

## MINUTES

On this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Regular Session at 9:03 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(arrived at 10:25 am)
Vanessa James	County Clerk
Lisa Perry	County Auditor
Frank Hefner	IT/EMC
Candace Crow	Assistant County Auditor
Brad Campsey	County Treasurer
Tom Spurlock	Jack County Sheriff
Scott Simonton	Patrol Lieutenant
Chris Reger	Chief Deputy

The following members of the public were in attendance: Lee Anderson, Brian Smith, Mike Smith, Tax Assessor/Collector Sharon Robinson, Becky Coyle, City Mayor Craig Fenter

### PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Judge Umphress made a motion to pay all accounts and claims submitted for approval. Commissioner Birdwell seconded and the motion passed. (3-0) Commissioner Oliver abstained from this vote.

### CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for April 25, 2022;
- (b) Review and Acceptance of Tax Assessor/Collector Report for April, 2022;
- (c) Approval/Renewal of Performance Bonds and Oaths for Deputy Sheriff Cole Jensen Peace and Deputy Sheriff Jessica Serna;
- (d) Approval and acceptance of all donations being made to the Jack County Disaster Relief Fund;
- (e) Review and approve Precincts inventory list/description of items to be deemed as salvage;

Tax Assessor Collector Sharon Robinson gave a report on the Tax Office collections for the previous month.

Remove item (d) from consent agenda items as the auditor's office has been away at conference this past week.

Judge Umphress made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items with the exception of item (D) which was removed at this time. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and the motion passed unanimously. (4-0)

### TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

No timed agenda items.

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

Judge Umphress has been in contact with Rene Bates to set the auction for May 23 to June 6, 2022 at 10:00 am. The advertisement will run in the local newspaper for a week and a half. Jack County will sell numerous items and this will online only at [www.jackcounty.org](http://www.jackcounty.org).

## DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR DEEMING CONTENTS OF THE "DAVIS BUILDING" AS SALVAGE

Constable Clyde Watson gave an update on the items from the Davis Building.

Judge Umphress made a motion that items in the Davis Building be deemed as salvage. Commissioner Birdwell seconded and the motion was unanimous (4-0).

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

There will be a meeting at the hospital tomorrow at 10 a.m. with the Long Range Recovery Team to plan and assist in gathering funds for recovery efforts for Jack County. This team will be the decision making body under UMCOR and will be a 2 to 4 year project.

FEMA/SBA will be set up in the Courthouse setting up appointments for individuals whose businesses or homes have be affected by the tornado to set up low rate financing assistance.

Mike Smith with the City of Jacksboro reported that STAR requests for tree removal have ended but the City is continuing the cleanup efforts. He also reported that in order to expedite cleanup they are considering hauling all of the debris to the rodeo grounds or another location and have Waste Management haul it off to a landfill as quickly as possible. TXDOT is trying to remove the metal and clean up the debris that has been gathered at the rodeo grounds. There was also discussion on whether the rodeo grounds will be repaired in the future to continue the annual Jack County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo.

## PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION FOR THE "ROCKEY ESTATES SUBDIVISION" CONTAINING 12.85 ACRES IN THE THOMAS ROBBINS SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 489, LOCATED WEST OF JACKSBORO OFF OF HWY. #380

Mr. Lee Anderson updated the Commissioners on the New Addition which has been changed to Mesquite Estates instead of Rocky Estates. There will be twelve 1 acre lots with a water well system which will be on one of the lots. The addition is located near O'Neal Lane. There will be a culdesac in the back for Fire Trucks to have access and be able to turn around. There is already a water well system there which produces 32 gallons a minute and an additional well will be drilled in case one goes down. Homes will be under the \$300,000 price range but will be nice and up to County Requirements. He is asking the Courts permission to move forward with this project. Deed restrictions will be filed with the county. Once the application is presented the Court will have 30 days to approve it. There will need to be a private road use agreement. Mr. Anderson presented the application and fee to Judge Umphress to begin the process.

Discussion but no action at this time.

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

Candace Crow reported on CTIF that all is up to date. Adjustments will be submitted.

## DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Commissioner Salazar reported that a young man doing community service has been doing an outstanding job assisting in Precinct #2. There was also discussion on traffic patrol going to UNK's Lake this summer.

Commissioner Oliver reported he will be installing some culverts.

## BUDGET FY 2022-2023

Judge Umphress reported he and Lisa Perry will start handing out budget sheets and will begin the budget process real soon.

## REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Judge Umphress commended Constable Clyde Watson for his quick response to an issue with wiring at the Sheriff's Office this past weekend.

Sheriff Spurlock reported all is good at the Sheriff's Office. He recently attended a conference which was very informative.

Auditor Lisa Perry reported all was good at their recent conference.

Frank Hefner gave updates on FEMA being set up in the courthouse for the next 2 weeks. There will be low interest rate loans for those needing assistance. Hours are 8 to 5 Monday through Friday. He also reported that tomorrow at 10 a.m. there will be a meeting at the hospital with the long term recovery group to get a committee in place to start distributing funds. He also shared that a 60 foot air fiber tower was placed at the fair barn to assist with emergency procedures.

#### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

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Brian Keith Umphress County Judge

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Gary Oliver, Commissioner Pct. #1

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Kenny Salazar, Commissioner Pct. #2

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Henry Birdwell, Jr. Commissioner Pct. #3

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Terry Ward, Commissioner Pct. #4

ATTEST:

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Vanessa James, County Clerk