

MINUTES

On this the 12th day of June, 2023 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Regular Session at 10:00 a.m. beginning with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the American flag and Texas flag with the following individuals present:

Gary Oliver	Commissioner Precinct 1
Kenny Salazar	Commissioner Precinct 2
Henry D. Birdwell Jr.	Commissioner Precinct 3 Judge Pro-Tem
Terry Ward	Commissioner Precinct 4
Vanessa James	County Clerk
Frank Hefner	County Emergency Management
Candace Crow	County Auditor's Assistant
Debra Tillery	County Judge's Assistant
Lynn Casteel	Elections Administrator
Clyde Watson	County Constable
Suzanne Brooks	Chief Deputy County Clerk
Sharon Robinson	Tax-Assessor/Collector

The following members of the public were in attendance: Craig Fenter, Mayor of the City of Jacksboro, Mike Smith, Joel Hood, Kathy Pruitt, Gretta Owens, Sioux Trombley, Carol Johnson, Rojane K. Herring, Jason Herring, Craig Hilton, Jacie Pennington, Becky Coyle and Karen Thornton.

PUBLIC FORUM

Jaci Pennington-Ford Scholarship recipient gave the court updates on her project the Bryson Outdoor Community Center, it is almost complete. There will be a Grand opening at the outdoor park on 300 North McCloud Street in Bryson on June 23, 2023 at 6 p.m. She thanked all of the Commissioners and sponsors for their support.

Mr. Jason Herring gave his input on the solar panel project.

Mr. Craig Hilton also gave his input on the solar panel project. He has many concerns.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Commissioner Birdwell made a motion to pay all [accounts and claims](#) submitted for approval with the addition of 1 walk-in. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Salazar and passed unanimously. (3-0) Commissioner Oliver abstained.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for May 22, 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 to deem old dishwashing liquid as salvage to donate to a non-profit organization
- (e) [Authorization](#) for use of county road right-of-way for utility crossings by Brazos Telephone Coop. for two bores: (1) Under Creek on Dearing Rd., (2) Crossing at 1831 Dearing Rd. in Precinct #3;
- (f) Reception of Certificates of Completion for educational training at County Auditors Institute for [Lisa Perry](#), [Kim Dungan](#) and [Candace Crow](#);

TaxAssessor/Collector Sharon Robinson gave updates to the court. (report attached)

Commissioner Oliver made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items with a correction of Tax Assessor/Collector report for May and Crossing at 1831 Dearing Rd. in Precinct #4. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed unanimously. (4-0)

TIMED AGENDA ITEMS 10:00 AM

A. Review and Action on [bids](#) to purchase the following;

- (a) Truck Tractor, Model 2020 or newer with less than 150,000 miles for Precinct #2;

B [Public Hearing](#) and Action for the following:

- (a) Revise the plat for Mesquite Estates Subdivion, Jack County for a 30 foot entrance located North of Lot #2 to provide access from Wesley Chapel Road;

Timed agenda began at 10:01 a.m.-2 bids were received in a timely manner.

(A) Commissioner Salazar made a motion to go with option 2-(extended warranty) with the understanding that it will be paid in full from reserves before Commissioner Salazar's term expires however, if he runs again and is reelected the payoff becomes null and void. Seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed(4-0).

10:15 a.m.-No member of the public here to speak on item (B)

(B) Discussion. More information is needed before making a decision.

Commissioner Ward made a motion to take no action at this time. Commissioner Salazar seconded and the motion passed (3-0). Commissioner Oliver abstained.

Public hearing closed at 10:29 a.m.

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

Joel Hood updated the Court. He and Judge Umphress will be attending the North Texas conference to thank them and request any additional funds available. The High School young men from around the state of Texas are here at this time to help with cleanup projects. The Menonite Men will be here in the Fall to begin building projects.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL FOR THE JACK COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE TO ENTER
INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
DEPARTMENT FOR REMOTE BIRTH ACCESS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE ISSUING
REMOTE BIRTH CERTIFICATES

Commissioner Birdwell made a motion to allow Judge Umphress to sign the agreement. Commissioner Ward seconded and the motion passed (3-0). Commissioner Oliver stepped out.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE CLOSING OF A PORTION OF ROADWAY
KNOWN AS WALKER STREET BETWEEN GUYNN AVE. AND MAIN STREET AND
GRAGG AVE. LOCATED BETWEEN BLOCK 1 & BLOCK 7 OF THE ORIGINAL
TOWNSITE OF CUNDIFF, JACK COUNTY, TEXAS FILED SEPTEMBER 14, 1892 IN
VOLUME 16, PAGE 576, DEED RECORDS OF JACK COUNTY, TEXAS

Motion was made by Commissioner Oliver to approve the closing of a portion of roadway known as [Walker Street](#) between Guynn Ave., Main Street and Gragg Ave. located between Block 1 & Block 7 of the original townsite of Cundiff, Jack County, Texas as stated. Commissioner Salazar seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (4-0).

CONSIDER AND AUTHORIZE SETTING DATE OF JULY 10, 2023 FOR A PUBLIC
HEARING AND PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF SUCH HEARING IN A NEWSPAPER OF
GENERAL CIRCULATION ON THE CREATION OF A REINVESTMENT ZONE TO BE
KNOWN AS JACK COUNTY REINVESTMENT ZONE-LONGHORN FOR PURPOSES OF
TAX ABATEMENT TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE COUNTY,
AND TO TAKE UP FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT,
DEEMED TO BE IN DUE FORM, FROM HECATE ENERGY LONGHORN STORAGE
L.L.C.

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to authorize setting July 10, 2023 for a Public Hearing. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed unanimously. (4-0)

CONSIDER AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO GIVE NOTICE TO OTHER TAXING
JURISDICTIONS OF TAX ABATEMENT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 312, TEXAS TAX
CODE

Commissioner Ward made a motion to give notice to other taxing jurisdictions of Tax Abatement pursuant to Chapter 312, Texas Tax Code. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and passed (4-0)

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE OTIS SERVICE AND REPAIR ORDER

Motion was made by Commissioner Salazar to pay the \$16k to repair the processor board. The motion died for a lack of a second. More discussion made.

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to approve the service and repair [order](#) submitted for \$16,926.69. Commissioner Ward seconded and the motion passed (4-0).

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

Candace Crow gave an update.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE NAMING OF A PRIVATE ROAD LOCATED WITHIN THE FF NEWPORT RANCH, LLC (EAST OF NEWPORT-SOUTH OF FM 2127) TO BE NAMED FECHTEL LANE IN PRECINCT #1, TO BE ADDED TO THE JACK COUNTY MASTER STREET ADDRESS GUIDE FOR 911 ADDRESSING

No action taken at this time.

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Some discussion made.

REPORTS, IF ANY BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Nothing new reported.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

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 11:32 a.m.

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