

MINUTES

On this the 10th day of April, 2023 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Regular Session at 10:05 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
Candace Crow	County Auditor's Assistant
Frank Hefner	IT/EMC
Brad Campsey	County Treasurer
Chris Reger	Sheriff's Chief Deputy
Tammy Miller	SO Administrative Assistant
Heather Pippen	Communications Sergeant
Sharon Robinson	Tax Assessor/Collector
David Vanderkaay	SO Lieutenant
Clyde Watson	County Constable
Scott Simonton	Patrol Lieutenant

The following members of the public were in attendance: City Manager, Mike Smith, Jamie Pennington, and Jacie Pennington.

PUBLIC FORUM

Jack County Sheriff Tom Spurlock presented the STAR (Superior Tactics and Response) Award to Lieutenant Scott Simonton, who through exceptional tactics, acts to successfully resolve a critical incident, thereby promoting a culture of safety and professionalism to which all officers should aspire. The tactics displayed and performed were conspicuously effective and above the standard expected. Exceptional tactics include the utilization of proper tactics and appropriate force which mitigated the level of danger and which were directly responsible for preventing the incident from escalating to a deadly force situation.

Jaci Pennington, local Ford Scholar gave an update on her project in Bryson.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Judge Umphress made a motion to pay all [accounts and claims](#) submitted for approval. Commissioner Birdwell seconded and the motion passed. (4-0) Commissioner Oliver abstained.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for March 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 March 2023;
- (d) Approval of New/Renewal of Performance Bonds and Oath for Banning Sweatland Jack County Deputy Sheriff;
- (e) Reception of continuing education [Certificate](#) of Completion for Elected County Commissioner Henry D. Birdwell;
- (f) Approval to increase the current county credit card to \$5,000 for Jack County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Scott Simonton;
- (g) Authorization for use of county road right-of-way for utility crossing by [Brazos Telecommunications, Inc.](#) for road boring under Loving Road in Precinct #3;

Tax Assessor/Collector, Sharon Robinson presented her March Monthly Report.

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

TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

None.

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

Joel Hood reported to the County Judge early because he was unable to attend today. Judge Umphress passed on the information from him.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF ESTIMATE FROM DIAMOND A FOR THE
INSTALLATION OF HVAC UPGRADE IN THE JACK COUNTY COURTROOM

No action taken at this time.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO SEND MEMBERS OF THE JACK
COUNTY CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM TO THE PALO DURO PRESBYTERY CRITICAL
INCIDENT CHAPLAINCY TRAINING ON APRIL 26TH, 27TH AND 28TH, 2023, IN WICHITA
FALLS, TEXAS

Team members are from entities in the County and some individuals.

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to approve paying for a total of 14 individuals to attend the training and giving Lieutenant Vanderkaay discretion to use his county credit card for incidentals or meals for the group during training. Judge Umphress seconded the Motion and it passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSS AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS TO ESTABLISH
THE "BURTON SPRINGS CEMETERY ASSOCIATION"

Motion was made by Commissioner Oliver to acknowledge the constitution and [by-laws](#) to establish the "Burton Springs Cemetery Association". Motion was seconded by Judge Umphress and passed unanimously. (5-0)

APPROVE AND SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING IN APRIL 24, 2023 FOR APPROVAL
OF REINVESTMENT ZONE AND CONSIDERATION OF TAX ABATEMENT
AGREEMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to set a public hearing for May 8, 2023, for the renewal of the Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria and approve running the notice in the newspaper. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE SALE OF A 2012 GMC PICKUP FROM PRECINCT #2 BY
AUCTION VIA "PURPLE WAVE"

Motion was made by Commissioner Salazar to sell a 2012 GMC Pickup from Precinct #2 by auction via "Purple Wave". Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed unanimously. (5-0)

APPROVAL OF KYOCERA (5 YEARS) LEASE AGREEMENTS WITH KYOCERA
DOCUMENT SOLUTIONS % HUDSON IMAGING SYSTEMS TO REPLACE THE
CURRENT COPY MACHINES WITH NEWER MODELS FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:
1) DISTRICT CLERK; 2) EXTENSION SERVICES; 3) JUSTICE OF THE PEACE; 4) JACK
COUNTY ATTORNEY; AND 5) JACK COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICES AND JAIL (3).
ALSO, APPROVAL OF MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS (5 YEAR) WITH HUDSON
IMAGING SYSTEMS FOR ALL OF SAID COPIERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward to approve presented lease agreements and maintenance agreements for 5 years. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL ON A PROPOSAL FROM TERRALOGIC OR KOFIL FOR
INDEXING OF HISTORIC AND NON-HISTORIC DEED RECORDS AND
MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS IN THE JACK COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

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

Some discussion made.

REPORTS, IF ANY BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Some discussion made.

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 1:38 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