-171. STATUS MEMO #6 IS ATTACHED IN THE PACKET FOR REVIEW

11. PERMITS & INSPECTIONS - MELINDA SOLIDAY

CONSIDER AND APPROVE GEMINI SUBDIVISION SECTION 1 CONSTRUCTION PLANS, FINAL DRAINAGE PLANS AND REVISED FINAL PLAT. ATTACHED IN THE PACKET FOR REVIEW IS THE LETTER FROM LJA ENGINEERING RECOMMENDING APPROVAL

12. PERMITS & INSPECTIONS - MELINDA SOLIDAY

CONSIDER AND APPROVE LJA ENGINEERING'S RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD FOR THE HULL FWSD #1 WATER WELL PROJECT TO J & S WATER WELLS. THE AVAILABLE ARPA FUNDS FOR THIS PROJECT ARE \$800,000.00. THE HULL FRESH WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT #1 WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REMAINING \$558,625.00 WHICH WILL BE DEFINED IN THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT. THE BID DOCUMENTS ARE INCLUDED IN THE PACKET FOR REVIEW

13. PERMITS & INSPECTIONS - MELINDA SOLIDAY

CONSIDER AND APPROVE EXECUTION OF THE THREE (3) PARTY CONTRACT FOR THE HULL FWSD #1 WATER WELL PROJECT USING ARPA FUNDS. THIS CONTRACT WILL BE BETWEEN THE CONTRACTOR, LIBERTY COUNTY AND HULL FWSD #1. LIBERTY COUNTY WILL SPONSOR \$800,000.00 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW WELL USING ARPA FUNDS AND HULL FWDS #1 WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REMAINING BALANCE OF \$558,625.00

14. PERMITS & INSPECTIONS - MELINDA SOLIDAY

CONSIDER AND APPROVE LJA ENGINEERING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS FOR THE DRAINAGE PLAN AND APPENDIX J - FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE. THESE WILL BE UPDATED WITH THE LIDAR INFORMATION WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE

15. COUNTY TREASURER KIM HARRIS

CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ADDITION OF THE NEW COPIER TO THE TREASURER'S OFFICE TO BE ADDED TO THE COUNTY'S CONTRACT WITH PLATINUM COPIER'S AT A COST OF \$124.78/mo

16. IT - NICK DENNIS

CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ADJUSTED COST FOR THE COPIER AT THE JAIL THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROVED. THE COST CHANGED DUE TO THE ADDITION OF THE FAX LINE FROM \$118.10 TO \$128.84

17. COUNTY AUDITOR DWAYNE GOTT

CONSIDER AND APPROVE PAY REQUEST FROM GRANTWORKS PERTAINING TO THE CDBG GRANT 20-066-013-C095 HOUSING BUYOUT AS FOLLOWS: FILE ID: LIBCO-128 FORTIS LIBERTY TITLE LLC PURCHASE PRICE \$50,000 PLUS ESTIMATED CLOSING COSTS OF \$5,000. THE TOTAL IS NOT TO EXCEED \$55,000. HOMEOWNER RELOCATION INCENTIVE \$4,929.95 TO BE PAID AT CLOSING.

18. PERMITS & INSPECTIONS - MELINDA SOLIDAY

CONSIDER AND APPROVE LJA ENGINEERING, INC INVOICES #202421057 / #202425441 / #202430184 & #202434860 FOR HULL FRESH WATER WELL PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$259,939.01 USING ARPA FUNDING. CINDY BURCHFIELD HAS SIGNED OFF ON THE INVOICES

19. COUNTY ATTORNEY MATTHEW POSTON / KATHRINE MCCARTY

DISCUSS AND TAKE POTENTIAL ACTION ALLOWING FOR THE INTERVIEW PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE TO BEGIN THE SEARCH FOR A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE TO RECOMMEND FILLING THE CURRENT VACANCY OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT FOUR (4). RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE MADE TO THE LIBERTY COUNTY JUDGE.

20. COUNTY ATTORNEY MATTHEW POSTON / KATHRINE MCCARTY

DISCUSS AND TAKE POTENTIAL ACTION ALLOWING FOR THE INTERVIEW PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE TO BEGIN THE SEARCH FOR A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE TO FILL THE POTENTIAL VACANCY OF LIBERTY COUNTY CLERK IN 2025. RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE BOARD WILL BE MADE TO THE LIBERTY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT.

21. COUNTY ATTORNEY MATTHEW POSTON / KATHRINE MCCARTY

CONSIDER AND APPROVE FIRE SERVICE CONTRACTS FOR BETWEEN LIBERTY COUNTY AND THE FOLLOWING FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENTS FOR FIRE SERVICES IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY:

- A. NORTH LIBERTY COUNTY
- B. PLUM GROVE
- C. WOODPECKER
- D. KENEFICK
- E. MOSS BLUFF
- F. CITY OF CLEVELAND
- G. DEVERS
- H. DAYTON
- I. CITY OF LIBERTY
- J. TARKINGTON
- K. LIBERTY COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION
- L. ESD #2
- M. ESD #3
- N. ESD #7

22. COUNTY ATTORNEY MATTHEW POSTON

CONSIDER AND APPROVE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, SETTLING ALL CLAIMS AGAINST KROGER IN MASS OPIOID LITIGATION INCLUDING PAYMENTS TO REGIONAL ABATEMENT FUND AND DIRECT PAYMENTS TO LIBERTY COUNTY.

23. COUNTY ATTORNEY MATTHEW POSTON

CONSIDER AND APPROVE ORDER REMOVING GATE ACROSS CR 614, IN PRECINCT 4.

24. PURCHASING AGENT HAROLD SEAY

CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) TRUCKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$77,658.40 FROM SILSBEE FORD & SILSBEE TOYOTA THROUGH THE BUYBOARD CONTRACT #734-23 FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

25. PURCHASING AGENT HAROLD SEAY

CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF ASSET F150043 A 2015 FORD F150 FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO CONSTABLE PRECINCT #4

26. PURCHASING AGENT HAROLD SEAY

CONSIDER AND APPROVE PAYMENT APPLICATION #3 FROM WHITE CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$284,509.67 FOR THE NORTHWEST ANNEX PROJECT

27. PURCHASING AGENT HAROLD SEAY

CONSIDER AND APPROVE LAPTOP AS SURPLUS/SALVAGE AND SOLICITATION OF SEALED BIDS #25-03

28. PURCHASING AGENT HAROLD SEAY

CONSIDER AND APPROVE MCGRUFF INSURANCE SERVICES AS A PROVIDER OF RISK/INSURANCE MANAGEMENT SERVICES UTILIZING CHOICE PARTNERS CONTRACT # 24/026SG-06/OMNI PARTNERS CONTRACT # 09-08

29. PURCHASING AGENT HAROLD SEAY

APPROVE AND EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH THOMSON REUTERS FOR ONLINE LEGAL SERVICES (WEST PROFLEX) FOR 253RD DISTRICT COURT

30. PURCHASING AGENT HAROLD SEAY

CONSIDER, APPROVE AND EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN LIBERTY COUNTY AND THE LIBERTY COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLES DESIGNATED FOR PUBLIC SAFETY USE UTILIZING ARPA FUNDS

31. PURCHASING AGENT HAROLD SEAY

CONSIDER AND APPROVE SOLICITING INVITATION TO BID #25-04 FOR NEW VEHICLES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT TO BE PURCHASED WITH ARPA FUNDS

32. PURCHASING AGENT HAROLD SEAY

CONSIDER, APPROVE AND EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN LIBERTY COUNTY AND THE LIBERTY COUNTY PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT FOR THE CITIES OF AMES AND HARDIN REHABILITATION PLANS AND THE HULL WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT WATER WELL UTILIZING ARPA FUNDS

33. PURCHASING AGENT HAROLD SEAY

APPROVE AND EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH DRC EMERGENCY SERVICES, LLC, SELECTED BY COMMISSIONERS' COURT ON NOVEMBER 12, 2024, AS THE PRIMARY AWARDED VENDOR FOR #25-01/DISASTER DEBRIS REMOVAL SERVICES

34. COUNTY JUDGE JAY KNIGHT

CONSIDER AND APPROVE AUTHORIZATION OF WCID #1 TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM TCEQ TO STAGE AND DISPOSE OF DEBRIS AT THE SPECIFIED PRIVATE PROPERTY LOCATIONS IN LIBERTY COUNTY, TEXAS DUE TO DAMAGE AND DEBRIS RESULTING FROM A STATE OR FEDERAL DISASTER. THOSE LOCATIONS INCLUDE:

1. LOIS KING, 7348 COUNTY RD. 605 DAYTON, TEXAS 77535
2. TOMMY SMITH 7305 COUNTY R. 605 DAYTON, TEXAS 77535

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION :

THE COMMISSIONERS COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF LIBERTY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT ANY TIME DURING THE COURSE OF THIS MEETING TO DISCUSS ANY OF THE MATTERS LISTED ABOVE, AS AUTHORIZED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 551.071(CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY); 551.072 (DELIBERATION ABOUT REAL PROPERTY); 551.0725 (DELIBERATIONS REGARDING CONTRACT BEING NEGOTIATED); 551.073 (DELIBERATIONS ABOUT GIFTS AND DONATIONS); 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS); 551.076 (DELIBERATIONS ABOUT SECURITY DEVICES); AND 551.087 (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT); 418.183 (SECURITY MATTERS).

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2. COUNTY ATTORNEY MATTHEW POSTON

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10. INTERNET ACCESS INFORMATION :

- The Liberty County Special Meeting of Commissioners Court is accessible by the Public on the following internet link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCb8xervncxOru6g_-aLwxVg
- Please remember the Liberty County Commissioners Courtroom is tobacco free
- Please turn off all cell phones during the Liberty County Regular Meeting of Commissioners Court

11. ADJOURNMENT :

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF LIBERTY

I hereby certify that this instrument was FILED on the date and the time stamped hereon by me and was duly RECORDED in the Records of Liberty County, Texas.

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Lee Haidusek Chambers

Lee Haidusek Chambers, County Clerk
Liberty County, TX