

MINUTES

On this the 11th day of July 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
Henry Birdwell, Jr.	Commissioner Precinct 3
Terry Ward	Commissioner Precinct 4
Suzanne Brooks	Deputy Clerk
Lisa Perry	County Auditor
Frank Hefner	IT/EMC
Candace Crow	Assistant County Auditor
Brad Campsey	County Treasurer
Thomas Spurlock	Sheriff
Brian Newby	Jail Administrator
David Vanderkaay	Lieutenant
Chris Reger	Chief Deputy Sheriff
Zach Walley	Corporal Criminal Interdiction Unit
Tammy Miller	LEC Executive Secretary/911 Coordinator
Heather Pippin	SO Dispatch Sergeant
Sharon Robinson	Tax Assessor/Collector

The following members of the public were in attendance: City of Jacksboro Mayor Craig Fenter, Chief of Police Scott Haynes, Melanie Berry, Becky Coyle, R.C. Langford, Debra Tillery and Joel Hood.

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public addressed the Court.

Judge Umphress introduced local community member Melanie Berry as the new liason for Texas State Senator Drew Springer.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meetings for May 27, 2022 and June 27, 2022;
- (b) Review and Acceptance of Tax Assessor/Collector [Report](#) for June 2022;
- (c) Approval and Acceptance of all [donations](#) being made to the Jack County Disaster Relief;
- (d) Approval and Acceptance of Rider and Renewal Bond and Oath for Reserve Deputy Sheriff Connie S Wooten;
- (e) Approval/Renewal Bond and Oath for Deputy Sheriff Cody McGee;
- (f) [Reappointment](#) of Dr. Robert Henry Cooper as County Health Authority in accordance with Texas Health and Safety Code;
- (g) Reception of [Certificate](#) of Continuing Education for County Tax Assessor-Collector Sharon Robinson;

County Tax Assessor Collector Sharon Robinson gave her monthly financial report, she also reported there will be a tax sale in August with 16 properties. She reported on the vehicle registration side and reported income is up since Four Stars car dealership is up and running.

Judge Umphress made a motion to approve consent agenda items. Commissioner Ward seconded and the motion was unanimous (4-0).

TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

No timed agenda items.

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

Discussion on transitioning the Chief Deputy of Jack County Sheriff Department from a non-exempt to exempt employee. Comp time would be paid out next cycle and they would not accrue any vacation, sick or comp time. In most counties that position is exempt.

Judge Umphress made a motion to classify the Chief Deputy as an "Exempt Employee". Commissioner Oliver seconded, vote was (2-2) No action at this time.

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

Joel Hood reported they have 2 new case workers-Susan Coley and Sandra Dixon which will allow them to move forward with recovery efforts. They are in the process of applying for their 501(C)3 status which will be beneficial working with UMCOR. Progress is being made.

UPDATE AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

Kim Dungan gave updates on their recent meeting. There was discussion of Commissioner's work crews having signs to show slow moving vehicle and workers ahead if there is a blind spot or working on a curve, also making sure fire extinguishers and first aid kits are in all vehicles and equipment. There will be a summarized report showing recommendations from the Safety and Health Committee.

ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF DONATION OF A CHEVROLET ¾ TON PICKUP FROM THE CITY OF BRYSON TO BE USED IN PRECINCT #3

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to accept the donation of the Chevrolet ¾ Ton pickup from the City of Bryson. Judge Umphress seconded and the motion was unanimous (4-0).

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

Candace Crow gave updates.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR COURTHOUSE ROOF REPAIRS

TAC gave \$65,000 toward this project. There was a recommendation for a TPO roof.

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to solicit bids for Courthouse roof repairs. Commissioner Oliver seconded and the motion was unanimous (4-0).

UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO UTILIZE COURTHOUSE RENOVATION FUNDS FOR FOURTH FLOOR, DISTRICT COURTROOM, COURTHOUSE OFFICES AND ASSEMBLY ROOM

Frank Hefner did a presentation on the progress to date and plans for the 4th floor.

Recess 11:09 a.m.
Resume 11:45 a.m.

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to use up to \$150,000 for renovations in this fiscal years budget amount. Seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed (4-0).

DISCUSS AND APPROVAL OF EQUIPMENT PURCHASE FOR SRT TEAM

They would like to have 1 vendor for new Deputies to be able to be fitted. They will be trained and equipped to handle situations as needed. The County has received the 2nd deposit of Rescue America which also can be used.

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to allot \$40,000 to come out of Reserves for the purchase of SRT team equipment. Motion was amended to state that Commissioner Court has set an expectation for SRT training.
Seconded by Commissioner Oliver and vote was unanimous (4-0).

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A MINI SPLIT SYSTEM FOR THE 4TH FLOOR COUNTY CLERK'S RECORDS ROOM AND PAYMENT TO COME FROM THE ARCHIVE FUNDS

Judge Umphress made a motion to approve the purchase and installation of the [mini split system](#) for the 4th floor County Clerk room. Commissioner Oliver seconded and the motion was unanimous (4-0).

REVIEW AND RATIFICATION OF DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY BURN BAN BY COUNTY JUDGE ON JULY 7, 2022, AND ENACTMENT/REINSTATEMENT OF COUNTY-WIDE BURN BAN

Judge Umphress made a motion to ratify the county wide [burn ban](#). Commissioner Oliver seconded and the motion passed (4-0).

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Nothing new reported.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

David Vanderkaay and Zach Walley with Jack County Sheriff Department brought the new Xray system which was recently received for the SO. They have been in training on how to use the system and were able to use on a recent traffic stop. It is a shielded generator and can pick up drugs, money and weapons. It will be beneficial in helping to control drug trafficking. They did a demonstration for the Court.

BUDGET FY 2022-2023

Reviewed Sheriff Department budget requests. Camera maintenance system, electric door and intercom system. Looking at vehicle allowance/leasing.

There will be one more Commissioner Court prior to filing the proposed budget.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Property in Bryson.
Subdivision Rules and Regulations.
Bids for fuel and rock.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business motion was made by Judge Umphress to adjourn. Commissioner Birdwell seconded the motion to adjourn and the motion passed unanimously. (4-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 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