

## MINUTES

On this the 22nd day of August 2022 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Regular Session at 9:01 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
Tammy Miller	SO Dispatch Sergeant
Heather Pippen	Dispatcher
Candace Crow	Auditor's Assistant
Tom Spurlock	County Sheriff
Lynn Casteel	Elections Administrator
Lorena Banuelos	Elections Administrator Assistant

The following members of the public were in attendance: Joel Hood, and City of Jacksboro Mayor, Craig Fenter

### PUBLIC FORUM

#### PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Item heard following item #7.

Commissioner Birdwell made a motion to pay all [accounts and claims](#) submitted for approval. Judge Umphress seconded and the motion passed. (5-0)

#### CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

This item heard after item #2.

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for August 8, 2022 and August 15, 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 Bonds and Oath for the following: 1) Deputy Sheriff Michael Wayne Francis; 2) Jailer/Deputy Sheriff Stephen Scott Simonton;

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

#### TIMED AGENDA ITEMS 10:00 a.m.

The timed agenda began at 10 a.m. following item #11.

- (a) Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate;
- (b) Adopt Budget for FY 2022-2023;

Public hearing closed at 10:30 a.m.

#### ACTION BY COURT ON THE ABOVE [ITEM 4\(a\)](#);

Motion was made by Judge Umphress that property taxes be increased by the adoption of a Maintenance & Operation Tax Rate of \$0.404635, \$0.00 cents for the debt service per \$100 of

evaluation for the 2022-2023 tax year. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioner Oliver – yes  
Commissioner Salazar – yes  
Commissioner Birdwell - yes  
Commissioner Ward – yes  
Judge Umphress – yes

Motion was made by Judge Umphress that property taxes be increased by the adoption of a Road & Bridge Tax Rate of \$0.107520 per \$100 of evaluation for the 2022-2023 tax year. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioner Oliver – yes  
Commissioner Salazar – yes  
Commissioner Birdwell - yes  
Commissioner Ward – yes  
Judge Umphress – yes

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to allow the statutory exemptions in payment of our property taxes for homesteads and discounts for early payment under §11.13 and §31.05(b) all of the Property Tax Code. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioner Oliver – yes  
Commissioner Salazar – yes  
Commissioner Birdwell - yes  
Commissioner Ward – yes  
Judge Umphress – yes

#### ACTION ON THE ABOVE ITEM 4(b)

No action taken at this time.

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

This item was heard following item #1 public forum.

Joel Hood addressed the Court regarding the Recovery Board and how caseworkers are doing, upcoming fundraisers, and a resource fair they are preparing for affected residents.

#### DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS/REQUESTS BY ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR LYNN CASTEEL

This item was heard after item #3.

- (a) [Certification](#) of unopposed County Candidates

Judge Umphress made a motion to certify the unopposed County Candidates on the November 8, 2022, General Election ballot. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and passed unanimously. (5-0)

- (b) [Order](#) of Election for November 8, 2022;

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to sign the Order of Election for the November 8, 2022, General Election. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed unanimously. (5-0)

- (c) [Notice](#) of General Election held on November 8, 2022;

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward to approve signing the Notice of General Election for the election to be held on November 8, 2022. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Salazar and passed unanimously. (5-0)

#### REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ELECTION AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES BETWEEN JACK COUNTY HOSPITAL AND JACK COUNTY

Heard after item # 8.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward to approve the Election Agreement between Jack County and the Jack County Hospital District. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and passed unanimously. (5-0)

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

Heard after item # 9.

Candace Crow, Assistant Auditor, gave an update.

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Discussion of rain in the area and checking roads.

REPORTS, IF ANY BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Currently fixing a leak in the Jail.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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 11:03 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