

**NOTICE OF MEETING (•) OF THE
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF JACK COUNTY, TEXAS**

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Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the above named Commissioners Court will be held on **Monday the 9th day of July, 2012, at 10:00 o'clock a.m.**, in the County Courthouse, Jacksboro, Texas, at which time the following subjects* will be discussed and appropriate action taken, to-wit:

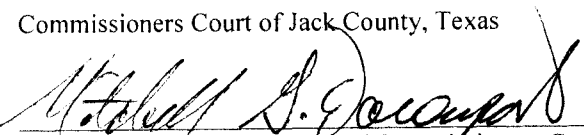
These subjects may or may not be discussed in the order shown. All items listed below as part of the called "Consent Agenda Items" require no deliberation by the Court. Each Court member has the prerogative of removing an item from this agenda so that it may be considered separately.

1. PUBLIC FORUM;
2. PAYMENT OF CLAIMS;
3. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:
 - (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting of July 2, 2012;
 - (b) Renewal of contract between the County and Gladys Johnson Ritchie Public Library to provide services as a county library;
 - (c) Re-appointment of Michael Smith of Wichita Falls, Texas to serve as board member on the Nortex Housing Finance Corporation;
4. TIMED AGENDA

1:30 P.M. - Discussion with Martin Howell of TxDOT regarding construction of bridges on county roads here for the present and near future under TxDOT's Bridge Replacement Program;
5. Discussion of Commissioner Precinct Operations;
6. Update on Courthouse Repair Project 2011 details;
7. Update on measures regarding restoration/renovation of Courthouse lawn, sprinkler system, and landscaping;
8. Approval of advertising for purchase of tractor and mower for Precinct 4;
9. Review and action on proposal by Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool for County Health Insurance coverage for FY14;
9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS; AND;
10. ADJOURNMENT.

Dated this the 5th day of July, 2012


Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas



Mitchell G. Davenport, Judge of Commissioners Court

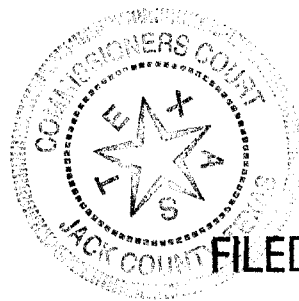
I, the undersigned, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the above named Commissioners Court, is a true and correct copy of said Notice, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice on the bulletin board at the Courthouse door of Jack County, Texas, at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the 3rd day of July, 2012, and said Notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting.

Dated this the 5th day of July, 2012



Janice Robinson, County Clerk of Jack County, Texas

By: _____
Deputy Clerk



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JACK COUNTY, TEXAS

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MINUTES

On this the 9th of July, 2012 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Regular session at 10:00 a.m. with the following elected officials present:

James A. Logan, Commissioner Pct. 1
James L. Brock, Commissioner Pct. 2
James L. Cozart, Commissioner Pct. 3
Terry Ward, Commissioner Pct. 4
Mitchell G. Davenport, County Judge

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PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were present.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

All accounts and claims were submitted to the Court for approval. Those submitted were approved and entered into the computer of the County Treasurer on motion of Commissioner Logan and seconded by Commissioner Brock. The motion carried unanimously.

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Judge Davenport made a motion to approve items A & C. Commissioner Cozart seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously

Lanora Joslin from the Gladys Johnson Ritchie Public Library made a presentation describing the services they provide at the library to the citizens of Jack County. Commissioner Ward made the motion to approve item B. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cozart and the motion carried unanimously.

12:00N – Recess for lunch.

1:30PM – Resume Commissioners Court.

TIMED AGENDA – 1:30PM – TxDOT PRESENTATION

Martin “Kevin” Howell of TxDOT along with several of his co-workers gave a presentation to the Commissioners Court regarding construction of bridges on county roads in Jack County for the present and near future under TxDOT’s Bridge Replacement Program. They answered questions regarding funding and the application process for these projects.

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Commissioners discussed the bridges in each of their respective precincts.

COURTHOUSE INTERIOR REPAIRS

Judge Davenport and the Commissioners discussed measures for repair and renovation of the Courthouse interior. Work will begin this week in the basement with the Assembly Room being the first project.

COURTHOUSE LAWN, SPRINKLER, AND LANDSCAPING BIDS

McAllister’s Landscape has begun the first steps is preparing the Courthouse grounds for a new lawn, landscaping, and sprinkler system.

PRECINCT 4 PURCHASE OF TRACTOR AND MOWER

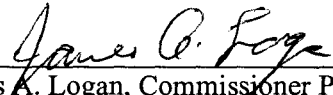
Commissioner Ward made a motion to authorize the purchase of a tractor and mower through Buy Boards which will not require advertising for bids. Commissioner Logan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE WITH TAC


Review and action on a proposal by Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool for County Health Insurance coverage for FY13 was discussed. Motion was made to accept the rates and continue coverage by Commissioner Logan and seconded by Commissioner Cozart. The motion carried unanimously.

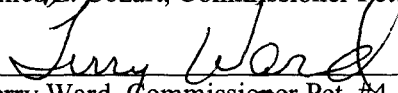
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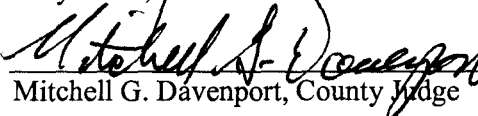
There being no further business motion was made by Commissioner Cozart to adjourn and seconded by Commissioner Logan. The motion carried unanimously.


James A. Logan, Commissioner Pct. #1



James Brock, Commissioner Pct. #2


James L. Cozart, Commissioner Pct. #3


Terry Ward, Commissioner Pct. #4


Mitchell G. Davenport, County Judge

ATTEST:


Janice Robinson
County Clerk

Library news

From: Lanora Joslin <ljoslin.gjlib@att.net>
Sent: Friday, July 06, 2012 6:16 PM
To: ljoslin.gjlibrary@att.net
Subject: Library news

GLADYS RITCHIE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

The library has not been in the news too often lately, but the organization has been busy. The library just completed their summer reading program for children on June 29 with Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey clowns in attendance to help celebrate a successful program. The program averaged 30 or more young readers each week, many of whom read lots of books and won prizes. The teen and adult summer program will conclude on July 13 when two lucky readers will win Kindle ebooks. The prizes were donated by local organizations who realize the importance of reading, not only for the young, but for all age groups.

The library recently was awarded a grant from the Tocker Foundation for fourteen new chairs for the computer areas of the library and for new books, dvds and audio books. The grant also provided money for a new carousal for dvd storage and a book case to display new arrivals in the main library. The Tocker Foundation is out of Austin and supports small rural libraries throughout Texas. The library has been very fortunate to receive three grants from the foundation since 2008 when the children's library had to be completely rebuilt after the opening of the new elementary. Mrs. Joslin, director, was fortunate to meet Mr. Tocker himself when she was awarded a certificate of appreciation for being named the SCLRT (Small Community Library Round Table) Chair's Outstanding Library Professional at the Texas Library Association's meeting in Houston in March. Mr. Tocker expressed his best wishes for our library and his appreciation for how the personnel and volunteers had made use of the funding the library had been awarded. A committee member of his foundation had visited the library on another assignment shortly after the completion of the children's library, as well as the addition of the teen section, and was so impressed that she had taken pictures and reported on the use of the funds to the foundation.

The Friends of the Library were very active this past year making money to remodel the Parlor, a room which was used primarily by Ms. Ritchie previously or for meetings when the conference room was taken. In the past few years, it has been used for various things including most recently storage. The room needs work because the windows have leaked, damaging the parquet floor. As soon as the contractor gets back to Mrs. Joslin, work should begin to make the Parlor into an Adult Only room. Much of the library has been taken over by children and teens, so the Parlor will provide the peace and quiet so many adults seek in a library. The Friends also installed a camera and alarm system to help personnel when only one or two are working.

The library has also acquired five new computers which were exchanged for the oldest units, some of which had stopped working. The library now has fourteen public computers with internet. All of them now have word processing which allows the public to do almost any task necessary to search for and apply for education, jobs, and services online. The library personnel are friendly and helpful with almost any task.

All of the above changes and improvements were funded by grants, projects, or donations. None of your tax money paid for these. Through the hard work of library personnel in obtaining grants, the Friends, local businesses and organizations, and volunteers, many thousands of dollars of improvements and books, dvd movies, and audio books have been added to the library for the benefit of the citizens of our city and county.

The library is presently funded \$20,000 annually by the city and \$25,000 annually by the county. This \$45,000 is not enough to keep the doors open for operation. Last year the operating cost for the library was \$74,341 for electricity, gas, phone and internet, payroll, and services. The insurance, which is around \$5000, was paid with state funds, but these were cut by the legislature for this year. That is why the library depends so much on local support through local foundations, private

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donations, and memorials. Without these, the library will be unable to remain open every day for the remainder of the year. This is the time of the year when the library has to stop and consider the budget and what remains in the bank. The library can successfully apply for and receive funds for some materials for their collection and furniture and even computers, but nothing is available for the operating costs except local funding. The state cut library funding by 98% statewide and put it on the backs of local entities.

Some of you are employed, have your own computer and internet, buy movies online or at the store when you want them, and have ebooks or buy books at the store. You might ask why you need a library—the answer is simple. The library provides many services that all of you use occasionally and others every day. Last year the library had 25,108 circulation transactions; 14,300 public internet users; trained 205 computer users; 3560 fax transactions; 2940 attendees at library programs; and provided meeting places for such groups as the Helen Farabee organization; CPS; Workforce Commission when their van was down; tutoring by individuals; Wichita Falls Area Food Bank which offers assistance with state programs; and many private organizations. The library provides all of these services for less than \$10 per resident of Jack County and maintains one of the best and largest libraries for a county of our population. Residents would have to drive 30 to 60 miles to seek the services provided by our library, if it were not open the forty-nine hours per week that it currently is. Our employees are educated, all hold college degrees, except our high school student, and work for minimum wage. (None are complaining or asking for raises, this is simply the bargain you are receiving as a consumer.)

Lots of deserving organizations have been asking for your support, so the library eased back for a time to give you a breather from constant pleas. Many of you have asked if the library is ok now—the answer is that the library survives by your contributions. If the library receives sufficient donations and memorials between now and the end of the year, it will make it. If not, the library board and director will have to consider whatever options are necessary to keep the doors open as many regular hours as possible.

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CONTRACT FOR SERVICES

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JANICE ROBINSON, County Clerk
JACK COUNTY, TEXAS

BY _____ DEPUTY

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF JACK §

This contract and agreement entered into under authority of V.T.C.A., Government Code §323.011, on this 25th day of June, 2012, by and between the County of Jack, Texas, a political subdivision of Texas, acting herein by and through its regularly elected and qualified County Commissioners and the County Judge hereinafter referred to as "the County," and the Gladys Johnson Richie Public Library, Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation, with offices in Jack County, Texas, acting herein by its President, Sara Easter, hereinafter referred to as "the Library," whereby the parties contract and agree to the following:

WITNESSETH

1. The County and the Library has previously entered into a similar agreement dated October 1, 2008 and continues presently to operate under an agreement of the same or similar terms.
2. This contract and agreement shall remain in full force and effect for a period of THREE (3) YEARS, beginning on the 1st day of October, 2012, unless sooner terminated as provided for by V.T.C.A., Government Code §323.011.
3. The Library, being an established library, agrees to assume the function of a county free library for the County of Jack and to furnish library service to all citizens of said county without charge, except fines or late fees, under identical conditions.
4. The County agrees to designate the Library as the public agent of the county for the purpose of providing library services to the residents of said county. The Library is thereby empowered to adopt all policies and procedures for the use of the public library by the residents of said county.
5. In consideration for such services mentioned above, the County agrees, so long as the County finds it possible, to budget each year the amount of \$25,000 and to pay said amount annually to the Library, on or before the 1st day of February in performance of the negotiated contract between the County and the Library. In August of each year of this contract, the Library will submit a copy of its annual budget to the County and appear to answer any questions about costs or operations.
6. It is agreed that this contract will renew and extend automatically at the conclusion of the term of this agreement for a like period of time upon terms and conditions to be agreed upon by the parties hereto.
7. It is further agreed that this contract may be terminated at any time by either party by giving written notice of such intentions six (6) months in advance of such termination.

8. The Library agrees that the librarian of the established library shall hold a county librarian's certificate from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

9. All personal property, including books, furniture, equipment, files, and any and all other personal property acquired under the terms of this contract shall be subject to division at the termination of the contract in the manner specified below:

(a) If this contract is terminated by County and said termination is not brought about by the failure of the Library to comply with any of the terms or agreements contained herein, or in the event the County shall fail or refuse to renew said contract at the expiration hereof, then in such event, all personal property shall become the' property of the Library.

(b) If this contract is terminated by the Library and said termination is not brought about by the failure of the County to comply with any of the terms or agreements contained herein, or in the event the Library shall fail or refuse to renew said contract at the expiration hereof, then In such event, all personal property shall become the property of the County.

10. The Library agrees to provide the County with an annual audit of the financial accounts of the Library, showing both income and expenditures, and shall make available to the County any other reports of the financial condition of the Library as may be required by the County. County funds should be specifically identified in the annual audit.

11. It is agreed and understood by and between the contracting parties that all expenses, bills, and accounts incurred in the operation, maintenance, purchasing, and all accounts incident to the library, shall be paid by the Library, and that the County shall not be held liable for any debts of the Library.

12. The County shall not be held liable to the Library or to the Library's employees, patrons, or visitors, for any damage to person or property that might arise at the public library facility, and the Library agrees to hold the County blameless from any and all claims arising at such premises.


13. The Library agrees to furnish the County with an annual report on the performance and effectiveness of the library in providing library services to the residents of Jack County, Texas. Such report will be due at the close of the county's fiscal year.

14. The below signatories have been duly authorized by their respective governing bodies to execute this agreement.

EXECUTED at Jacksboro, Jack County, Texas on this the 25th day of June, 2012.

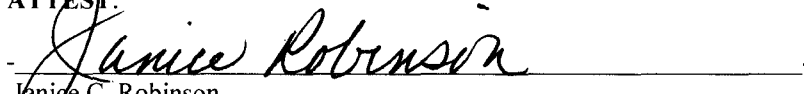
COUNTY OF JACK

By:



Mitchell G. Davenport,
County Judge of Jack County, Texas


ATTEST:



Janice C. Robinson,
County Clerk of Jack County, Texas

THE GLADYS JOHNSON RITCHIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

By:



Sara Easter, President

ATTEST:



Judy McRoberts, Secretary

**RESOLUTION OF JACK COUNTY AUTHORIZING
AND APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS TO THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTEX HOUSING FINANCE
CORPORATION**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Texas Housing Finance Corporation Act, Chapter 394, Texas Local Government Code, as amended, the Texas counties of Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Montague, Wichita, Wilbarger, and Young, Texas (collectively, the "Sponsoring Entities ") have formed a joint housing finance corporation named the Nortex Housing Finance Corporation (the "Corporation ") to provide a means of financing the cost of residential ownership and development that will provide decent, safe and sanitary housing for persons and families of low and moderate income; and

WHEREAS, Jack County is a member of the Corporation and has authorized the Corporation to act on its behalf and on behalf of the other Sponsoring Entities for the purposes set forth in the previous paragraph; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the Corporation, a majority of the Sponsoring Entities must approve the appointment and/or reappointment of members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the Corporation, Jack County together with the Sponsoring Entities desires to appoint/reappoint existing members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation upon resignation or expiration of their current terms.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved By the Commissioners Court of Jack County that:

Section 1. Board of Directors. That the following reappointments for the Board of Directors of the Corporation and the length of the term thereof are hereby authorized and approved;

<u>DIRECTOR</u>	<u>CURRENT TERM EXPIRES</u>	<u>NEWLY REAPPOINTED TERM EXPIRES</u>
Michael Smith	Reappointment	August 1, 2017

Section 2. Effective Date. That this Resolution shall be in fill force and effect from and upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of July 2012.

County of Jack
By: *Mitchell S. Davenport*
County Judge

ATTEST: *Janice Robinson*
County Clerk of Jack County, Texas

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