

MINUTES

On this the 14th day of March, 2022 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Regular Session at 10:10 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
Suzanne Brooks	Deputy Clerk
Lisa Perry	County Auditor
Kim Dungan	County Auditor Assistant
Frank Hefner	IT/EMC
Candace Crow	Assistant Auditor
Brad Campsey	County Treasurer
Scott Simonton	Patrol Lieutenant
Chris Reger	Chief Deputy

The following members of the public were in attendance: Mike Smith, Tom Wright, Randall Chelette, Norma Wright, Ricky Widner and Craig Fenter(Mayor of Jacksboro).

Judge Umphress introduced local State Police Officers Michael Hughes and Tanner Jarrett to Commissioners.

Judge Umphress informed members of the public to complete form from the County Clerk if they wish to address the court on any agenda item.

Judge Umphress made a [public apology](#) to Commissioner Gary Oliver for disclosing the name of the individual who threatened Former Commissioner James Brock.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for February 28, 2022;
- (b) Review and Acceptance of Tax Assessor/Collector [Report](#) for February, 2022;
- (c) Approval/Renewal/Rider of Performance Bond and Oath for Reserve Deputy Sheriff Parker Walden;
- (d) Approval/Renewal of Performance Bond and Oath for Reserve Constable Jeffery Miller;
- (e) Reception of TAC Certificate for 15 hours continuing education at County Investment Academy by Lisa Perry County Auditor;

County Tax Assessor Collector Sharon Robinson reported the monthly deposit on taxes received was \$676,824.96. The recent tax sale held on the courthouse steps brought in \$80,548.27 on sale day and \$71,093.01 before sale day to remove the property from the sale. There was also seizure of several trucks and trailers. The taxpayer paid \$55,688.38 plus storage and towing fees to have the items returned and taxes paid to date.

Commissioner Birdwell would like to see the written policy from Jack County Sheriff's Department for Reserve Deputies.

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

No timed agenda items.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO TAKE NECESSARY STEPS MODIFYING THE JACK COUNTY ON-SITE SEWAGE FACILITIES RULES AND REGULATIONS

Randall Chelette, Executive Director for Texas on Site Waste Water Association and representing Tom and Norma Wright addressed the Court concerning rules and regulations with septic permitting. He reported to the Commissioner's Court that he would like to assist the county with any updates or modifications to the County rules and regulations. He also suggested the 10 acre rule should be extended to 100 acres and the county should follow TCEQ rules concerning plastic tanks as they meet standards and they go through extensive testing. Poly tanks are created to outlast concrete. He also recommended the local DR have sanitarium training.

Tom Wright spoke to the court and thanked them for taking on the responsibility of Septic permitting locally as this makes it easier for installers rather than working with TCEQ. He also addressed the durability of the Poly tanks.

Norma Wright spoke to the court about the Poly tanks they are using. They are easier to install and in most instances are better suited to for the area. The concrete tanks work just as well but they leak where as the poly tanks do not. The cost is more for the poly tanks however the cost for installation of the concrete tanks is more so it evens out either way.

Discussion but no action at this time.

DISCUSSION REGARDING RENEWAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY ACA REPORTING AND TRACKING SERVICE (ARTS) FOR REPORTING OF 1094C AND 1095C FORMS AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN THE 2022 RENEWAL CONFIRMATION PROGRAM AGREEMENT

Kim Dungan presented paperwork to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Birdwell made a motion to renew services provided by ACA reporting and tracking service(ARTS) and authorizing the County Judge to sign the 2022 renewal confirmation [program agreement](#). Commissioner Ward seconded and passed unanimously (5-0).

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

Discussion but no action at this time.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING A BID PLACED BY CITY OF BRYSON FOR PROPERTY HELD IN TRUST BY JACK COUNTY TAXING ENTITIES AND IF APPROVED TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN A DEED WITHOUT WARRANTY CONVEYING SAID PROPERTY

There was discussion but no action at this time.

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

Mr. Marley recently returned to work on the assembly room after a brief illness.

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 OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Commissioner Birdwell reported Barton Chapel road is being rebuilt to Kinder Mountain.

Judge Umphress reported the election is complete however, there is a candidate who has reported to run as an Independent for Precinct 2 Commissioner.

There was discussion on transitioning Kenny Salazar into Commissioner Precinct 2 position. Commissioner Francis has been in contact with him.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

No discussion made.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Francis will need to be placed on the agenda to dename-Quick Style Lane.

Chris Reger spoke with Parker Walden and he will not be able to fulfill his commitment to the County as he has a new job, also the SO has their racial profiling report ready.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 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