

MINUTES

On this the 14th day of February, 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
Henry D. Birdwell Jr.	Commissioner Precinct 3
Terry Ward	Commissioner Precinct 4
Vanessa James	County Clerk
Lisa Perry	County Auditor
Frank Hefner	IT/EMC
Candace Crow	Assistant Auditor
Kim Dungan	Assistant Auditor
Brad Campsey	County Treasurer
Scott Simonton	Patrol Lieutenant
Brian Newby	County Jail Administrator
Chris Reger	Chief Deputy
David Vandervaay	Lieutenanat
Zach Walley	Special Interdiction K9 Deputy
Yvonne Smith	LEC Executive Secretary/911 Coordinator
Sharon Robinson	Tax Assessor-Collector

The following members of the public were in attendance: Kendall Schober, City Manager Mike Smith, Chief of Police Scott Haynes, Kristie Sifuentes, Teri Gitchell, Tommy Gitchell, Becky Coyle, Jimmie Cozart, Denese Rogers, R.C. Langford, and Jeffery Waldock.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Commissioner Francis made a motion to pay all [accounts and claims](#) submitted for approval. Commissioner Ward seconded and the motion passed. (4-0) Commissioner Oliver abstained from the vote.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for January 24, 2022;
- (b) Review and acceptance of [Tax Assessor / Collector Report](#) for January, 2022;
- (c) Acceptance of Citizen(s) Donation to Jack County Sheriff's Office Canine Unit in the amount of \$40.00;
- (d) Approval of Resolution to Re-Appoint Mr. Paul Wyle and Ms. Tammy Martinez as Directors to the board of Nortex Housing Finance Corporation;
- (e) Authorization of issuance of County Credit Card to Sheriff's Deputy Jeremy Howard with a limit of \$2,500;

Tax Assessor-Collector, Sharon Robinson addressed the Court giving her report for January.

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

TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

No timed agenda items.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM
FOR JACK COUNTY. THE TEAM WILL CONSIST OF MEMBERS OF JACK COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, JACKSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER LOCAL
LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL

County Patrol Lieutenant, Scott Simonton, Jacksboro Chief of Police, Scott Haynes, and City Manager, Mike Smith addressed the Court on what will be needed to prepare the response team.

No action taken at this time.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A DENSITY DEVICE TO ASSIST THE
CRIMINAL INTERDICTION TEAM (PURCHASE COST \$5,000 x 2= \$10,000.00)

Deputy David Vanderkaay described why the density device would help local law enforcement to catch narcotics being moved through the County. This cost would cover two devices and they would come with a 2-year warranty.

Member of the Public, R.C. Langford addressed the Court on information about an x-ray device that he has gotten information about.

No action taken at this time. Commissioner Birdwell asked that this item be added to the next agenda so the Sheriff's Office can decide what device will be most helpful for them.

REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL FOR JUDGE UMPHRESS TO SIGN TAX DEED
AND PROPERTY CARD FOR TRUST PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF JACKSBORO

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward to approve Judge Umphress signing the Tax Deed and Property Card for Trust Properties in the City of Jacksboro. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and passed unanimously. (5-0)

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION WITH VISTA HOMES, LLC REGARDING BRYSON
ACRES SUBDIVISION, BRYSON, TEXAS

Kendall Schober with Vista Homes addressed the Court regarding a sub-division near panhandle road in the Bryson Lake area that will have 51 lots. Vista Homes is currently doing a water study through Erwin Water Well and an engineer out of Houston. At this point, the County maintains Panhandle Road up to about ½ mile before the entrance to this land.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL VIDEO SURVEILLANCE
CAMERAS AT THE JACKSBORO CLOTHES CLOSET

Jacksboro City Manager, Mike Smith addressed the Court regarding this item. He recommends putting in cameras. He does not at this time have a figure on cost.

No action taken at this time.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO MAKE OVERTIME PAYMENT TO JACK COUNTY
JAILERS

Commissioner Francis made a motion to approve changing policy to authorizing overtime payments to Jack County jailers for time work above 168 hours with supervisor approval during the time frame of 2/14/2022 to 9/30/2022. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACTING WITH A THIRD PARTY FOR
MEDICAL SERVICES AT THE JACK COUNTY JAIL

Two contracts have been submitted one by Southern Health Partners and the other was Faith Community Hospital. Brian Newby informed the Court the Sheriff's Department recommends signing the contract with Southern Health Partners.

No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO DEEM ELECTRIC/COMPUTER EQUIPMENT
STORED IN THE DAVIS BUILDING AS SALVAGE AND READY FOR CERTIFICATION
OF DESTRUCTION

Commissioner Francis made a Motion to approve deeming all electric/computer equipment stored in the Davis Building as salvage and ready for certification of destruction. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and passed unanimously. (5-0)

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

Commissioner Birdwell has spoken to Renee Bates and will work with them to get the information to them they need.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON NAMING OF PRIVATE LANE LOCATED IN OAK RIDGE
SUBDIVISION ON THE WEST SIDE OF FFM 1156 AND SOUTH OF US HWY 380,
PRECINCT #2

Motion was made by Commissioner Francis to approve naming the private lane Oak View Lane.
Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and passed unanimously. (5-0)

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

Candace Crow, assistant auditor presented information. Discussion made, no action taken.

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

Update on progress. No action taken.

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Discussion made. No action taken.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

No discussion made.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

Brian Keith Umphress County Judge

Gary Oliver, Commissioner Pct. #1

Darren Francis, Commissioner Pct. #2

Henry Birdwell, Jr. Commissioner Pct. #3

Terry Ward, Commissioner Pct. #4

ATTEST:

Vanessa James, County Clerk