

MINUTES

On this the 28th day of August, 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
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
Kim Dungan	County Auditor's Assistant
Tracie Pippen	District Clerk
Lynn Casteel	Elections Administrator
Nathan Robinson	Probation Officer
James Wigington	Sheriff's Deputy

The following members of the public were in attendance: Melanie Berry, Jeff Jackson, Jim Byers, Todd Cast, Craig Fenter, Joel Hood, and Jeremy Jennings.

PUBLIC FORUM

Melanie Berry with Drew Springer's Office spoke to the Court and gave upcoming dates of the Legislature sessions and Election.

Joel Hood gave an update on Tornado rebuilding.

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 August 14, 2023;
- (b) Review and Acceptance of Auditor's Monthly [Report](#);
- (c) Approval/Renewal of Performance Bonds and Oaths for the following: James Wigington Deputy Sheriff; Gabriel Shaw Deputy Sheriff; and Stephen Scott Simonton Jailer/Deputy Sheriff;
- (d) (left blank on agenda)
- (e) Approval to increase the current county credit card to \$10,000 for County IT/EMC Frank Hefner;
- (f) Rescind Order dated June 27, 2022, due to end of Public Health Emergency on May 11, 2023;
- (g) Approval of Temporary Use [Agreement](#) between County of Jack and Rigid Contractors, LLC to temporarily utilize county property for a lime plant to support TXDOT Project on US 281 Super 2 from Palo Pinto County Line to SH 199 through community of Perrin in Precinct #2;
- (h) Approval of renewal of Memorandum of [Agreement](#) (MOA) in Inter-local Agreement with Helen Farabee Centers and Jack County, involving mental health services for citizens of Jack County;
- (i) Reception of [Certificates of Completion](#) for educational training at 2023 North and East CJCA Annual Conference in Galveston, Texas, for Precinct #1 County Commissioner Gary Oliver;

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

TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

-Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Rate;

Public Hearing began at 10:06 a.m.

No members of the public addressed the Court.

Public Hearing concluded at 10:10 a.m.

DISCUSSION, APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDING JUDGES
AND ALTERNATE JUDGES FOR TWO YEAR TERM BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 23, 2023
AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2025

Judge Umphress made a Motion to approve the [appointment](#) of presiding judges and alternate judges for a two-year term beginning September 23, 2023 and ending August 31, 2023. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSSION, APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF NOTICE AND ORDER OF ELECTION TO
BE HELD NOVEMBER 7, 2023

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to approve and sign the Notice and [Order of Election](#) to be held November 7, 2023. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF PURCHASE BY PRECINCT #2 OF A NEW SANY
ROLLER, MODEL SSR 120-8, SERIAL #Y21112CC4398 FROM BUY BOARD

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to approve the purchase by Precinct #2 of a new sany roller, model SSR-8, Serial #Y21112CC4398 from Buy Board. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Salazar and passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL REGARDING CHANGES MADE BEFORE FILING THE
FINAL PLAT OF "STALLION MEADOWS ESTATES PHASE #2" CONTAINING 341.996
ACRE TRACT BEING OUT OF S.P.R.R. CO. SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 567, A. JOHNSON
SURGEY, ABSTRACT NO. 1917, M. BRUMBELOW SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 1822,
LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST PART OF JACK COUNTY, TEXAS OFF OF DPS TOWER
ROAD, AND A PORTION OF PARKER COUNTY, TEXAS

Motion was made by Commissioner Salazar to approve the presented final plat of [Stallion Meadows Estates Phase Two](#). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed unanimously. (5-0)

PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FROM THE JACK COUNTY RURAL FIRE
DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF WATER TANKERS

Jeff Jackson came to the Court with quote information of \$764,000 for 2 new units.

Motion was made by Commissioner Oliver to purchase 2 more water tankers. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and was unanimous (5-0).

The Motion was amended to include the amount of \$382,000 per unit for a total of \$764,000 to come out of Reserves. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and passed unanimously. (5-0)

PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FROM FAITH COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF AN AMBULANCE

Kelly Hudson gave information regarding an ambulance.

No action taken at this time.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE TO REPLACE A 15 TON PACKAGE
UNITY FOR THE LEC JAIL FROM RED LINE HEATING AND AIR FOR THE ESTIMATED
COST OF \$29,750.00

The Court has requested an estimate to replace two compressors on the unit instead of unit replacement. Two new compressors would cost \$12,000 to \$15,000 including installation with a 90-day warranty.

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to approve the purchase and replace a 15-ton package unit for the LEC Jail from Red Line Heating and Air for the estimated cost of \$29,750.00 with a 9-year warranty. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Salazar and passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION BY SIGNING OF THE "JACK COUNTY JURY SELECTION PLAN" IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 62 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to adopt and sign the Jack County Jury Selection [Plan](#) in accordance with Chapter 62 of the Texas Government Code. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION OF A NEW JUROR PAY PER HB 3474 EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2023, WHICH INCREASES THE AMOUNT OF PETIT JURY MEMBERS PAY FROM A MINIMUM OF \$6.00 TO NOT LESS THAN \$20.00 FOR DAY 1 OF SERVICE AND NOT LESS THAN \$58.00 (PREVIOUSLY \$40.00) FOR EACH DAY THEREAFTER

Commissioner Salazar made a motion to adopt the new juror pay per HB 3474 effective September 1, 2023, which increases the amount of Pettit jury members pay from a minimum of \$6.00 to not less than \$20.00 for day 1 of service and not less than \$58.00 for each day thereafter. Commissioner Ward 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

Chief Deputy of Jail Administration, Scott Simonton gave an update on the jail. Clyde Watson gave an update on plans to complete the assembly room. Maintenance issues that have been taken care of.

BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR FY 2023-2024

Discussion but no action taken.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The naming of Crooked Foot Lane for 911 purposes.
FY 2023/2024 payroll cycle and dates.

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 3:54 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