

## MINUTES

On this the 24th 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
Frank Hefner	County Emergency Management
Lisa Perry	County Auditor
Candace Crow	County Auditor's Assistant
Brad Campsey	County Treasurer
Kim Dungan	Assistant County Auditor
Chris Reger	Sheriff's Chief Deputy
Tammy Miller	SO Administrative Assistant
Clyde Watson	County Constable
Scott Simonton	Chief Deputy Jail Division
Debra Tillery	County Judge's Assistant
Margarita Herrera	County Custodian
Veronica Regino – Beltran	County Custodian

The following members of the public were in attendance: Ben Murray, Craig Fenter, Mayor of the City of Jacksboro, Becky Coyle, and R.C. Langford.

### PUBLIC FORUM

Debra Tillery addressed the Court as a Precinct 2 resident.

### PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Judge Umphress made a motion to pay all accounts and claims submitted for approval including a walk-in request for the Sheriff's Department for the purchase of a Jeep Gladiator and the most recent HVAC work coming from reserves and window coverings coming from Commissioner Watson's Courthouse budget. Commissioner Salazar seconded and the motion failed. (2-3) Judge Umphress and Commissioner Salazar for and Commissioners Oliver, Birdwell, and Ward against.

Motion was made by Commissioner Oliver to pay all [accounts and claims](#) submitted for approval including the most recent HVAC work billed coming from reserves and window covering bills to come from Constable Watson's Courthouse renovation/repair budget. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and passed. (4-1) Commissioner Salazar against.

### CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for April 10, 2023;
- (b) Approval and Acceptance of all [donations](#) being made to the Jack County Disaster Relief;
- (c) Review and Acceptance of Auditor's Monthly [Report](#);
- (d) Approval of New/Renewal of Performance Bond and Oath for Cole Jensen Peace Jack County Deputy Sheriff;
- (e) Reception of Judicial Education [Record](#) for County Judge Brian Keith Umphress;
- (f) Reception of Texas Division of Emergency Management Training Transcript from: County Clerk [Vanessa James](#), County Judge [Brian Keith Umphress](#), and Emergency Management [Frank Hefner](#);

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

### TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

**None.**

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

Catholic Charities and the Salvation Army will both be coming to Jacksboro this week for a meeting with the Long-term Recovery Committee.

#### DISCUSSION OF PRECINCT #2 CONSTRUCTION OF NEW PRECINCT BARN

Discussion made, no action taken.

#### UPDATE AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE APRIL 5, 2023, SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING; AND UPDATE REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2022 SAFETY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR JACK COUNTY

Kim Dungan, Safety and Health Committee member presented information. Constable Watson gave information about the conference he attended with several other members.

#### RECOGNITION AND PRESENTATION OF THE SAFETY CONSCIOUS AWARD

Clyde Watson, Safety and Health Committee member presented the Safety Conscious Award to Veronica Regino – Beltran.

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE PLAT REVISION OF “MESQUITE ESTATES SUBDIVISION” CONTAINING 12.85 ACRES IN THE THOMAS ROBBINS SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 489, LOCATED WEST OF JACKSBORO OFF OF HWY. #380

Discussion made, no action taken at this time.

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE FINAL PLAT OF “STALLION MEADOWS ESTATES” CONTAINING 113.26 ACRE TRACT IN THE S.P.R.R. CO. SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 567 AND THE A. JOHNSON SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 1917, LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST PART OF JACK COUNTY, TEXAS, OFF OF DPS TOWER ROAD

Motion was made by Commissioner Salazar to accept this final plat for the Stallion Meadows Estates as they fix the deficiencies. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and the Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CLOSE A PORTION OF ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT, TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN NEW HOPE CITY (NOW KNOWN AS GIBTOWN), ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN VOLUME E-3, PAGE 31, MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS OF JACK COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING A PORTION OF THE STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY SHOWN ON SAID PLAT AND LABELED AS “FIRST STREET”

Motion was made by Commissioner Salazar to approve the [closing of the road](#). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and passed unanimously. (5-0)

#### PRESENTATION BY JACK COUNTY RESIDENT AND BUSINESS OWNER, BEN MURRAY. ALSO, POSSIBLE ACTION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ACT (SAPA)(87(R)HB2622)

Ben Murray, presented the Resolution Supporting the Second Amendment Preservation Act. He explained his business in the County and his recent experience with the Federal Government because he is a Federal Firearm License holder. He would like the Court to pass an Ordinance on the County's stance.

Judge Umphress is encouraging the Commissioner's Court to educate themselves on this subject to return to the table for some type of action.

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT A PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT OFFICER AND APPROVE THE USE OF A PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT PORTAL ONLINE AT [www.jackcounty.org](http://www.jackcounty.org)

Discussion made, no action taken at this time.

#### DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO REVIEW THE JACK COUNTY SUBDIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS

No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON A PROPOSAL FROM TERRALOGIC OR [KOFILE](#) FOR INDEXING OF HISTORIC AND NON-HISTORIC DEED RECORDS AND MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS IN THE JACK COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to accept the proposal from [Terralogic](#) for the indexing of historic and non-historic records in the Jack County Clerk's Office. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed unanimously. (5-0)

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

Precinct #2 Right of Ways and Easements.  
Subdivision rules and regulations.  
Policies to be adopted.

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 2:16 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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Henry Birdwell, Jr. Commissioner Pct. #3

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Terry Ward, Commissioner Pct. #4

ATTEST:

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Vanessa James, County Clerk