

MINUTES

On this the 8th day of August 2022 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Regular Session at 9:09 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
Brad Campsey	County Treasurer
Brian Newby	Jail Administrator
Scott Simonton	Patrol Lieutenant
Chris Reger	Chief Deputy
Kim Dungan	Assistant Auditor
Tracie Phippen	District Clerk
Jessica Bailey	County Attorney's Assistant
Tammy Miller	SO Dispatch Sergeant
Heather Phippen	Dispatcher
Sharon Robinson	Tax Assessor-Collector
Candace Crow	Auditor's Assistant

The following members of the public were in attendance: R.C. Langford, Jacksboro Mayor, Craig Fenter, Johnathan Gepard, Brittany Seibert, Trenton Harden, Lisa Story, Kristina Banuelos, Monte Snow, Jacksboro City Manager, Michael Smith, Mike Cuba, Becky Coyle, Jack Nichols, Karen Francis, City of Jacksboro Lieutenant Officer Corb

PUBLIC FORUM

Karen Francis addressed the Court regarding concerns she has with the Justice of the Peace office.

Lisa Story addressed the Court regarding concerns she also has with conducting business through the Justice of the Peace office.

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. (4-0) Commissioner Oliver abstained from the vote.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for July 25, 2022;
- (b) Review and Acceptance of Tax Assessor/Collector [Report](#) for July 2022;
- (c) Approval and Acceptance of all [donations](#) being made to the Jack County Disaster Relief;
- (d) Reappointment of Citizen Cindy Barksdale of Chico, Texas to serve as Jack-Wise appointee to the board of the Helen Farabee Center for an additional 2-yr term ending August 31, 2024;
- (e) Authorize Advertising for Bids for Fuel and Lubricants for FY 2022-2023 for Sheriff's Department and Commissioner Precincts;
- (f) Authorize Advertising for Bids for Rock and Road Materials for Commissioner Precincts for FY 2022-2023;
- (g) Authorize placing an ad for Public Hearing on September 12, 2022, to consider a plan for the County Clerk's Technology Fund to collect a fee for the preservation and restoration of County Records;
- (h) Authorize setting of Public Hearing on August 22, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. for the Proposed County Budget FY 2023;

Sharon Robinson, Tax Assessor-Collector gave information on her collection report. And she gave an update on the most recent tax sale.

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

TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

Began 10:48 a.m.

(a) Discussion and action to award bid for replacement of Jack County Courthouse Roof;

Qualifying bids were submitted by, CM Construction-Monte Snow presenting, Diamond A, Christina Banuelos presenting, Restoration Roofing, Trenton Hardin presenting, STX Building and Construction, Ester Rodriguez not present, Nabors Roofing, Brittany Cybert presenting, Castro Roofing, Bryce Crawford not present.

Motion was made by Commissioner Salazar to go with the bid submitted by [Diamond A / Precision Construction and Roofing](#) Seconded by Commissioner Oliver and the motion passed. (3-2) For Commissioner Oliver, Commissioner Salazar, and Judge Umphress. Against-Commissioner Birdwell and Commissioner Ward.

(b) Discussion and action to award bid for General Contractor/Construction Contractor to oversee all aspects of a construction and or remodel projects from start to finish.

One qualifying bid was submitted by Diamond A, Christina Banuelos.

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to accept the bid submitted by [Diamond A](#) for a 1-year term. Each project will have the approval of the Commissioner's Court before it is started. Commissioner Salazar seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (5-0)

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

Craig Fenter, Mayor City of Jacksboro, Frank Hefner, County Emergency Management Coordinator and, Mike Smith, Jacksboro City Manager updated the Court regarding case workers that are out meeting with citizens whose homes were affected and vegetation debris disposal.

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

Candace Crow, Assistant Auditor, gave an update.

CONTINUATION OF CURRENT \$10 (STATUTORY MAXIMUM) CHARGE ON VEHICLE REGISTRATION FOR BENEFIT OF ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND AND ELECTION TO NOT ASSESS A CHILD SAFETY FEE OF \$1.50 MAXIMUM; BOTH UNDER CHAPTER 502, TRANSPORTATION CODE FOR FY 2022-2023

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to continue the current \$10 charge on vehicle registrations and elect not to assess the child safety fee of \$1.50. Motion was seconded by Judge Umphress and passed. (3-0) Commissioners Ward and Oliver had stepped out during this item.

DISCUSSION AND ACCEPTANCE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN STRATEGIC ECONOMIC EFFORTS (SEE) FOR THE PURPOSES OF INVESTIGATING AND SECURING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Motion made by Commissioner Birdwell to enter into a [contract](#) with Strategic Economic Efforts. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed. (5-0)

DISCUSS, APPROVE AND AUTHORIZING JUDGE UMPHRESS TO SIGN A TAX DEED FOR PROPERTY BEING HELD IN TRUST BY TAXING ENTITIES, BEING THE EAST PART OF THE SOUTH ½ OF BLOCK #18, ROBERTS ADDITION, WITH A PROPERTY ADDRESS OF 402 SOUTH COLLEGE STREET, BRYSON, TEXAS

Motion made to approve Judge Umphress to sign the Tax Deed Birdwell. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF EQUIPMENT PURCHASE FOR EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER LOCATED ON THE FOURTH FLOOR

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to approve the purchase of equipment for the EOC located on the 4th floor using ARPA funds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

REPORTS, IF ANY BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

County Clerk updated on new shelving installed in the basement of her office.

BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR FY 2022-2023

Discussion made, no action taken.

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 5:41 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