

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE

COMMISSIONERS COURT OF JACK COUNTY, TEXAS

EMERGENCY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Jack County Commissioners Court will convene in an **Emergency Meeting** on Monday, August 31, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in the Commissioners Courtroom, Suite 207 of the Jack County Courthouse, Jacksboro, Texas.

EMERGENCY OR URGENT PUBLIC NECESSITY

This Emergency Meeting is called pursuant to **Texas Government Code §551.045** due to an emergency and urgent public necessity arising from the **Ross Fire**, a major wildland fire affecting Jack County and Palo Pinto County and resulting in the burning of approximately 85,000 acres, the deployment of substantial local, regional, and state emergency-response resources, threats to life and property, evacuations and emergency protective measures, and significant expenditures by governmental entities and responding fire departments.

The County Judge has issued a **Local Disaster Declaration for Jack County pursuant to Texas Government Code §418.108**, and the Governor of the State of Texas has issued an applicable disaster declaration/proclamation.

The ongoing wildfire response, recovery operations, coordination of emergency resources, preservation and documentation of disaster-related expenditures, and necessity for Commissioners Court consideration of the continuation of the local disaster declaration constitutes an **emergency or urgent public necessity involving an imminent threat to public health and safety** under Texas Government Code §551.045.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum.

2. Emergency Meeting Determination.

Consider and acknowledge the existence of an emergency and urgent public necessity related to the Ross Fire pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.045 and place the factual basis for the Emergency Meeting into the official record of the Jack County Commissioners Court.

3. Ross Fire — Local Disaster Declaration.

Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action regarding the Local Disaster Declaration previously issued by the Jack County Judge pursuant to Texas Government Code §418.108, including consent to its continuation or renewal, ratification and confirmation of actions taken pursuant to the declaration, and authorization of appropriate continuing disaster-response and recovery measures.

4. Ross Fire — Emergency Operations Update.

Receive reports, updates, and briefings concerning the Ross Fire, including current fire conditions; containment and suppression operations; damage assessments; affected acreage; impacts to Jack County residents, property, livestock, agricultural operations, infrastructure and public safety; evacuation and reentry operations; and local, regional, state, federal and mutual-aid resources engaged in response and recovery operations.

5. Ross Fire — Fire Department and Emergency Response Operations.

Receive reports and discuss response activities of Jack County rural and volunteer fire departments, the City of Jacksboro and Jacksboro Fire Department, emergency management, law enforcement, EMS, mutual-aid fire departments, state agencies and other governmental or emergency-response organizations participating in Ross Fire operations.

6. Ross Fire — Documentation and Accounting of Disaster-Related Costs.

Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action concerning the identification, collection, preservation, documentation and accounting of all costs, expenditures, personnel time, equipment

usage, fuel, supplies, materials, contracted services, mutual-aid expenses and other costs incurred as a result of the Ross Fire by Jack County, Jack County rural and volunteer fire departments, the City of Jacksboro and Jacksboro Fire Department, and other participating governmental or emergency-response entities, including documentation necessary for potential reimbursement, disaster assistance, grants, insurance claims, mutual-aid reimbursement, or state or federal disaster-recovery programs.

7. Ross Fire — Administrative and Financial Coordination.

Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action necessary to establish procedures for the submission, verification, compilation and retention of Ross Fire incident records and disaster-related expenditures, and to designate or authorize appropriate County officials or personnel to coordinate such documentation with responding agencies and governmental entities.

8. Ross Fire — Immediate Emergency Response and Recovery Actions.

Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action regarding immediate measures reasonably necessary for the continued response to and recovery from the Ross Fire that are within the authority of the Jack County Commissioners Court and that are directly related to the emergency or urgent public necessity identified in this notice.

9. Adjourn.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above Notice of Emergency Meeting of the Jack County Commissioners Court was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, including Texas Government Code §§551.045, 551.049 and 551.056, at least one hour before the meeting was convened, and that the emergency or urgent public necessity requiring the meeting is clearly identified in this notice.

Posted on August 30, 2026, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas

By: _____
Brian Keith Umphress, Judge of Commissioners Court



I, the undersigned County Judge, 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 posted a true and correct copy of said Notice on the bulletin board at the Courthouse door of Jack County, Texas, at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times at least 2 hrs. before meeting convened. Notice was provided to the Jacksboro Herald via email at least 1 hour before the meeting. Text notification of this Emergency Meeting was provided to Ashley Anderson.

Dated this the 30th day of August, 2026

By: _____
Brian Keith Umphress, Judge of Commissioners Court

