

MINUTES

On this the 27th day of June 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:

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| 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 |
| Suzanne Brooks | Deputy Clerk |
| Kim Morris | Assistant County Auditor |
| Frank Hefner | IT/EMC |
| Candace Crow | Assistant County Auditor |
| Scott Simonton | Patrol Lieutenant |
| Brian Newby | Jail Administrator |
| Michael Francis | Lieutenant |
| Tammy Miller | LEC Executive Secretary/911 Coordinator |
| Heather Pippin | SO Dispatch Sergeant |

The following members of the public were in attendance: Debra Tillery, Jacksboro City Mayor Craig Fenter, Summer Burkett, A.J. Moss, and Becky Coyle.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Candace Crow and Kim Morris gave updates on bills and accounts for approval to include property and vehicle insurance and several larger purchases.

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 June 13, 2022;
- (b) Review and Acceptance of [Auditor's Monthly Reports](#);
- (c) Approval and Acceptance of all [donations](#) being made to the Jack County Disaster Relief;
- (d) Approval/Renewal of Performance Bonds and Oaths for Deputy Sheriff Zachary Walley, Deputy Sheriff Houston Lee Gass, Deputy Sheriff Connie S. Wooten, and Reserve Deputy Sheriff Eldon Ray Hannah;
- (e) Approval of filing all supporting documentation including the plat approval of the "[Mesquite Estates](#)" subdivision containing 12.85 acres in the Thomas Robbins Survey, Abstract No. 489, Jack County, Texas, into Commissioner Court Records of Jack County;
- (f) Approval to deem any item/items remaining after the recent auction, either not picked up or did not receive a qualified bid, as salvage;
- (g) Approval to deem old HP printer in County Auditor's office as salvage;
- (h) Approval and signing of [Resolution](#) with Habitat for Humanity;

Judge Umphress made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items with the correction of item (d) to show Reserve Deputy Connie S. Wooten. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and the motion passed unanimously (4-0). Commissioner Ward stepped out before the vote.

TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

No timed agenda items.

PRESENTATION BY SUMMER BURKETT, PERRIN FFA MEMBER, OF HER SENIOR PREPARED SPEECH THAT SHE WILL GIVE AT THE FFA STATE CONVENTION IN JULY

Summer Burkett did a presentation on Plant-Based Meat versus beef from cattle and the benefits. She told the Court that she has tried plant-based products but her preference is Beef! She came up with this topic because she raises cattle and felt it would be great to do a comparison of the two products.

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

There have been no updates. Judge Umphress believes they are in the process of hiring 2 case workers and have them ready to go by the first of August.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF OVERTIME PAY FOR SHERIFF DEPUTIES

Judge Umphress reported that there have been several Deputies out with illness, therefore the need for overtime of the remaining Deputies.

Commissioner Birdwell made a motion to approve overtime pay for Sheriff Deputies through the remainder of this fiscal year. The motion was amended to state using the same standards as the jail and to end the last pay period of the fiscal year. Judge Umphress seconded and the motion was unanimous (5-0).

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION FOR PURCHASE OF BUILDING AND PROPERTY FROM THE FORT RICHARDSON MASONIC LODGE, LOCATED NEXT TO PRECINCT #2 COUNTY BARN LOCATED IN PERRIN, TEXAS

Commissioner Salazar feels this would be a benefit to the County to purchase this building. The purchase price will need to be discussed but the current owner said it will be affordable. If this is approved Commissioner Salazar would do this out of his budget. There will need to be more information collected before action can be taken.

Discussion but no action at this time.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLERK'S REQUEST TO PURCHASE A PLAT CABINET OUT OF ARCHIVE FUNDS

Commissioner Birdwell made a motion to purchase the [plat cabinet](#). Commissioner Oliver seconded and the motion was unanimous (5-0).

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL FOR THE POSITIONS OF CHIEF DEPUTY AND JAIL ADMINISTRATOR TO BE CLASSIFIED AS AN "EXEMPT EMPLOYEE"

Scott Simonton and Brian Newby gave their opinions on this item. They are maxed out on vacation time so cannot accrue any more at this time but due to employee shortages, they are unable to take a vacation.

Discussion but no action at this time.

REVIEW, APPROVAL AND SIGNATURES BY THE COMMISSIONER'S COURT OF RENEWAL OF TAC HEALTH AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COVERAGE FOR EMPLOYEES FOR PLAN YEAR 2023, TO BE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

Kim Morris gave updates to the Commissioners that there is an increase of 3%. Commissioner Birdwell has been researching the cost of insurance and feels more needs to be done for the employees as the cost to provide insurance for a family does not leave much for the family to live on.

Motion was made by Commissioner Oliver to approve the renewal of the [TAC Health and Employee benefits](#) coverage for the Employees plan year 2023. Commissioner Ward seconded and the motion was unanimous (5-0).

REVIEW, DISCUSS AND UPDATE COVID GUIDELINES AND POLICY

There was discussion of the CDC's guidelines which are 10 days of quarantine with a positive test and 5 days of isolation and 5 days of wearing a mask if exposed. Must be symptom-free for 72 hours.

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to amend the Covid policy to mirror the [CDC guidelines](#) with the discretion of the Department Head. Commissioner Oliver 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 gave the latest updates on CTIF.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLERK'S REQUEST TO PURCHASE
ROLLING SHELVING FOR STORAGE ROOM ON 4th FLOOR

Motion by Judge Umphress to purchase [rolling shelves](#) for the County Clerk for storage on the 4th floor. Commissioner Salazar seconded and the motion passed (5-0)

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLERK TO PAY A CREW TO MOVE 17
SECTIONS OF ROLLER SHELVING AND 544 BOOKS

Judge Umphress made a motion to pay a crew to [move](#) the 17 sections of roller shelving and books. Commissioner Birdwell seconded and the motion passed (5-0).

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF A TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AGREEMENT TO CONTRIBUTE RIGHT OF WAY FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION
AT US HWY 281 AT US HWY 380 AND US HWY 281 AT STATE HWY 199

Judge Umphress presented the agreement to Commissioners for review.

Motion was made by Commissioner Oliver to approve the Texas Department of Transportation Agreement. The motion was seconded by Judge Umphress and was unanimous (5-0).

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DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Nothing new reported.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

The new medical program for the jail will be in effect July 7 , 2022.
There was discussion on money coming in from the Rene' Bates auction.

BUDGET FY 2022-23

Discussion made, no action taken.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Subdivision Regulations, possibly going from 1 acre to 2.
The City of Bryson has donated a Chevrolet ¾ ton truck to Precinct #3 need approval to accept.
Commissioner Oliver needs a larger tractor.

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 3:42 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