

MINUTES

On this the 8th day of July, 2024 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Regular Session at 9:04 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
Terry Ward	Commissioner Precinct 4
Frank Hefner	EMC/IT
Suzanne Brooks	Chief Deputy Clerk
Brad Campsey	County Treasurer
Scott Simonton	Chief Jail Administration
Tammy Miller	SO Administrative Assistant
Chris Reger	Chief Deputy
Clyde Watson	County Constable
Lisa Perry	County Auditor
Doug Angell	Reserve Deputy
Sherri Petty	County Attorney Administrative Assistant

The following members of the public were in attendance: T-Bob Hauger, Jeff Jackson, Greta Owens, Jacksboro City Mayor, Craig Fenter, Keeley Payne, Mike Smith and Sioux Trombley.

PUBLIC FORUM

Greta Owens addressed the Court regarding the Friends of the Jacksboro Animal Shelter, she wanted to thank everyone for their support in getting this up and going. Fifteen animals were adopted out during the Fourth of July weekend. The County makes an annual contribution.

Gaye Lowe brought homemade brownies for the Commissioners.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Treasurer Brad Campsey reported Collin County owes a total of \$114,000 for inmates staying in our local jail. Scott Simonton has been in close contact with them to take care of this situation and get the bill paid as soon as possible.

Commissioner Ward made a motion to pay all [accounts and claims](#) submitted for approval. Motion was seconded by Judge Umphress and passed unanimously. (3-0)

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for June 24, 2024;
- (b) Review and Acceptance of Tax Assessor/Collector [Report](#) for June 2024;
- (c) Ratify the consulting agreement between KSA [Engineers](#), Inc. and Jack County To perform a Development Plan Review for Preliminary Plat of Abel's Place Development;
- (d) Appointment of Cindy Barksdale to serve as Jack-Wise appointee to the Board of Trustees of the Helen Farabee Centers, made jointly by Jack and Wise Counties, Place 2, for 2-year term ending August 31, 2026;

Judge Umphress made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed unanimously. (3-0)

TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

No Timed Agenda Items.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION IN THE PURCHASE OF A NEW DIGITAL MARQUEE IN FRONT OF THE JACK COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Keeley Payne presented the Court with pricing packets for updating the Marquee. The total amount would be \$45,000 and they are asking the county for \$11,000 to go toward this project. The Chamber will have an executive board meeting tomorrow, July 9, 2024 to discuss the project. Judge Umphress asked that the board update their guidelines for advertising.

Commissioner Ward would like for all Commissioner's to be in on the discussion and action. Item tabled at this time.

DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING NONCOMPLIANCE OF TAX
ABATEMENT AGREEMENT WITH HECATE ENERGY

Discussion but no action at this time.

DISCUSSION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESIGNATION LETTER FROM SHERIFF
TOM SPURLOCK

Judge Umphress read the resignation [letter](#) from Sheriff Tom Spurlock to the Court.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward to accept the resignation of Sheriff Tom Spurlock effective July 15, 2024. Commissioner Oliver seconded and the motion passed (3-0).

BUDGET WORKSHOP FY2024 – FY2025

10:32 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Budget workshop

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Commissioner Oliver and Commissioner Ward reported they have been busy mowing in their precincts.

REPORTS, IF ANY BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Scott Simonton reported he received a message from Collin County, checks were approved at their Commissioner Court today and will be sent out in the morning. At this time there are 21 Collin County inmates being held in Jack County.

Tammy Miller has been going through the evidence locker and organizing in preparation for the upcoming administrative change.

T-Bob Hauger would like for the Court to look at some changes on Holiday leave.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Special called meeting will be set for Monday, July 15, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. to officially appoint T-Bob Hauger as Jack County Sheriff.

Hecate action.

Marquee funding.

Sheriff's Office Holiday time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business motion was made by Commissioner Oliver to adjourn.

Commissioner Ward seconded the motion to adjourn, and the motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:29 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