

MINUTES

On this the 28th day of March 2022 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Regular Session at 10:00 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 D. Birdwell Jr.	Commissioner Precinct 3
Terry Ward	Commissioner Precinct 4
Vanessa James	County Clerk
Lisa Perry	County Auditor
Kim Dungan	Assistant County Auditor
Frank Hefner	IT/EMC
Candace Crow	Assistant County Auditor
Brad Campsey	County Treasurer
Scott Simonton	Patrol Lieutenant
Chris Reger	Chief Deputy
Tom Spurlock	Jack County Sheriff
Clyde Watson	County Constable

The following members of the public were in attendance: Jacksboro Herald-Gazette, Kristie Sifuentes, Kenny Salazar, City of Jacksboro Mayor, Craig Fenter, and, Jack County Rural Fire Chief, Jason Jennings.

Judge Umphress spoke regarding the disaster that took place in our community this past Monday an EF3 tornado hit. The community leaders were updated at the fire hall this morning. FEMA will be coming to the County Courtroom today. He presented many letters from school children from other ISD's to our school to encourage them.

Jason Jennings, Jack County Rural Fire Chief, gave an update to the Court.

EMC Frank Hefner-The tornado warning was issued at 3:15 pm the tornado was on the ground at the edge of the County and stayed on the ground through the County. Constable Watson brought an area of pipe from the Courthouse to show the wear of the pipes over the years and the work they have done to fix it.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Francis has tendered his [resignation](#) effective March 31, 2022. This Friday, April 1, 2022, a new Commissioner will be sworn in at 10:00 a.m. as long as the bond is ready by that time.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Constable Clyde Watson gave an update on recent work being done to the Courthouse.

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for February 14, 2022;
- (b) Approval/Renewal of Performance Bond and Oath for Deputy Sheriff Jeremy Howard;
- (c) Reception of Training Hours for Elected County Officials: Judge Brian Keith [Umphress](#), Treasurer Brad Gregg [Campsey](#), and Commissioner Precinct #4 Terry [Ward](#);
- (d) Review and Accept the 2021 [Audit](#) of the Jack County Commissary Fund and Inmate Trust Fund Account;
- (e) Presentation and acceptance of [Racial Profiling Report](#) by Jack County Sheriff/Constable;
- (f) Remove "Quick Style Lane" located off of Hwy #2210 West of Perrin, from the Jack County Master Street Addressing Guide;
- (g) Acceptance of [Resolution](#) to participate with Nortex Security Grants;
- (h) Review and Acceptance of [Auditor's Monthly Reports](#);

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

TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

No timed agenda items.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF “RESERVE DEPUTY POLICY” BY JACK COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

Heard after item 8.

Tom Spurlock updated he currently has 3 reserve deputies. They try to get all of them to work a minimum of 16 hours per month. The current reserves were previously employed full-time by the Sheriff’s Department. There is a current policy regarding reserves.

No action taken.

DISCUSSION, ASSESSMENT AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CONTINUANCE OF A “BURN BAN” FOR JACK COUNTY

This item heard after item #2

Rural Fire Chief Jennings updated, There is hazardous fire danger weather continuing in our area. The spring forecast isn’t showing much precipitation to come.

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to enact a [burn ban](#) for 90 days and to add that when doing work must have 100 gallons of pressurized water on hand. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis and passed unanimously. (5-0)

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

Heard after item 9.

Discussion but no action taken.

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

No action at this time.

APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF “NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION” TO BE SIGNED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE AND AN “ORDER OF SPECIAL ELECTION” TO BE SIGNED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE AND COMMISSIONERS FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 7, 2022 FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Heard after item 3.

Election Administrator, Lynn Casteel updated the Court on the upcoming Election.

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to approve executing the [Notice](#) of Special Election and [Order](#) of Special Election to be held on May 7, 2022. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis and passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE “JACK COUNTY DISASTER RELIEF FUND” THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT THE JACKSBORO NATIONAL BANK AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GOVERNING BOARD TO HANDLE THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS AND ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS TO SUCH FUND

Heard after item 4.

This will be a combined effort of funds administered by the County and City.

Lisa Perry updated on the fund. All donations receipts must be approved by the Court. These funds will be used to help with recovery. She would like to help some uninsured residents replace medications that are needing to be replaced if the Red Cross does not step in to help with these expenses.

Motion was made by Commissioner Francis to accept [donations](#) made to the Jack County Disaster Relief Fund and to approve the establishment of the governing board appointing, the

Mayor of the City of Jacksboro, Craig Fenter, County Judge, Keith Umphress, County Treasurer, Brad Campsey, County Auditor, Lisa Perry, Jacksboro ISD Superintendent, Brad Burnett, Hospital Administrator, Frank Beaman to the board. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and passed unanimously. (5-0)

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

No update at this time.

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

Heard after item 10.

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

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Discussion made. No action taken.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

A sheriff's Department patrol unit received damage in the storm. Deputy Vanderkaay received minor injuries in the unit when the tornado hit. Another deputy's home was destroyed.

Kim Dungan would like the Commissioners to update their precinct inventory.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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 12:06 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