

# NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting for Angelina County Commissioners Court meeting will be held on September 26, 2023, at 606 East Lufkin Avenue, Lufkin, Texas 75901 at 10AM, for the purpose of considering and taking action on all matters on the agenda for the meeting, including approval of two agreement(s) with the law firm of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP as special counsel to perform all legal services necessary to collect delinquent property taxes, and justice of the peace delinquent fines and fees, and authorizing the execution of such agreement.

The agreement to be considered is necessary for the (1) collection of delinquent taxes owed to taxing jurisdictions, and (2) collection of delinquent fees and fines owed to county court and justice of the peace precinct courts, all of which are collected by Angelina County in the most effective manner. Angelina County desires that such delinquent tax, penalties and interest be collected as provided in the Texas Tax Code, and Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 103.0031.

The Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP firm is fully qualified to provide this representation, being the largest delinquent tax collection law firm in the State of Texas, as well as the United States and having been engaged in this specialized legal service for more than 40 years. In addition, the Linebarger Goggan Blair and Sampson, LLP firm possesses infrastructure and technology, such as call center technology, that the County does not currently possess.

Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP has represented taxing jurisdictions and justice of the peace courts within Texas for over 40 years with competence and professionalism, in the collection of delinquent property taxes, and delinquent court receivables.

The specialized legal services required by this agreement cannot be adequately performed by the attorneys and supporting personnel of Angelina County due to the high cost of implementing the appropriate infrastructure and technology and employing sufficient in-house attorneys and staff with the level of experience and competence necessary to perform these activities.

Linebarger will be compensated on a contingent fee basis as provided in the Texas Tax Code Sections 6.30, 33.07, 33.08, 33.11, 33.48, and Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 103.0031. These Texas Code sections specifically provide for an additional penalty on delinquent taxes to compensate collection attorneys, and an additional fee on delinquent accounts for court collections. Employing outside counsel will reduce cost for the citizens of Angelina County, and pass the collection costs onto the delinquent tax payer and court defendant.

Entering into the proposed agreement is in the best interests of the residents of Angelina County, TX, because the delinquent taxes and delinquent fees and fines will be professionally and competently collected without the additional costs to Angelina County of implementing infrastructure and technology, and employing in-house personnel or paying outside counsel on an hourly fee basis.