

MINUTES

On this the 11th day of March, 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:

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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 |
| Candace Crow | Auditor's Assistant |
| Frank Hefner | EMC/IT |
| Brad Campsey | County Treasurer |
| Lisa Perry | County Auditor |
| Sharon Robinson | Tax Assessor-Collector |
| Scott Simonton | Chief Jail Administration |
| Ron Butler | TDEM |
| Chris Reger | Chief Deputy |
| Kim Dungan | Assistant County Auditor |
| Tammy Miller | SO Admin Assistant / Chief Communications |
| Clyde Watson | County Constable |
| Russell Walden | Jailer |
| Monte Jackson | Jailer |

The following members of the public were in attendance: Craig Fenter, Mayor of the City of Jacksboro, Brenda Tarpley, Jacksboro EDC,

PUBLIC FORUM

Janie Havel, the North Texas Regional Representative from Governor Abbott's Office spoke and introduced herself to the Court.

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) Commissioner Oliver abstained from the vote.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for February 26, 2024;
- (b) Review and Acceptance of Tax Assessor/Collector [Report](#) for February, 2024;
- (c) Approval for Precinct #3 to deem four 6 ft. cement culverts as salvage and then exchange, with a county citizen, said culverts for a 24 ft pipe which will be used for drainage pipe in Precinct #3;
- (d) Receipt and acknowledgment of letter from Texas Ethics Commissioner regarding Election Finance Report;

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

TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

No timed agenda items.

UPDATE AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE MARCH 4TH SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING, WITH THE FOLLOWING

- (a) 2023 Excellence in Safety Award
- (b) 2024 Risk Management Conference
- (c) Recommendation to relocate or remove the yucca plant on the north side of the courthouse.

Kim Dungan updated the Court. Jack County will receive the award at an upcoming conference. The safety committee recommends relocating or removing the yucca plant on the north end of the building.

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to receive the recommendation from the committee and to remove the yucca plant on the North side of the Courthouse. Commissioner Birdwell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (5-0)

RECOGNITION AND PRESENTATION OF THE SAFETY CONSCIOUS AWARD RECIPIENT

Russell Walden, a jailer at the Law Enforcement Center was presented with the Safety Conscious Award.

DISCUSSION WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF HUB INTERNATIONAL REGARDING COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE

Commissioner Birdwell gave reasons for this discussion today. He asked several employees how they felt about the new insurance coverage the County has. He gave information he collected from those discussions. In February our coverage was terminated for a time but was then reinstated with no gap after several days.

Rodney Dryden with the HUB International spoke to the Court.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE CONTRACT WITH PALO PINTO COUNTY FOR INMATE HOUSING

Chief Deputy of Jail Administration, Scott Simonton presented the proposed contract. Motion was made by Judge Umphress to approve the [contract](#) with Palo Pinto County for inmate housing. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed unanimously. (5-0)

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

County Auditor, Lisa Perry presented a cost per inmate figure to the Court. No action taken at this time.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CLEAN UP THE TRACT OF LAND LOCATED EAST OF THE JACK COUNTY LEC

No action taken at this time.

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Discussion made, no action taken.

REPORTS, IF ANY BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Discussion made, no action taken.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business motion was made by Commissioner Oliver to adjourn. Commissioner Birdwell seconded the motion to adjourn, and the motion passed unanimously. (4-0) Commissioner Ward had left the meeting before this item.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:16 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