

MINUTES

On this the 14th day of November 2022 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Regular Session at 10:01 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
Clyde Watson	County Constable
Sharon Robinson	Tax Assessor/Collector
Candace Crow	Auditor's Assistant
Kim Dungan	Assistant County Auditor
Chris Reger	Sheriff's Chief Deputy
Brian Newby	Jail Administrator
Scott Simonton	Patrol Lieutenant

The following members of the public were in attendance: Jason Jennings, Jeff Jackson, Cal Francis, Mike Smith, Craig Fenter, Jeremy Jennings, Scott Seitrich, Anne Seitrich, Chase Lewis, Joel Hood, Daniel Stubblefield, and T-Bob Hauger.

PUBLIC FORUM

Daniel Stubblefield spoke to the Commissioners regarding the kick-off of Toys for Tots for this year. The toy drive will be on November 19, 2022.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Judge Umphress made a motion to pay all [accounts and claims](#) submitted for approval, including 3 walk-ins. Commissioner Salazar seconded and the motion passed. (3-1). Commissioner Birdwell was against and Commissioner Oliver abstained.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for October 24, 2022;
- (b) Approval and Acceptance of all [donations](#) being made to the Jack County Disaster Relief;
- (c) Review and Acceptance to Tax Assessor/Collector [Report](#)(s) for October, 2022;
- (d) Adoption/Approval of County Longevity Increment [Policy](#) FY 2023 (2022-2023);
- (e) Approval to deem the following as salvage: 1) One old desk from old Custodian's Office; 2) One old desk from the old Constable's Office; 3) One file cabinet out of the old Constable's Office; 4) One old Hot Point Dryer from the 4th floor;

Sharon Robinson, the Tax Assessor/Collector, presented her monthly report to the Court.

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

TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

10:05 a.m.

- 1) Review of bids for Precinct #2 Ford F-450 Chassis XL SD Crew Cab, Model 2021 or newer AND action on same;
[American National](#) the bid had no deposit enclosed with the paperwork.

Motion was made by Commissioner Salazar to purchase the truck outright at this time. Judge Umphress seconded and the motion passed (3-2). Commissioner Oliver and Commissioner Birdwell against.

- 2) Review of bids for EMC Ford F-150 Pickup Truck XLT Crew Cab, Model 2021 or newer, AND action on same;
[Four Stars Ford](#) submitted a timely bid \$59,488

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to accept the bid from Four Stars Ford for EMC Ford 150 XLT and to buy it outright. Commissioner Ward seconded and it passed (4-1). Commissioner Birdwell against.

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

Joel Hood reported that three more employees have been hired by the Long term recovery team each person has skills that will contribute to recovery efforts.

PRESENTATION FOR RESTORATION OF COURTHOUSE DOORS AND LIMESTONE BY
SCOTT AND ANNE SEITRICH WITH SODA BLASTING OF TEXAS

Mr. & Mrs. Seitrich gave a presentation of work they did for the Young County Courthouse and monuments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward to approve the initial bid. Judge Umphress seconded and the motion was unanimous (5-0).

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION, TO UTILIZE RESCUE AMERICA FUNDS
TOWARDS THE NEEDS OF THE JACK COUNTY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Jason Jennings, Jack County Rural Fire Chief presented [information](#) to the Commissioners showing the needs the department has to get its ISO rating up to where it needs to be.

Motion was made by Judge to make a commitment of ARPA for 1 Mack tanker unit for \$367,827. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Salazar and was unanimous (5-0).

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE IRRIGATION MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN IRON BRIDGE IRRIGATION, LLC AND JACK COUNTY

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to approve the [agreement](#). Commissioner Birdwell seconded and the motion passed (5-0).

DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO FINANCIALLY PARTICIPATE IN SUPPORTING
THE FULL TIME PRESENCE OF THE NORTH TEXAS CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY
GROUP

Motion was made by Birdwell to contribute a 20k one-time contribution for assistance and reevaluate after the year. Commissioner Oliver seconded and was unanimous (5-0).

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF PRECINCT #2 PURCHASE OF A CHEVROLET
PICKUP TRUCK

Discussion but no action at this time.

DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING EMPLOYEE MEMBERSHIP WITH
AIREVAC AND/OR CAREFLIGHT

Commissioner Ward made a motion to continue the membership with Careflight for all full-time county employees. Commissioner Oliver seconded and it was unanimous (5-0).

DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR THE (1) TIME
PAYMENT OF A STIPEND TO ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to give all county employees including elected officials a one-time stipend of \$3000 from the county reserves.
Motion dies for lack of a second.

Judge Umphress made a motion to give all county employees including elected officials a one-time stipend of \$2,500 from the county reserves. Commissioner Salazar seconded and the motion passed. (3-2) Commissioner Birdwell and Commissioner Oliver against.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REINVESTMENT ZONE TO
ABATE TAXES DUE TO THE LOSS OF PROPERTY ON THE MARCH 21, 2022 TORNADO

Motion was made by Commissioner Oliver to approve the establishment of a reinvestment zone to abate taxes due to the loss of property due to the March 21, 2022 tornado. Commissioner Birdwell seconded and was unanimous (5-0).

DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE CLOSING OF STREETS AND ALLEYWAYS IN A TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 31.27 ACRES IN THE SAMUEL MOSS SURVEY, ABSTRACT #400, AND ALSO COVERING VARIOUS BLOCKS IN THE JACKSON & MOODY ADDITION TO THE TOWNSITE OF VINEYARD, BEING THE SAME TRACTS CONVEYED TO MORGAN HOBBS IN VOLUME 906, PAGE 690, PUBLIC RECORDS OF JACK COUNTY, TEXAS

Motion was made by Commissioner Salazar to close the [streets and alleyways](#) as listed. Commissioner Birdwell seconded and passed unanimously (5-0).

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

Candace Crow, Assistant Auditor, gave an update.

DISCUSS AND ESTABLISH THE QUALIFICATIONS AND AMOUNTS TO BE PAID FOR ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO BECOME ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE BI-LINGUAL STIPEND AND K-9 STIPEND

A motion was made by Commissioner Oliver for Specialized skills pay(Canine stipend) of \$1200 per year and Language skills pay of \$600 per year available to all county employees upon the recommendation or approval of the Department Head. No retroactive payment. Judge Umphress seconded and it was unanimous (5-0).

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN TEXAS EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TEAMS (TEMAT), TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (TDEM) AND JACK COUNTY

EMC Coordinator Frank Hefner gave updates and reported on working with other counties during their disasters.

Commissioner Birdwell made a motion to approve. Commissioner Ward seconded and it passed (5-0).

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Commissioner Oliver discussed a donation of \$3000 to the Rural Fire Department to utilize as they see fit from the pecan tree/ lost timber restitution plea agreement. Commissioner Salazar spoke with Drew Cranford about the purchase of property for the County Precinct Barn. Commissioner Birdwell reported he is finishing up CTIF funds for rock on Rock Creek Road. Commissioner Ward is still working on a bridge.

REPORTS, IF ANY BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Judge Umphress was concerned that the LED parking lot lights have not been on, Chris Newby reported he would check into it.
The County Thanksgiving meal will be on November 21, 2022, at noon.
Lisa Perry has an invoice from Diamond A for split units going in on the North side of the building.
Constable Clyde Watson gave updates.
Judge Umphress reported he has submitted paperwork with TCEQ regarding acreage rules for Jack County.
Judge Umphress recommends making an assistance payment to the Jack County Fair Barn for usage during the disaster.
Some discussion made, no action taken.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Birdwell would like to discuss using ARPA funds for gravel and a dollar amount if so desired and to create a list of expenditures for the funds.

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 2:39 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