

MINUTES

On this the 12th day of September 2022 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Regular Session at 10:02 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
Suzanne Brooks	Chief Deputy Clerk
Lisa Perry	County Auditor
Frank Hefner	IT/EMC
Brian Newby	Jail Administrator
Brad Dixon	County Attorney
Chris Reger	Chief Deputy
David Vanderkaay	Interdiction
Clyde Watson	Constable
Sharon Robinson	Tax Assessor/Collector
Tracy Ogle	Deputy Clerk
Candace Crow	Auditor's Assistant
Tammy Miller	SO Dispatch Sergeant

The following members of the public were in attendance: City of Jacksboro Mayor, Craig Fenter, Mark Ellis, Nicole Ellis, Drew Williams, and Melanie Berry.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

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 was unanimous (4-0). Commissioner Oliver abstained to vote.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

This item was heard after item #2.

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for August 17, 2022, August 19, 2022, August 22, 2022, August 26, 2022, and August 29, 2022;
- (b) Approval of New/Renewal of Performance Bonds and Oaths for Chief Deputy Sheriff Chris DeWayne Reger;
- (c) [Authorization](#) for use of County Road Right-of-Way for Road Crossings by Colt Gathering (North Texas) L.P. on Barton Chapel Road in Precinct #3, Jack County, Texas;
- (d) Approval and Acceptance of all [donations](#) being made to the Jack County Disaster Relief;
- (e) Review and Acceptance of Tax Assessor/Collector [Reports](#) for August 2022;
- (f) Approval of [Proclamation](#) proclaiming the month of September as "Family Mealtime 2022: Connecting for Better Health"-Texas A & M Agrilife Extension;
- (g) Approval of [Proclamation](#) proclaiming the month of September as "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month";
- (h) Continuation of Participation in the Texas County & District Retirement System for the Fiscal Years 2022-2023, at the present rate of participation;
- (i) Approval to deem the following as salvage: 1) One-2 Drawer File Cabinet PO#3569; 2) Two old Heaters from the 4th floor; 3) One AC Unit from District Clerk's office;
- (j) Setting of [Fees](#) for Sheriff and Constable Offices for FY 2023;
- (k) Adoption of "[Resolution](#) Authorizing County Grant Program Year 2023" in support of Texas Dept. of Agriculture grant to Concerned Citizens of Jack Co. Inc., and origination that provides home-delivered meals to homebound persons in the County who are elderly and/or have a disability and certifying that the County has approved the organization's accounting system or fiscal agent;

Alinda Cox addressed the court about the Family Meal Time proclamation and the importance of spending family time together.

Tax Assessor/Collector Sharon Robinson addressed the court on the accomplishments of Trasi Ogle in the Tax Office. She is now Professional County Collector (PCC) certified. She also gave reports of income for the Tax Office, \$209,286 came in for the month of August. There has been a total of \$27 million overall for 2022. \$205,715.21 was collected on the motor vehicle side for the month of August. (see attached report)

Judge Umphress discussed items listed in(I).

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 10:00 a.m.

The timed agenda began at 10:30 a.m. following item #3.

10:00 AM-Review and Action on Bids to Purchase the following:

- (a) Gasoline and Diesel Fuel to be used by Jack County until September 30, 2023;
- (b) Crushed Rock and Road Building Material for use by the County Commissioners for FY 2022-2023 (October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2023);

1 fuel bid received from Grable Oil Company L.P.

2 crushed rock bids were received from Zack Burkett and Martin Marietta Inc.

Public hearing closed at 11:21 a.m.

ACTION BY COURT ON THE ABOVE ITEM 4(a);

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to go with the fuel [bid](#) from Grable Oil. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed (5-0).

ACTION BY COURT ON THE ABOVE ITEM 4(b)

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to go with the bid submitted by Zack Burkett. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell.

After much discussion around the table, Judge Umphress withdrew his motion.

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to go with both bids submitted with [Zack Burkett](#) as the primary and [Martin Marietta Inc.](#) being the secondary. Judge Umphress seconded and the motion was unanimous (5-0).

PRESENTATION FROM AIRFIBER REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING PROVIDING FIBER OPTICS TO THE CITY OF JACKSBORO AND REQUESTING JACK COUNTY TO HELP FUND THE COST WITH MONIES RECEIVED FROM THE RESCUE AMERICA FUNDS

No representative present.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR OPERATION LONE STAR GRANT PROGRAM (OLS) 4635001 FOR PURCHASE OF VIKEN DETECTION X-RAY CAMERA

Heard after Item #10.

David Vanderkaay gave updates on this item.

Motion was made by Judge Umphress for the approval of [Resolution](#) in support of an application for OLS grant program for the purchase of the Viken Detection X-Ray Camera. Motion was seconded Commissioner Ward and was unanimous (5-0).

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR OPERATION LONE STAR GRANT PROGRAM (OLS) 4640201 FOR PURCHASE OF VIGILANT MOBILE LPR 2-CAMERA SYSTEM FOR 2 INTODICTION UNITS

Heard after item #6.

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to approve the [resolution](#) in support of an application for OLS grant for the purchase of Vigilant Mobile LPR 2-Camera System for 2-Intodiction Units. Seconded by Commissioner Salazar and was unanimous (5-0).

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

Heard after item #7.

Frank Hefner gave updates on the long-term disaster recovery efforts. Assistance will be needed with clean-up efforts. There will be an incinerator set up to begin burning debris. TXDOT will be moving in equipment. Jack County will be responsible for site preparation. There is a narrow time frame to get this completed.

Discussion but no action.

DISCUSSION OF LETTER RECEIVED FROM “U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES”
PROPOSING JACK COUNTY REPLACE THE NAME OF SQUAW MOUNTAIN TO
LYNNCREEK MOUNTAIN

Heard after item #8.

No action at this time. The consensus was to send this to the Jack County Historical Commission for their recommendations.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO ISSUE A “DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF
DISASTER” DUE TO LACK OF FEDERAL SECURITY AT THE TEXAS/MEXICO
BORDER SECURITY

Heard after item #4.

This [Declaration](#) is a requirement for the Operation Lone Star Texas grant program. Smuggling/Human trafficking stops have been a recent problem in Jack County as reported by David Vanderkaay.

Motion was made by Commissioner Oliver to issue a “Declaration of Local State of Disaster” due to the lack of Federal Security at the Texas/Mexico Border Security. Commissioner Birdwell seconded and the motion was unanimous (5-0).

SET SALARY SCHEDULES FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR FY 2022-2023 (OCTOBER
1, 2022 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2023)

Heard after item #13.

Discussion but no action at this time.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE INCREASED TRUCK
TRACTOR SEMI-TRUCKS WITH HAZARDOUS ACTIVITY ON HWY FM 1191

Heard after item #11.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward that due to increased truck tractor semi activity with hazardous activity on FM 1191 and FM 2210 for Commissioners write a letter to TXDOT District office officials with concerns.

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

SET COUNTY HOLIDAYS FOR REMAINDER FY 2022 AND FY 2023 AS FOLLOWS

Heard after item #9.

COLUMBUS DAY	OCTOBER 10, 2022
ELECTION DAY (GENERAL)	NOVEMBER 8, 2022
VETERAN’S DAY	NOVEMBER 11, 2022
THANKSGIVING	NOVEMBER 24 & 25, 2022
CHRISTMAS (OBSERVED)	DECEMBER 23 & 26, 2022
NEW YEAR’S DAY (OBSERVED)	JANUARY 2, 2023

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	JANUARY 16, 2023
PRESIDENT'S DAY	FEBRUARY 20, 2022
GOOD FRIDAY	APRIL 7, 2023
MEMORIAL DAY	MAY 29, 2023
JUNETEENTH	JUNE 19, 2023
INDEPENDENCE DAY	JULY 4, 2023
LABOR DAY	SEPTEMBER 4, 2023
EMPLOYEE'S BIRTHDAY	TO BE DETERMINED BY DEPT HEAD

Commissioner Oliver made a motion to set County Holidays for the remainder of FY 2022 and FY 2023 as listed above. Commissioner Birdwell seconded and the motion was unanimous (5-0).

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

Heard after item #12.

Candace Crow, Assistant Auditor, gave an update.

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Heard after item #14.

Discussion of rock to be delivered. Commissioner Birdwell would like to use CTIF funds to purchase more rock.

REPORTS, IF ANY BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Heard after item #15.

Shelving is being installed on the 4th floor for the County Clerk's office.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Correction of holiday schedule for pay Sheriff's Office.

Payout of compensation time for the Sheriff's Office.

Purchase of 10 acres of land for Precinct #2 from the Cranford Estate to move Precinct equipment and barn and possibly fire department and EMS. Could also be a good place for a south tower.

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 1:06 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