

MINUTES

On this the 11th day of April 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
Kenny Salazar	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
Bryan Newby	Jack County Jail Administrator
Charlie Martin	Jack County Extension Agent
Trasi Ogle	Deputy Tax Assessor-Collector
Monty Jackson	Jailer

The following members of the public were in attendance: Lance Liggett, TDEM, City Manager Mike Smith, City of Jacksboro Mayor, Craig Fenter, Jacksboro Newspapers, Kristie Sifuentes, Edwin Avalos, Britney Salazar, Brandon Avalos, Celeste Avalos, Isabel Bustos, Damaris Avalos, Soleil DeSantiago, Brandy Baldwin, Autumn Baldwin, Denise Mangum, Kalista Dunlap, Beatriz Lopez, Janie Mathias, Becky Coyle, and Will Mangum

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for March 28, 2022;
- (b) Review and Acceptance of Tax Assessor/Collector [Report](#) for March 2022;
- (c) Approval/Renewal of Performance Bond and Oath for Appointed County Commissioner Precinct #2 Kenny Salazar;
- (d) Authorization of issuance of County Credit Cards through County Depository to: Kenny Salazar County Commissioner Precinct #2 and Tammy Miller with Jack County Sheriff's Department, with a limit of \$5,000 each;
- (e) Reception of Certificate of continuing education for County Commissioner Precinct #3 Henry D. [Birdwell](#)
- (f) Approval and acceptance of all [donations](#) being made to the Jack County Disaster Relief;
- (g) Receive and Acceptance of the TAC Risk Management Pool 2021 Safety Achievement Award for Jack County;

Trasi Ogle, Deputy Tax Assessor-Collector gave an overview of the collections made in March 2022.

Commissioner Birdwell 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 POSSIBLE ACTION FOR AN AUCTION TO BE HELD BY RENEE BATES AUCTIONEERS

Commissioner Salazar is looking at his inventory to see what he may want to add to the auction.

SUBMISSION OF THE DECLARATION OF DISASTER FOR JACK COUNTY DATED
MARCH 22, 2022 FOR COMMISSIONER'S COURT RECORDS

The day following the disaster a [Declaration](#) was signed by Judge Umphress. Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to submit the Declaration to the record. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FROM "JACK COUNTY
DISASTER RELIEF FUND" HELD AT JACKSBORO NATIONAL BANK BY
RECOMMENDATION OF "DISASTER RELIEF FUND BOARD"

Auditor, Lisa Perry, would like for the board to have permission from the Court to spend the funds as needed.

Motion Birdwell made a motion authorizing the Jack County Disaster Relief Board to disperse funds from the Jack County Disaster Relief Fund as needed. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed unanimously. (5-0)

REPORT FROM FRANK HEFNER, JACK COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
COORDINATOR ON RECOVERY AND RESTORATION EFFORTS FOLLOWING THE
MARCH 21, 2022 TORNADO DISASTER

Frank Hefner updated the Court regarding recovery. 314 properties were affected or destroyed, 284 of the structures were single-family homes, and 30 of them were businesses. Waste Connections is supplying 30 roll-off containers per week, vegetation debris is still being taken to the Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Grounds, TXDOT is working in town and the county to remove vegetation debris collection. Red Cross has ceased operations in town but is still available on a case-by-case basis. All other disaster groups have disassembled their operations. The resource center at the fair barn is scaling down its operations.

Charlie Martin, County Extension Agent, updated on the donations made to the County. Immediately he began to make a list of people willing to help and receive donations at the County Fair Barn. The Fair Barn was open 7 days a week after the disaster but has now is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. 438 families signed in to receive donations. There have been 334 volunteers who have logged 3,379.84 hours worked at the Fair Barn resource center. The Jacksboro ISD Spanish Club attended Court today. They spent many hours volunteering at the Fair Barn organizing, making food, and helping hand out donations.

Will Mangum, Twin Lakes Activity Center, relief Center, and Red Cross was staged there, and several families that lost their homes came in for shelter. The Red Cross brought in cots, sheets, and blankets for the people there. Everyone has moved out of the activity center at this point. The community took in most of the people that were unable to stay in their homes.

Brandy Lacouture, TDEM disaster recovery task force, attended the meeting via zoom. Ms. Lacouture is working on a long-term recovery plan.

Lance Liggett, TDEM, Jack County has a success story because the community has turned out to help each other. It is amazing the amount of money that has been donated to help. FEMA is working on assessments, he and the EMC will be working on more information on the affected homes while FEMA still is analyzing the information.

RATIFICATION OF ORDER LIFTING BURN BAN

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to ratify the [lifting of the burn ban](#), however, if in the City limits residents will need to contact the City of Jacksboro before burning. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Salazar and passed unanimously. (5-0)

UPDATE AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON APRIL 6, 2022-KIM DUNGAN

The committee discussed possibly making a safety plan for the Courthouse for tornado or fire. The County Jail already has a standing emergency plan. Michael Francis applied for an AED grant.

Wise Fire and Safety came and inspected the fire extinguishers in the Courthouse. They will be scheduling with the precinct barns to inspect theirs.

We have two active workers comp claims.

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

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

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Discussion made. No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND BUDGET GOAL SETTING FOR FY 2022-2023

Budget worksheets will be passed out at the next Commissioner's Court meeting.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

The Auditor's Office will be out the first week of May. Their office will remain open but the supply closet will be locked.

Sheriff's Department is using the Wichita County K9 unit currently since the Jack County unit was damaged in the tornado.

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

Kenny Salazar, Commissioner Pct. #2

Henry Birdwell, Jr. Commissioner Pct. #3

Terry Ward, Commissioner Pct. #4

ATTEST:

Vanessa James, County Clerk