

MINUTES

On this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2021 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Regular Session at 9:00 a.m. beginning with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the American flag and Texas flag with the following individuals present:

Brian Keith Umphress	County Judge
Gary Oliver	Commissioner Precinct 1
Darren Francis	Commissioner Precinct 2
Henry Birdwell, Jr.	Commissioner Precinct 3
Terry Ward	Commissioner Precinct 4
Vanessa James	County Clerk
Lisa Perry	County Auditor
Candace Crow	Assistant County Auditor
Brad Campsey	County Treasurer
Clyde Watson	County Constable
Chris Reger	Chief Deputy Sheriff
Scott Simonton	Deputy Sheriff
Lynn Casteel	Elections Administrator
Frank Hefner	EMC/IT
Brian Newby	Jail Administrator
Yvonne Smith	SO Administrative Assistant
Terry Mahan	Sheriff's Deputy

The following members of the public were in attendance: Becky Coyle, B.W. Barton, Dave Garin and Chase Lewis.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Judge Umphress made a motion to pay all [accounts and claims](#) submitted for approval. Adding in registration for education for Commissioner Ward and Birdwell Commissioner Francis seconded and the motion passed unanimously. (5-0).

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Corrected Minutes of Meeting for July 26, 2021;
- (b) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for August 9, 2021;
- (c) Review and Acceptance of Auditor's Monthly Reports;
- (d) Approval/Renewal of Performance Bonds for: Deputy Sheriff Cody McGee, Reserve Deputy Eldon Ray Hannah, Deputy Sheriff Connie S. Wooten and Deputy Sheriff Houston Lee Gass;
- (e) Approval of [Proclamation](#) proclaiming the month of September as "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month";

Judge Umphress made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and the motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

Timed agenda items heard after item #14

- (a) Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate;
- (b) Adopt Budget for FY2021-2022;

ACTION BY COURT ON THE ABOVE ITEM 3(a)

Public hearing began at 10:03 a.m.

No members of the public addressed the Court.

Public Hearing concluded at 10:21 a.m.

ACTION BY COURT ON THE ABOVE ITEM 3(b)

Motion made by Commissioner Birdwell to adopt the Budget with the changes made since its filing. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis. (3-2)

Pct #1 Oliver – no  
Pct #2 Francis - yes  
Pct #3 Birdwell - yes  
Pct #4 Ward – no  
Judge Umphress - yes

Motion Judge Umphress I move that the property taxes be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.54378 (General Rate: Maintenance & Operations: \$0.42959, Interest & Sinking Rate: \$0.00, Road & Bridge Rate: \$0.11419). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and passed. (4-1)

Pct #1 Oliver - no  
Pct #2 Francis - yes  
Pct #3 Birdwell - yes  
Pct #4 Ward - yes  
Judge Umphress - yes

Motion by Commissioner Birdwell to ratify our action just taken to the effect that the amount of property taxes collected be increased by \$391,562.00 over those of last year by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.54378 per \$100 of evaluation. And that we allow the statutory exemption in payment of our property taxes for homesteads and discounts for early payment under §11.13 and §31.05(b) all of the Property Tax Code. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis and passed. (4-1)

Pct #1 Oliver - no  
Pct #2 Francis - yes  
Pct #3 Birdwell - yes  
Pct #4 Ward - yes  
Judge Umphress - yes

Recess called 11:45 a.m.  
Open Session 1:26 p.m.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EXECUTION OF COMPUTER SYSTEM LEASE/LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY (TAX OFFICE) AND PRITCHARD & ABBOTT, INC. FOR PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023

Motion was made by Commissioner Francis to approve execution of [computer system lease/license agreement](#) between the County (Tax Office) and Pritchard & Abbott Inc. for period of October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and passed unanimously. (5-0)

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN COUNTY OF JACK AND 1) CITY OF JACKSBORO, 2) FAITH COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, 3) BRYSON ISD, 4) JACKSBORO ISD, 5) PERRIN-WHITT CISD, 6) GRAFORD ISD, 7) JACK COUNTY WCID #1, 8) EAST KEECHI WCID, AND 9) CITY OF BRYSON, FOR ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS OF ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF CURRENT AND DELINQUENT TAXES FOR TIME PERIOD OF AUGUST 1, 2021 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2023

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to approve interlocal agreements between County of Jack and 1) [City of Jacksboro](#), 2) [Faith Community Hospital](#), 3) [Bryson ISD](#), 4) [Jacksboro ISD](#), 5) [Perrin-Whitt CISD](#), 6) [Graford ISD](#), 7) [Jack County WCID #1](#), 8) [East Keechi WCID](#), and 9) [City of Bryson](#) for administrative functions of assessment and collection of current and delinquent taxes for the time period of August 1, 2021 through August 31, 2023. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis and passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLERK'S [OFFICE](#) PURCHASING EZ DOC AT A COST OF \$3,700

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to approve purchase of EZ Doc software to add to the current website to give the Clerk the ability to put Commissioner's Court minutes online. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed unanimously (5-0)

APPROVAL AND EXECUTING OF "ORDER OF SPECIAL ELECTION" TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021 FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to execute the [Order of Special Election](#) to be held on November 2, 2021 for Constitutional Amendments. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed unanimously. (5-0)

SETTING OF A DATE AND TIME IN ORDER TO CANVASS VOTES FROM NOVEMBER 2, 2021, ELECTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Francis to set November 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. to canvass votes from the November 2, 2021 Election. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSSION OF STATUS OF COUNTY TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (CTIF) GRANT FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

May, June and July funds have been received and Ms. Crow presented the report she will be sending in tomorrow.

DISCUSSION AND UPDATE OF COURTHOUSE ASSEMBLY ROOM RENOVATION FOR THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE/COMMISSIONERS COURT

Air conditioners will be installed soon.

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Discussion made, no action taken.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Discussion made on the process of the American Rescue Funds.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business motion was made by Commissioner Oliver to adjourn. Commissioner Birdwell seconded the motion to adjourn and the motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

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Gary Oliver, Commissioner Pct. #1

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Darren Francis, Commissioner Pct. #2

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Henry Birdwell, Jr. Commissioner Pct. #3

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Terry Ward, Commissioner Pct. #4

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Brian Keith Umphress, County Judge

ATTEST:

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Vanessa James, County Clerk