

MINUTES

On this the 14th day of August, 2023 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Regular Session at 10:03 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
Candace Crow	Auditor's Assistant
Frank Hefner	EMC/IT
Brad Campsey	County Treasurer
Lisa Perry	County Auditor
Chris Reger	Chief Deputy
Scott Simonton	Chief Deputy Jail Division
Debra Tillery	County Judge's Assistant
Sharon Robinson	Tax Assessor-Collector
Jean Straughn	Deputy Justice of the Peace

The following members of the public were in attendance: Jacksboro City Mayor, Craig Fenter, Jeff Jackson, Karen Vanderkaay, Janice Thompson, Gabe McAnear, Joel Hood, Lisa Story and George Coyle.

PUBLIC FORUM

Gabe McAnear spoke to the Commissioners, he would like to be considered for being a contractor for the County. Jeff Jackson discussed the fire threat and recent fires in the County.

Joel Hood reported on the tornado recovery efforts. The Mennonite men's group has been in Jack County beginning the demolition phase. In the first part of November, another group will come in and begin the foundation phase then begin building. There will be 5 houses built.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Judge Umphress made a motion to pay all [accounts and claims](#) submitted for approval in addition to the invoice submitted from Brian's plumbing for \$49,427.37. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Salazar and passed unanimously. (5-0)

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for July 10, 2023, July 24, 2023 and July 31, 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 July 2023;
- (d) Approval/Renewal of Performance Bonds and Oaths for Deputy Michael Wayne Francis;
- (e) Reception of continuing education [Certificate of Completion](#) for Elected County Tax Assessor-Collector Sharon Robinson;
- (f) Authorize Advertising for Bids for Fuel and Lubricants for FY 2023-2024 for Sheriff's Department and Commissioner Precincts;
- (g) Authorize Advertising for Bids for Rock and Road Materials for Commissioner Precincts for FY 2023-2024;
- (h) Authorize placing an ad for Public Hearing on September 11, 2023, to consider a plan for the County Clerk's Technology Fund to collect a fee for the preservation and restoration of County Records;
- (i) Acceptance of donation from Williams Companies, LLC;
- (j) Renewal of [Interlocal Agreement](#) for 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point Services between Nortex Regional Planning Services (Nortex) and Jack County;
- (k) Authorize placing an ad for Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase for August 28, 2023 at 10:05 a.m.;

Tax Assessor/Collector Sharon Robinson presented her monthly report to the Court and gave an overview of taxes collected and motor vehicle income.

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.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE BENEFITS ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE PROVIDER FOR DENTAL, VISION AND MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR THE OCTOBER 1, 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Kim Dungan gave a recommendation from the Benefits Advisory Committee to use United Healthcare Insurance as the County's Insurance Provider.

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to accept the recommendation from the committee to use United Healthcare Insurance for medical, dental and vision insurance. Commissioner Birdwell seconded and the motion passed. (5-0)

DISCUSS AND APPROVE A 2005 GMC PICKUP FROM PRECINCT #4 TO BE DEEMED AS SALVAGE AND SOLD BY AUCTION VIA PURPLE WAVE

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward to deem a 2005 GMC pickup from Precinct #4 as salvage and sell by auction via Purple Wave. Commissioner Birdwell seconded and the motion passed (5-0).

PRESENTATION BY KAREN VANDERKAAY WITH WISE HOPE

Janice Thompson, Wise Hope Director addressed the Commissioner's Court on what is happening with Wise Hope in Jack County. (Awareness, Education and Prevention)

Karen Vanderkaay reported to the Court that Wise Hope has provided Advocacy services for 90 clients in Jack County this past year, Counseling services for 62 clients and legal aid resources for 31 clients along with many other services. They are asking the County for \$5,000 to help in continuing these services.

CONTINUATION OF CURRENT \$10 (STATUTORY MAXIMUM) CHARGE ON VEHICLE REGISTRATION FOR BENEFIT OF ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND AND ELECTION TO NOT ASSESS A CHILD SAFETY FEE OF \$1.50 MAXIMUM; BOTH UNDER CHAPTER 502, TRANSPORTATION CODE FOR FY 2023-2024

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward to accept the \$10 charge current being made and to make no change. Commissioner Birdwell seconded and the motion passed. (5-0)

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

Candace Crow gave an update.

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Discussion made, no action taken.

REPORTS, IF ANY BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Discussion made, no action taken.

Scott Simonton gave an update on the Jail and housing out of county inmates. Inmate count of 25.

BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR FY 2023-2024

No action taken.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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. (5-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 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