

MINUTES

On this the 22nd day of July, 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
Charles Hauger, Jr.	County Sheriff
Ron Butler	TDEM
Doug Angell	SO Commander

The following members of the public were in attendance: the Mayor of the City of Jacksboro, Craig Fenter, Jacksboro City Manager, Mike Smith, Robert Register, Chad Wallace, Brenda Tarpley, Keeley Hamman.

PUBLIC FORUM

Robert Register spoke to the Court regarding the solar farm that is being built in the County.

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 July 15, 2024;
- (b) Review and Acceptance of Auditor's Monthly [Report](#);

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

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

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to approve a [contribution](#) of \$11,000 toward the new marquee sign subject to agreeing on the contract to be presented at a later date. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and the motion passed unanimously. (4-1) Commissioner Ward voted against.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF AN ESCROW ACCOUNT TO BE SET UP AT JACKSBORO NATIONAL BANK PER SIGNED ROAD USE AGREEMENT WITH HECATE ENERGY LONGHORN SOLAR, LLC

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to approve setting up an [escrow account](#) at Jacksboro National Bank in compliance with the Road Use Agreement with Hecate Energy Longhorn Solar, LLC. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed unanimously. (5-0).

DISCUSS AND APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF FINAL PLAT FOR "ABEL'S PLACE SUBDIVISION", 148.191 ACRES IN THE H. MARTINEZ SURVEY, ABSTRACT #383 LOCATED IN PRECINCT #1, OFF COUNTY LINE ROAD, JACK COUNTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Oliver to approve and accept the final plat for "[Abel's Place Subdivision](#)". Motion was seconded by Commissioner Salazar and passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSS AND APPROVE NAMING OF ROADS IN ABEL'S PLACE SUBDIVISION TO BE AS FOLLOWS: REUBEN LANE; VICKIE COURT; AND AARON COURT

Motion was made by Commissioner Oliver to approve the naming of roads in Abel's Place subdivision, Reuben Lane, Vickie Court, and Aaron Court. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Salazar and it passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF ACCEPTING A BID FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDING FOR PRECINCT #2

Commissioner Salazar has received two bids, one from Norvill Construction and one from Craig Construction.

Motion was made by Commissioner Salazar to approve the bid for \$270,908 from [Craig Construction](#) for a building at Precinct 2. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and the motion passed. (3-1) Commissioner Oliver opposed and Judge Umphress was called out for an inquest.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING HOLIDAY TIME POLICY FOR JACK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Hauger suggests the policy change to holiday pay must be used within the calendar year or be forfeited. He will adjust the current policy and present it to the Commissioner's Court for approval.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION IF NEEDED OF SHERIFF'S OFFICE VEHICLE INVENTORY

Sheriff Hauger presented an [inventory](#) of vehicles, their condition, and who they are assigned to. There will be no action taken at this time.

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF AUDITOR'S MONTHLY REPORTS

This item was approved in the consent agenda.

BUDGET WORKSHOP FY 2024 – FY 2025

Discussion made, no action taken.

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Discussion made, no action taken.

REPORTS, IF ANY BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Sheriff Hauger reported that his first week has been busy and things are going well. There are many changes taking place with a lot of positive feedback. At this time they are housing 38 inmates.

Lisa Perry reported on Bryson Senior Citizens Center who the county has been donating to monthly. There had been several checks issued to them that were not cashed They were able to contact someone on this issue and were informed they had lost their 501(C)3 status so did not cash the checks, they have reestablished their 501(C)3. Commissioner Birdwell suggested void all checks and reissue just for this year.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Sheriff's Office holiday policy
Abatement agreement update

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 2:56 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