

MINUTES

On this the 26th day of February, 2024 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
Terry Ward	Commissioner Precinct 4
Vanessa James	County Clerk
Suzanne Brooks	Deputy County Clerk
Candace Crow	Auditor's Assistant
Frank Hefner	EMC/IT
Brad Campsey	County Treasurer
Lisa Perry	County Auditor
Scott Simonton	Chief Jail Administration
Ron Butler	TDEM
Brad Dixon	County Attorney
Chris Reger	Chief Deputy
Lynn Casteel	Elections Administrator
Kim Dungan	Assistant County Auditor

The following members of the public were in attendance: the Mayor of the City of Jacksboro, Craig Fenter, and R.C. Langford.

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 Salazar and passed unanimously. (4-0)

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for February 12, 2024;
- (b) Review and Acceptance of Auditor's Monthly [Report](#);
- (c) Approval / Renewal of Performance Bonds and Oaths for Deputy Sheriff Wilson Newman; Secretary for Jack County Sheriff's Office Tammy Miller; Reserve Deputy Constable Jeffery Miller;

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

- (a) Public Hearing to consider an Order Adopting Rules of Jack County, Texas for On-Site Sewage Facilities, as required by Title 30 TAC Chapter 285.10;

Began at 10:02 a.m.

County Judge Umphress gave information regarding the proposed rules. No members of the public were present or addressed the Court.

Ended at 10:07

- (b) Action by Court on the same above item 4 (a)

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to adopt the proposed [rules](#). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed. (3-1)

DISCUSSION, ACCEPTANCE AND AUTHORIZE JUDGE TO SIGN ENGAGEMENT
LETTER WITH EDGIN, PARKMAN, FLEMING & FLEMING, PC TO CONDUCT FY21
OUTSIDE AUDIT FOR JACK COUNTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward to accept and authorize the County Judge to sign an engagement [letter](#) with Edgin, Parkman, Fleming, and Fleming, PC to conduct FY21 outside audit for Jack County. Motion was seconded by Judge Umphress and passed unanimously. (4-0)

AUTHORIZE COUNTY JUDGE TO EXECUTE NEW INMATE HOUSING CONTRACT
WITH COLLIN COUNTY

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to authorize executing a new inmate housing [contract](#) with Collin County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed unanimously. (4-0)

DISCUSSION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE RETIREMENT OF K-9 UNIT ZENNA FROM
THE JACK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

No action taken at this time.

DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT THE
POSITION OF COUNTY ATTORNEY INVESTIGATOR SUBJECT TO SB 22 CONTINUED
FUNDING

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to adopt the [resolution](#) as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed unanimously. (4-0)

APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION FOR COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN THE PROPOSED
JOINT ELECTIONS AGREEMENT FOR MAY 4, 2024

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward to approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the proposed Joint Elections [Agreement](#) for May 4, 2024. Commissioner Salazar seconded and the motion passed unanimously. (4-0)

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO INCREASE NUMBER OF POSITIONS FOR
THE JACK COUNTY JAIL

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to reallocate the transport officer payroll to go from the jail budget to the SO allowing for the hire of one additional jailer. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Salazar. Motion failed 2 for 2 against.

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Discussion made, no action taken.

REPORTS, IF ANY BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Frank discussed upgrades on communication radios.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Items at the Sheriff's Department to deem salvage.
Judge Umphress is doing research on Freeport tax exemption for future consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business motion was made by Commissioner Oliver to adjourn. Judge Umphress seconded the motion to adjourn and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Ward had to leave early. (3-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

Brian Keith Umphress County Judge

Gary Oliver, Commissioner Pct. #1

Kenny Salazar, Commissioner Pct. #2

Terry Ward, Commissioner Pct. #4

ATTEST:

Vanessa James, County Clerk