

MINUTES

On this the 8th day of May, 2023 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Regular Session at 10:02 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
Jessica Bailey	Jusice of the Peace
Jean Straughn	JP Deputy Clerk
Jeff Miller	Reserve County Constable
Debra Tillery	County Judge's Assistant
Kim Dungan	Assistant County Auditor

The following members of the public were in attendance: Craig Fenter, Mayor of the City of Jacksboro, Joel Hood, Gabe McAnear, Michael Moore, Susan Abshire, Brenda Tarpley, Jason Johnson, Dana Lovejoy-Leierer, and, Amy Salazar.

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public spoke during public forum.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Judge Umphress made a motion to pay all [accounts and claims](#) submitted for approval. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed unanimously. (5-0)

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for April 24, 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) Authorize Advertising for Bids for purchase of 2020 Mack Truck for Precinct #2;

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

10:00 a.m.

- (a) Public Hearing to consider [Guidelines and Criteria](#) for eligibility to participate in tax abatement pursuant to the provisions of the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act, Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code;

Several members of the public spoke during the public hearing.
Public hearing ended at 11:01 am.

- (b) Possible action by Court on the same above item 4(a);

Motion was made by Commissioner Salazar to accept the presented criteria with only corrections to grammar. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and passed unanimously. (5-0)

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

Joel Hood updated the Court. There were originally 270 cases of damage and the committee is down to 36 cases as of today. There is a volunteer group of young people that will be coming to help with cleaning (debris) and many other clean up projects.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF ESTIMATE FROM MR. ROOTER PLUMBING FOR
REPAIR/REPLACEMENT OF WATER VALVES AND PIPE IN THE COURTHOUSE

No action taken at this time.

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

No updates at this time.

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Some discussion made. Commissioner Oliver is working on bids for a backhoe for Precinct #1.

REPORTS, IF ANY BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Kim Dungan presented to Commissioner court a payroll status change requested from Sheriff's Department for Scott Simonton to pay Chief Deputy rate. This would take action from the Commissioner's Court.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Bid for backhoe for Precinct #1.
GovQA software to assist with Public Information requests.

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 3:02 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