

## MINUTES

On this the 13th day of March, 2023 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Regular Session at 10:03 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
Terry Ward	Commissioner Precinct 4
Vanessa James	County Clerk
Suzanne Brooks	Deputy County Clerk
Lisa Perry	County Auditor
Candace Crow	County Auditor's Assistant
Frank Hefner	IT/EMC
Brad Campsey	County Treasurer
Chris Reger	Sheriff's Chief Deputy
Brad Dixon	County Attorney
Tracie Pippin	District Clerk
Sharon Robinson	Tax Assessor-Collector
Clyde Watson	County Constable
Lynn Casteel	Elections Administrator
Jeff Miller	Reserve County Constable
Debra Tillery	County Judge's Assistant

The following members of the public were in attendance: Tab Sims, Becky Coyle, and Joel Hood.

### PUBLIC FORUM

Invitation given by Tab Sims to the Night of Reflection for the community one year after the tornado hit.

### PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Judge Umphress made a motion to pay all [accounts and claims](#) submitted for approval. Commissioner Ward seconded and the motion passed. (3-0) Commissioner Oliver abstained.

### CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for February 27, 2023;
- (b) Approval and Acceptance of all [donations](#) being made to the Jack County Disaster Relief;
- (c) Review and Acceptance of Tax Assessor/Collector [Report](#) for February 2023;
- (d) Acceptance of 2022 Certificate of Membership to County Investment Academy and completion of investment education for County Treasurer Brad Gregg Campsey;
- (e) Reception of continuing education Certificate of Completion for Elected County Commissioner Terry Ward;

Tax Assessor-Collector, Sharon Robinson presented her monthly report.

Judge Umphress made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items no donations were received on item (b). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Salazar and passed unanimously. (4-0)

### TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

None.

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

Joel Hood with the Long Term Recovery Board gave an update. Counselors will be available at the Night of Reflection for adults and children needing to talk to someone. Volunteers came and worked on debris removal in preparation for rebuilding projects to come.

### DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ALLOCATION FOR JACK COUNTY MONEY RECEIVED FROM THE OPIOID ABATEMENT TRUST FUND

Funds must be utilized for drug awareness, training, or enforcement. Stomp is an option for these funds or the child welfare board and possibly for the K-9.

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to allocate all funds received to Stomp. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed. (3-0) Commissioner Oliver abstained.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH ALLISON, BASS AND MAGEE, L.L.P. REGARDING THE HECATE ENERGY DOVETAIL SOLAR 1,2 AND 3, HECATE ENERGY DOVETAIL STORAGE, HECATE ENERGY LONGHORN SOLAR AND HECATE ENERGY LONGHORN STORAGE

No action taken at this time.

APPROVAL IN FORM AND AUTHORIZATION FOR COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN THE PROPOSED JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES BETWEEN JACK COUNTY AND JACKSBORO ISD AND BRYSON ISD FOR ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 6, 2023-ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR LYNN CASTEEL

Lynn Casteel presented the contracts to the Court.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward to authorize the signing of the proposed Election Agreement. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed unanimously. (4-0)

DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE JACK COUNTY COURTHOUSE SECURITY TEAM

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward to purchase equipment from the Texas Gun Experience in Grapevine, Texas for the Jack County Courthouse Security Team in the amount of \$9,531.40. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Salazar and passed unanimously. (4-0)

DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF A COUNTY CREDIT CARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500 FOR THE PURPOSE OF JAIL TRANSPORTATION

Lisa Perry spoke with the credit card company and must have a name and social security number to issue new cards.

Motion by Judge Umphress to approve credit cards for designated deputies for \$1,000 to be logged in and under the control of LEC Executive Secretary Tammy Miller to be issued as needed.

Motion was amended by Judge Umphress to state-Motion to approve credit cards issued to all employees at the Law Enforcement Center for \$1,000 to be logged in and under the control of LEC Executive Secretary Tammy Miller to be issued as needed. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Salazar and passed unanimously. (4-0)

DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE JACK COUNTY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING ADDITIONAL WATER TENDERS/TANKERS AND WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING APPARATUS

Commissioners would like to gather more information before making a decision. Discussion but 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

Commissioner Salazar has been looking at new rollers.

REPORTS, IF ANY BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Clyde Watson reported working on HVAC currently. Judge reported needing to replace the carpet at the LEC, main area, and dispatch.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Need to get a list of Salvage items.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business motion was made by Commissioner Oliver to adjourn.  
Commissioner Salazar seconded the motion to adjourn and the motion passed unanimously. (4-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.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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Terry Ward, Commissioner Pct. # 4

ATTEST:

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Vanessa James, County Clerk