

MINUTES

On this the 9th day of January 2023 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Regular Session at 10:07 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 (left for inquest)
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
Suzanne Brooks	Deputy County Clerk
Lisa Perry	County Auditor
Kim Dungan	County Auditor's Assistant
Candace Crow	County Auditor's Assistant
Frank Hefner	IT/EMC
Brad Campsey	County Treasurer
Clyde Watson	County Constable
Jessica Bailey	County Justice of the Peace
Tracie Pippin	County District Clerk
Lynn Casteel	Elections Administrator
Sharon Robinson	County Tax Assessor/Collector
Brad Dixon	County Attorney
Sherri Petty	County Attorney's Assistant
Tammy Miller	Chief Communications/Admin Assistant
Marie Newby	Jail Administrator

The following members of the public were in attendance: Jacksboro City Manager, Mike Smith, Lucy Robbins, Tim Quintana, Jamie Pennington, Jacie Pennington, Mayor of Jacksboro, Craig Fenter, Doug Angell, Amy Salazar, Kristina Banuelos, Joel Hood, Jason Jennings, Kristi Bailey, Jeff Jackson, Jeremy Jennings, and R.C. Langford.

PUBLIC FORUM

Jaci Pennington, Senior at Bryson High School, and FFA Ford Scholar addressed the Court. She thanked them for their contribution to her project. And gave an update on her project.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Commissioner Birdwell made a motion to pay all [accounts and claims](#) submitted for approval, allocating money to the Jack County Rural Fire Department for the funds for the tanker truck that was approved previously and a walk-in claim of a trailer for Precinct #4. Commissioner Salazar seconded and the motion passed. (4-0)

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for December 27, 2022;
- (b) Approval and Acceptance of all donations being made to the Jack County Disaster Relief;
- (c) Review and Acceptance of Tax Assessor/Collector 's [Report](#) for December 2022;
- (d) Approval of New/Renewal of Performance Bond and Oath for Susan Damron Deputy Clerk for the District Clerk;
- (e) Reception of [Training Hours](#) for Elected County Commissioner Henry Birdwell, Jr.;

Sharon Robinson presented her monthly report for December 2022.

Commissioner Birdwell made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items. The motion was seconded by Judge Umphress and passed unanimously. (4-0)

TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

Swearing in Ceremony of Newly Elected Officials

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

Mennonite Disaster Service will be coming this week to assess the situation to see if we meet the requirements for their group to come in and help rebuild.

DISCUSSION OF AND REPORT FROM SOUTHERN HEALTH PARTNER

Commissioners were presented with a reimbursement check for \$972.77. The current agreement provides a nurse up to 20 hours per week. He feels like the jail would be better served with more hours. To add another 10 hours to the nurse's hours it would cost roughly another \$1,500 per month. He will provide good numbers to Marie to be presented later.

UPDATE AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 4, 2023-KIM DUNGAN

No discussion at this time.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL FOR POSITION ALLOCATION AT THE JACK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Discussion made, no action taken at this time.

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

County Auditor's Assistant, Candace Crow gave updates.

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Make preparations for the upcoming auction. Judge Umphress met with TXDOT about highway 380.

Some discussion made, but no action taken.

REPORTS, IF ANY BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Constable Clyde Watson reported that the front doors have been soda blasted and look great. He also reported that Mark Cooley has been painting around the Courthouse.

Frank Hefner told the Commissioners there will be an audit with the Department of Health and Human Services and they are requesting a member of the Commissioner's Court to be present at the time of the audit. It is regarding a reimbursement grant.

The Judge gave updates on TCEQ (decreasing from 100 acres to 10 acres) he is waiting to hear back from them.

Discussion made, but no action taken.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Auction.

Acreage on new Subdivisions.

Policy on passwords for incoming County Officials.

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. (4-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 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