

MINUTES

On this the 13th day of June 2022 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Regular Session at 9:04 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 Sheriff
Brian Newby	

The following members of the public were in attendance: Gretta Owens, Sioux Trombley, Kathy Pruitt, Lee Anderson, Meagan Anderson, Bryan Erwin Craig Fenter, John Gary, Laure Stone, Joel Hood, Ben Garrett, Tricia Garrett, Joe White, Chase Lewis and Roy Rhoades.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for May 23, 2022;
- (b) Review and Acceptance of Tax Assessor/Collector [Report](#) for May 2022;
- (c) Approval and Acceptance of all [donations](#) being made to the Jack County Disaster Relief;
- (d) Reception of TAC [Judicial Education record](#) for Elected Official – County Judge Brian Keith Umphress, totaling 48.5 hours;

Trasi Ogle from the Tax Assessor/Collector's Office presented the May report to the Commissioner's Court.

Judge Umphress 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.

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

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to modify the current onsite sewage facility rules and regulations to include: all ground installed holding tanks shall be TCEQ approved, and all septic systems must be permitted except those greater than 100 acres tracts and shall utilize TCEQ certified installers.

Commissioner Birdwell seconded and the motion was unanimous (5-0).

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

Joel Hood, Chairman of Long Term Recovery thanked the Court for the opportunity to help the community recover from the disaster and no one be left out or leave our community. The

committee has already had several meetings. They have created a mission statement and by-laws so that they can apply to be a 501c3. There will be committees that work to get donations of needed goods. There will be case workers reaching out to the affected community members. By the beginning of July they hope to have two paid positions of case workers to seek out needs for the donations that have been made to the disaster relief funds and utilize other charity funds that could possibly help with the needs.

DISCUSSION OF THE AUCTION HELD BY RENEE BATES AUCTIONEERS

The Auditor gave information about how much total was raised at the auction. Not sure at this time how much commission will be paid out of that total. Some proceeds will go to the Sheriff's Department and some to the District Attorney's Office. At this point proceeds will be added to Other Income on budget.

DISCUSSION, REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE "MESQUITE ESTATES SUBDIVISION" CONTAINING 12.85 ACRES IN THE THOMAS ROBBINS SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 489, LOCATED WEST OF JACKSBORO OFF OF HWY #380

Meagan Anderson, addressed the Court regarding the subdivision. There will be 11 lots on the property. They have clients waiting on the outcome of this vote to begin the selection of their lot and start building. They have done a water study on the area. The report showed that there would be plenty of water and the quality of the water would be acceptable.

Brian Irwin with Irwin Water Well addressed the Court regarding the water study he did for the plat. He did the study according to TCEQ regulations. They did a pump test on the existing well there in the designated area and used the collected information to make the report. Because of the amount of people in the subdivision it will be a public water source which requires more regulations on water testing. They will be drilling another well. There is enough water that they wouldn't need a storage tank but one will be installed anyway. The water is about 240 – 260 ft deep. The aquifer is not consistent if you go to another area the water is sometimes not at prevalent. He doesn't expect this well to make too much draw down for other wells in the area. Required testing will be administered as soon as any connections are made, according to Mr. Anderson.

Members of the public addressed the Court regarding the proposed subdivision.

Mrs. Pruitt-concerned that there will not be enough water for all of the homes in the area.

Joe White- his well pump is at 180 feet at one time they had to raise the pump to 160 He has had to add a water purifying system to his well. He is concerned that 11 homes may be too many in the area because some homes use 400 gallons a day.

Mr. Anderson addressed that if the lots were 2 acres and there were 5-6 wells you couldn't control the water usage. With the lots being smaller and a system being installed you can control the usage more.

John Gary addressed the Court. His well is at 230 ft and has run it dry one year trying to have a garden. He has had his well tested and been told his water has bacteria in the past. He is also concerned with traffic and who will enforce restrictions when the current owners are done with the subdivision.

Gretta Owen- expressed concerns about the failure rate of septic systems.

All application requirements have been met. Judge Umphress makes a motion to approve as submitted.

Seconded by Commissioner Salazar passed.

Roll call vote requested by Judge Umphress.

Umphress yes

Salazar yes

Ward yes

Birdwell no

Oliver no

Subdivision approved (3-2)

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLERK'S REQUEST TO PURCHASE FILE SHELVING UNIT TO HOLD CASE FILES

Commissioner Birdwell made a motion to approve the request to purchase [file shelving](#) for the County Clerk Office. Judge Umphress seconded and the motion was unanimous (5-0).

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

Candace Crow reported on the latest submissions made.

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Discussion made no action taken.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

County Constable Clyde Watson reported on work being done on the 4th floor.
Chase Lewis, Chief Appraiser for Jack County Appraisal District discussed current tax rates.

BUDGET FY 2022-23

Judge Umphress updated the Court on department requests received at this time.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Sheriff's Department overtime.
Insurance premium increase.
Judge Umphress would like to see security being hired for all local schools due to the recent school shooting in Uvalde.

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 2:17 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