

## MINUTES

On this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Regular Session at 10:05 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
Frank Hefner	IT/EMC
Candace Crow	Assistant County Auditor
Brad Campsey	County Treasurer
Scott Simonton	Patrol Lieutenant
Chris Reger	Chief Deputy
Bryan Newby	Jack County Jail Administrator
Monty Jackson	Jailer
Tammy Miller	Administrative Assistant SO
Heather Pippen	Dispatcher

The following members of the public were in attendance: Susan Elmore, Jess Elmore, Karen Vanderkaay, Janice Watkins, Becky Coyle, City of Jacksboro Mayor, Craig Fenter, Colby Hand, and Johnny Rupe

### PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Commissioner Birdwell 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 this vote.

### CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for April 11, 2022;
- (b) Approval/Renewal of Performance Bond and Oath for Deputy Sheriff Banning Ross Sweatland;
- (c) Approval of Performance Bond and Oath for Appointed Secretary to the Sheriff's Office Tammy Miller;
- (d) Review and Acceptance of [Auditor's Monthly Report](#);
- (e) Approval and authorization for County Judge Umphress to sign all paperwork for the closing to complete the sale of the "Davis Building" known as Lot 1, Block 1. City of Jacksboro, Presently owned by Jack County;
- (f) Approval and acceptance of all [donations](#) being made to the Jack County Disaster Relief Fund;

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

### TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

No timed agenda items.

### PRESENTATION BY WISE HOPE

Wise Hope Director, Janice Watkins and Karen Vanderkaay [presented](#) information about what their organization does in our community. Wise Hope of Jack County opened in 2017. This past year Jack County Wise Hope served 100 residents.

### RECOGNITION OF THE JACK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE COMMUNICATION/DISPATCH STAFF FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE ON MARCH 21, 2022 DURING THE EF3 TORNADO

Plaques were presented to Tammy Miller, former Dispatch Supervisor, and the current Dispatch Supervisor, Heather Pippen. Plaques will be presented to the other communication staff at a later time.

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

Discussion of what equipment precincts have for the auction.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL FOR PRECINCT #2 TO LEASE A TRUCK TRACTOR  
SEMI-TRAILER FROM BRUCKNER LEASING IN FORT WORTH

Trucks whether leasing or buying are a year out. No action to be taken at this time.

DISCUSSION AND ISSUANCE OF LETTER FORMALLY REQUESTING TXDOT  
ENGINEERS TO REVIEW THE CURRENT SAFETY MEASURES AT US HWY #281 AND  
TX HWY 114 Y INTERSECTION NORTH OF JACKSBORO

Judge Umphress reached out to Oscar Chavez with TXDOT after an accident involving the previous County Judge Davenport at the mentioned intersection. Improvements are being made on signage and lighting in this and other areas in the County. There is a public hearing at the City office tomorrow with TXDOT.

UPDATE ON LONG TERM DISASTER RECOVERY EFFORTS DUE TO THE MARCH 21,  
2022 TORNADO

Officials have met with the United Methodist Committee on Recovery, a grant will be applied for to sustain the long-term recovery team for likely 12 months. There will be another meeting in May at the board room at the hospital. There will be local caseworkers hired to research the need of individuals in the affected area.

DISCUSSION AND BUDGET GOAL SETTING FOR FY 2022-2023

Some discussion made about upcoming budget meeting plans.

DISCUSSION AND UPDATE OF COURTHOUSE ASSEMBLY ROOM RENOVATION FOR  
THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE/COMMISSIONER'S COURT

No updates at this time.

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

Susan Elmore addressed the Court, regarding traffic issues on their road during the summer months going to Unks Lake. She would like to have Sheriff's Department support for this issue. Perrin area some 911 calls route to Parker or Palo Pinto County. Cranford Road tree limbs are sticking out to where it is not safe pulling out onto 281.

Commissioner Salazar and Oliver has some iron that needs to be deemed salvage. They will make a list for it to be added to the agenda to be deemed salvage.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Update on jail staffing.

There will be an after-action review tomorrow EMC, Frank Hefner asked Commissioners to attend.

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 1:20 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