

MINUTES

On this the 31st day of July, 2023 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Special 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:

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| 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 | EMC/IT |
| Chris Reger | Chief Deputy |

The following members of the public were in attendance: Charlie Edmonson, Billy Brown, Craig Hilton, Greg London, K Pruitt, Martha Craft, R.W. Marley, Trey Patton, Bob Bass, Dottye Hubble, T-Bob Hauger, Issac Hacker, Rojanek Herring, Brandon Westlake, Karen Thornton, Sioux Trombley, Greta Owens, Jason Herring, Worth Thornton, Craig Fenter, Lorrie Mitchell, and, James Herring.

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public spoke.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

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

PUBLIC HEARING

CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CREATION OF A REINVESTMENT ZONE TO BE KNOWN AS JACK COUNTY REINVESTMENT ZONE DOVETAIL AND LONGHORN FOR PURPOSES OF TAX ABATEMENT TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE COUNTY

Public Hearing opened at 10:04 a.m.

REGULAR/OPEN SESSION:

The Court heard from the County's outside counsel Bob Bass. He gave information on the proposed abatement and reinvestment zone agreements.

A. Consider and take possible action to create a reinvestment zone for purposes of tax abatement to provide economic development within the county in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, said reinvestment zone to be known as Jack County Reinvestment Zone-Dovetail and Longhorn located as described and depicted in the application by Tax Abatement Agreement, and in the public notices published in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code.

Commissioner Salazar moved to create a reinvestment zone, to be known as Jack County Reinvestment Zone-[Dovetail](#) and [Longhorn](#) for purposes of tax abatement to provide economic development within the county in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, said reinvestment zone to be located as described in the application by Hecate Energy Dovetail I, LLC. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and passed unanimously. (5-0)

B. Consider and take possible action regarding a Road Use Agreement between Jack County and Hecate Energy Dovetail I, LLC, to address possible degradation of any county-maintained roads in the construction, operation, or maintenance of the Jack County Reinvestment Zone-Dovetail.

Commissioner Birdwell moved to approve a Road Use Agreement between Jack County and Hecate Energy [Dovetail I](#), LLC to address possible degradation of any county-maintained roads with construction, operation, or maintenance of the Jack County reinvestment Zone-Dovetail. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Salazar and passed unanimously. (5-0)

C. Consider and take possible action regarding the adoption of a Tax Abatement Agreement with Hecate Energy Dovetail I, LLC, pursuant to Chapter 312, Texas Tax Code.

Commissioner Birdwell moved to approve a tax abatement agreement with Hecate Energy [Dovetail I](#), LLC, to provide economic development within Jack County Reinvestment Zone-Dovetail located within Jack County in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, upon land described in the application and public notices required by law, for the construction of a solar power generating project of approximately 650 MW capacity, at an estimated cost of \$520,000,000.00 dollars. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed unanimously. (5-0)

D. Consider and take possible action regarding a Road Use Agreement between Jack County and Hecate Energy Dovetail II, LLC, to address possible degradation of any county-maintained roads in the construction, operation, or maintenance of the Jack County Reinvestment Zone-Dovetail.

Commissioner Oliver moved to approve a Road Use Agreement between Jack County and Hecate Energy [Dovetail II](#), LLC to address possible degradation of any county-maintained roads with construction, operation, or maintenance of the Jack County reinvestment Zone-Dovetail. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and passed unanimously. (5-0)

E. Consider and take possible action regarding the adoption of a Tax Abatement Agreement with Hecate Energy Dovetail II, LLC, pursuant to Chapter 312, Texas Tax Code.

Commissioner Birdwell moved to approve a tax abatement agreement with Hecate Energy [Dovetail II](#), LLC, to provide economic development within the Jack County Reinvestment Zone-Dovetail located within Jack County in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code upon land described in the application and public notices required by law, for the construction of a solar power generating project of approximately 650 MW capacity, at an estimated cost of \$520,000,000.00 dollars. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed unanimously. (5-0)

F. Consider and take possible action regarding a Road Use Agreement between Jack County and Hecate Energy Dovetail III, LLC, to address possible degradation of any county-maintained roads in the construction, operation, or maintenance of the Jack County Reinvestment Zone-Dovetail.

Commissioner Salazar moved to approve a Road Use Agreement between Jack County and Hecate Energy [Dovetail III](#), LLC to address possible degradation of any county-maintained roads with construction, operation, or maintenance of the Jack County Reinvestment Zone-Dovetail. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and passed unanimously. (5-0)

G. Consider and take possible action regarding the adoption of a Tax Abatement Agreement with Hecate Energy Dovetail III, LLC, pursuant to Chapter 312, Texas Tax Code.

Commissioner Birdwell moved to approve a tax abatement agreement with Hecate Energy [Dovetail III](#), LLC, to provide economic development within the Jack County Reinvestment Zone-Dovetail located within Jack County in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, upon land described in the application and public notices required by law, for the construction of a solar power generating project of approximately 650 MW capacity, at an estimated cost of \$520,000,000.00 dollars. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed unanimously. (5-0)

H. Consider and take possible action regarding a Road Use Agreement between Jack County and Hecate Energy Dovetail Storage, LLC, to address possible degradation of any county-maintained roads in the construction, operation, or maintenance of the Jack County Reinvestment Zone-Dovetail.

Commissioner Birdwell moved to approve a Road Use Agreement between Jack County and Hecate Energy [Dovetail Storage](#), LLC to address possible degradation of any county-maintained roads with construction, operation, or maintenance of the Jack County Reinvestment Zone-Dovetail. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed unanimously. (5-0)

I. Consider and take possible action regarding the adoption of a Tax Abatement Agreement with Hecate Energy Dovetail Storage, LLC, pursuant to Chapter 312, Texas Tax Code.

Commissioner Oliver moved to approve a tax abatement agreement with Hecate Energy [Dovetail Storage](#), LLC, to provide economic development within the Jack County Reinvestment Zone-Dovetail located within Jack County in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, upon land described in the application and public notices required by law, for the construction of

a battery storage project of approximately 500 MW capacity, at an estimated cost of \$200,000,000.00 dollars. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and it passed unanimously. (5-0)

J. Consider and take possible action regarding a Road Use Agreement between Jack County and Hecate Energy Longhorn Solar, LLC, to address possible degradation of any county-maintained roads in the construction, operation, or maintenance of the Jack County Reinvestment Zone-Longhorn.

Commissioner Salazar moved to approve a Road Use Agreement between Jack County and Hecate Energy [Longhorn Solar](#), LLC to address possible degradation of any county-maintained roads with construction, operation, or maintenance of the Jack County Reinvestment Zone-Longhorn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed unanimously. (5-0)

K. Consider and take possible action regarding the adoption of a Tax Abatement Agreement with Hecate Energy Longhorn Solar, LLC, pursuant to Chapter 312, Texas Tax Code.

Commissioner Birdwell moved to approve a tax abatement agreement with Hecate Energy [Longhorn Solar](#), LLC, to provide economic development within the Jack County Reinvestment Zone-Longhorn, located within Jack County in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, upon land described in the application and public notices required by law, for the construction of a solar power generating project of approximately 650 MW capacity, at an estimated cost of \$520,000,000.00 dollars. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed unanimously. (5-0)

L. Consider and take possible action regarding a Road Use Agreement between Jack County and Hecate Energy Longhorn Storage, LLC, to address possible degradation of any county-maintained roads in the construction, operation, or maintenance of the Jack County Reinvestment Zone-Longhorn.

Commissioner Oliver moved to approve a Road Use Agreement between Jack County and Hecate Energy [Longhorn Storage](#), LLC to address possible degradation of any county-maintained roads with construction, operation, or maintenance of the Jack County reinvestment Zone-Longhorn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Salazar and passed unanimously. (5-0)

M. Consider and take possible action regarding the adoption of a Tax Abatement Agreement with Hecate Energy Longhorn Storage, LLC, pursuant to Chapter 312, Texas Tax Code.

Commissioner Birdwell moved to approve a Tax Abatement Agreement with Hecate Energy [Longhorn Storage](#), LLC, to provide economic development within the Jack County Reinvestment Zone-Longhorn, located within Jack County in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, upon land described in the application and public notices required by law, for the construction of a battery storage project of approximately 500 MW capacity, at an estimated cost of \$200,000,000.00 dollars. Commissioner Oliver seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (5-0)

Public Hearing closed at 10:36 a.m. and the Court went into open session.

REPORTS, IF ANY BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Discussion made, no action taken.

BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR FY 2023-2024

No action taken.

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 2:07 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