

MINUTES

On this the 24th day of January 2022 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Regular Session at 9:01 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
Terry Ward	Commissioner Precinct 4
Suzanne Brooks	Deputy Clerk
Lisa Perry	County Auditor
Kim Long	Assistant County Auditor
Candace Crow	Auditor's Office Assistant
Brad Campsey	County Treasurer
Thomas Spurlock	Jack County Sheriff
Brian Newby	County Jail Administrator
Chris Reger	Chief Deputy
Brad Dixon	County Attorney

The following members of the public were in attendance: Walter Wolf, Kevin Wolf, Michael Moore, B.W. Barton, Mike Smith, Alan Adamcik, Billy Oliver, Becky Coyle, Kristie Sifuentes, Cody Reinders, Randi Fry, Patton, Fry, Sera Fry, Alinda Cox, Mason Cox, Wes McCurry, Avery McCurry, Jillian McCurry, Tallaney Clark, Lyn Casteel, Madison McComack, McKenlea Worthington, Jodie Brasket, Sharon Robinson, Jack Nichols, Pat Dunn.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Judge Umphress made a motion to pay all [accounts and claims](#) submitted for approval. Commissioner Oliver seconded and the motion passed. (4-0)

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for January 10, 2022;
- (b) Approval of the contract to election services between the City of Bryson and Jack County for May 7, 2022;
- (c) Approval of the County Auditor Kyocera (5 years) Lease Agreement to upgrade and replace the current machine with a newer model to now include fax capability and color copies;

Sharon Robinson reported on payments received from a delinquent taxpayer. A payment of \$78,700 was received and an additional payment of \$9,700.

Judge Umphress made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and the motion passed unanimously. (4-0)

TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

9:05 a.m.

- (a) Opening Competitive Proposals for 125 East Archer Street, Jacksboro, TX 76458 known as Lot 1, Block 1, "DAVIS BUILDING" in the City of Jacksboro;
- (b) Opening Competitive Bids for Motor Grader, Model 2018 or newer for Jack County Precinct #4

Open- 9:05 a.m.

The Davis Building received 1 proposal from [Crombie Properties](#) and the motor grader received 2 bids-[Holt Caterpillar](#) and [RDO](#).

Conclude- 9:08 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

- (a) Discussion and possible action to award proposal for 125 East Archer Street, Jacksboro, TX 76458 known as Lot 1, Block 1, "DAVIS BUILDING" in the City of Jacksboro.
- (b) Discussion and possible action to award bid for Motor Grader, Model 2018 or newer

for Jack County Precinct #4.

Open-10:00 a.m

Davis Building-a \$57,500 bid was received from Crombie Properties, LLC. If accepted the County would have 90 days to clean the contents of the building and close. There would need to be an inventory list for items to be declared as salvage. The contents could be sold as salvage or donated. Commissioner Francis would like to see as much as possible sold in the auction with Renee Bates. Mike Smith said he felt the proposal went along with the plan for the downtown improvement project and it was also reported that the reason more bids were not placed is that it is a very large building and will be costly to renovate.

Commissioner Oliver made a motion to accept the bid of \$57,500 from Crombie Properties LLC with the funds from the sale to be used for the possible construction of another storage facility. Judge Umphress seconded and the motion passed (4-0).

Motor Grader-2 qualified bids were received- Holt Caterpillar submitted a bid of \$266,972.73 or for a joystick machine \$295,985.73 and John Deere submitted a bid in the amount of \$306,509.09 which will include preventative maintenance. Both are SourceWell purchasing cooperative. No lease returns were available for either company.

Commissioner Ward made a motion to accept item #1 bid of \$266,972.73 with Holt Caterpillar to include first maintenance. Commissioner Francis seconded and the motion passed (4-0).

Concluded-10:44 a.m.

PRESENTATION BY TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION AGENTS, ALINDA COX AND CHARLIE MARTIN AND 4-H PARTICIPANTS IN THE JACK COUNTY YOUTH FAIR

Alinda Cox and Jack County 4-H members thanked the Commissioner's Court for their continued support. Several students spoke to the Court. They introduced themselves, shared about their 4-H projects, and presented the Commissioners with baked goodies.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL FOR FINAL PAYMENT OF \$963,356.25 PAYABLE TO THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, ELIMINATING THE JACK COUNTY TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BOND, SERIES 2013 USED TO CONSTRUCT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Commissioner Oliver made a motion to pay off the general obligation bond in the amount of \$963,356.25 to the Bank of New York Mellon. Commissioner Francis seconded and the motion passed (4-0).

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL FOR RE-ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM TWO TEXSTAR ACCOUNTS-JAIL CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT, INTEREST AND SINKING ACCOUNT, CLOSING BOTH DUE TO THE ELIMINATION OF THE JACK COUNTY TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BOND, SERIES 2013

Commissioner Francis made a motion to close both accounts and transfer into the general fund. Commissioner Oliver seconded and the motion passed (4-0).

ACCEPTANCE AND RECOGNITION OF JACK COUNTY EARNING THE 2021 SAFETY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES RISK MANAGEMENT POOL (TAC RMP) FOR ITS RECORD OF COMMITMENT TO SAFETY IN THE WORKPLACE, AS WELL AS FOR CONTROLLING THE COUNTY'S WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS

Judge Umphress commended Kim Long Morris for her hard work and dedication to this project. Kim reported updates to the court and also thanked Safety Committee members for their help with this. Members of the committee are Kim Morris, Brian Newby, Gary Oliver, Vanessa James, Clyde Watson, Michael Francis, and Tammy Miller.

DISCUSSION AND CLOSURE OF A TRACT OF LAND BEING A PORTION OF SPRING STREET AND SANDERS AVENUE, BOTH BEING THE UNDEVELOPED STREET OF THE TOWNSITE OF VINEYARD, TEXAS KNOWN AS WIZARD WELLS, PLAT RECORDED IN VOLUME 2, PAGE 25 AND 26, PLAT RECORDS OF JACK COUNTY, TX

There was discussion about these streets to make sure there would be no issues closing them. Commissioner Francis told the court the same person owns all of the land and these streets have

never been in use as they are in the middle of a field. He stated several streets need to be closed and cleaned up. Closing this would allow the property owners to be able to have title insurance policy.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to close this tract of land being known as [Spring Street and Sanders Avenue](#) that is not in use. Judge Umphress seconded and the motion passed (4-0).

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

Candace Crow gave updates on CTIF.
Discussion made, no action taken.

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

Judge Umphress reported that the new chairs have been received and Mr. Marley has been doing a lot of work laying out the courtroom bench. The floor in the kitchen has been installed and they are getting closer to completion. Frank Hefner's office upstairs has been carpeted long with the adjacent office.
Update on progress. No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR AN AUCTION TO BE HELD BY RENEE BATES AUCTIONEERS

All items to be auctioned need to be gathered.
Discussion but no action taken.

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Commissioner Ward reported things are extremely dry, he also reported he is back to full staff as several have been out sick. Commissioner Francis reported he has several out sick as well. Commissioner Oliver has received his new truck.
Discussion made, no action taken.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Sheriff Spurlock reported they have many out sick and he would like to be able to pay over time. They are 4 jailers short, down 1 on patrol and 2 on dispatch. He also reported they have 1 jailer who is a certified Peace Officer. Brian Newby has reached out to another local office as to their procedures on handling overtime. There is additional money from positions not filled to be able to pay over time. Sheriff Spurlock is asking for this to be declared an emergency situation. This will need to be added to the agenda for action to be taken. Kim Morris will contact TAC for further verification. Also, there was a donation for the canine dog.
Discussion made, no action taken.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Temporary Overtime payment at the Jail
Medical Service Agreement for the Jail.
Reception of the donation made for the canine dog.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business motion was made by Judge Umphress to adjourn. Commissioner Oliver seconded the motion to adjourn and the motion passed unanimously. (4-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Gary Oliver, Commissioner Pct. #1

Darren Francis, Commissioner Pct. #2

Terry Ward, Commissioner Pct. #4

ATTEST:

Vanessa James, County Clerk