

MINUTES

On this the 22nd day of April 2024 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Regular 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:

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
Brad Campsey	County Treasurer
Lisa Perry	County Auditor
Sharon Robinson	Tax Assessor-Collector
Scott Simonton	Chief Jail Administration
Chris Reger	Chief Deputy
Jeff Miller	Reserve County Constable
Ron Butler	Texas Dept Emergency Management
Kim Dungan	Assistant County Auditor
Jessica Bailey	Justice of the Peace
Tammy Miller	SO Administrative Assistant
Tracie Pippen	District Clerk

The following members of the public were in attendance: Tayte Ward, Mark Lee Dickson, Sharon VanBaale, Jim Byers, Travis Jonas, Patrick Fogle, Tom Pennington, Jamie Pennington, Katy Hammond, Calli Perry, Joel Hood, Eugene Weldon, Melissa Harmonson, Melanie Berry and Casey Osborn.

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public spoke.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for April 8, 2024;
- (b) Review and Acceptance of Auditor's Monthly [Report](#);
- (c) Approval of New/Renewal of Official Bonds and Oaths for Deputy Sheriff Banning Ross Sweatland, and Deputy Sheriff Cole Jensen Peace;
- (d) Receipt and acceptance of [Certificate](#) of Course Completion for Open Meetings Act by Sharon Robinson Jack County Tax Assessor/Collector;
- (e) Reception of [Certificate](#) of completion of 33.50 hours of approved study for fiscal year 2023 from Texas Judicial Academy for County Judge Brian Keith Umphress and entitled to membership as a Fellow of the Academy;
- (f) Approval of a donation and transfer of title for a Humvee from Jack County Sheriff's Office to Perrin Volunteer Fire Department;
- (g) Approval for Precinct #1, Precinct #3 and Precinct # 4 to deem scrap iron as salvage

Sharon Robinson presented a report regarding a comparison between our previous collection attorney firm and our current firm.

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

TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

No timed agenda items.

PRESENTATION BY KATY HAMMOND REQUESTING A SIGNED PROCLAMATION
FOR STOMP (STANDING TOGETHER ON METH PREVENTION) DECLARING APRIL AS
"SPRING INTO ACTION" MONTH

Katy Hammond presented to the Court information about Spring into Action Month and what they do during the month in the communities and schools during this time to educate students and clean up communities.

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to [proclaim](#) April “Spring into Action” Month. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Salazar and passed unanimously. (5-0)

PRESENTATION BY SHARON VANBAALE REQUESTING A SIGNED PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER WHICH IS OBSERVED ALL ACROSS AMERICA ON MAY 2, 2024

Sharon VanBaale spoke to the Court about the National Day of Prayer. There will be an event in each community in the County.

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to [Proclaim](#) May 2, 2024, the National Day of Prayer. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO WAIVE THE PENALTY AND INTEREST ON DELINQUENT COUNTY TAXES ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT BLOCK 5 NW HUGHSON, JACK COUNTY, PRESENTATION BY TOM AND JAMIE PENNINGTON

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to waive penalty and interest on the personal property located at Block 5 NW Hughson, Jack County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Salazar. Motion failed to pass the vote was 2 for and 3 against.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF ITEMS PROVIDED BY JACK COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE/ JAIL TO BE SOLD BY PURPLE WAVE AUCTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward to approve items provided by Jack County Sheriff’s Office / Jail to be sold by Purple Wave Auction. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Salazar and passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AN ESTIMATE TO PURCHASE AND REPLACE A 4-TON PACKAGE UNIT WITH INSTALLATION FOR THE LEC JAIL FROM RED LINE FOR THE ESTIMATED COST OF \$22,876.00

No action taken at this time.
Commissioner Oliver requested additional bids for repair and replacement.

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

No action taken at this time.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL FOR THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE OFFICE TO SWITCH BACK TO NET DATA FROM LGS SOFTWARE PROGRAM

Justice of the Peace, Jessica Bailey gave information to the Court regarding software needs in her office.

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to approve the proposal submitted for service from [Net Data](#). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL FOR JACK COUNTY TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT AN OFFICE LOCATION IN JACKSBORO TO HOUSE A MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING CENTER OPERATED BY HELEN FARABEE

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to financially support the actions of Helen Farabee creating an office in Jacksboro for an annual contribution beginning October 1, 2024, in the amount of \$15,000. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and the motion passed. (4-1)

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE NAMING OF TWO PRIVATE ROADS LOCATED IN PRECINCT #2 FOR GIBTOWN ESTATES, PHASE II, TO BE NAMES DEXTER LANE AND JULIAN LANE TO BE ADDED TO THE JACK COUNTY MASTER STREET ADDRESS GUIDE FOR 911 ADDRESSING

Motion was made by Commissioner Salazar to approve the naming of two private roads located in Precinct #2 for Gibtown Estates, Phase II to be named Dexter Lane and Julian Lane and to add the lanes to the Jack County Master Street Address Guide for 911 addressing. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO ADOPT "THE PROPOSED JACK COUNTY, TEXAS
SANCTUARY COUNTY FOR THE UNBORN ORDINANCE"

Taye Ward with Young Conservatives of North Texas and Mark Dixon with the Sanctuary for the Unborn [ordinance](#) initiative spoke to the Court about the ordinance.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward to adopt Jack County as a Safe Haven County for the unborn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and it passed unanimously. (5-0)

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

Deeming scrap metal in Precinct 4 as salvage and move forward to get it cleaned up.
Communication equipment(radios).
Scrap metal behind SO.
Ratifying ACA.

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 1:53 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