

MINUTES

On this the 26th day of August, 2024 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Special 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
Doug Angell	SO Commander
Kim Dungan	County Auditor's Assistant
Lynn Casteel	Elections Administrator
Clyde Watson	County Constable
Ron Butler	TDEM
Trasi Ogle	Chief Deputy Tax Assessor-Collector

The following members of the public were in attendance: Jacksboro City Manager, Mike Smith, Mayor for the City of Jacksboro, Craig Fenter, Charlie Edmonson, Johnny Burritt, Janice Thompson, and Karen Vanderkaay.

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 Ward and passed unanimously. (5-0)

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for August 19, 2024;
- (b) Review and Acceptance of Auditor's Monthly [Report](#);
- (c) Approval of Official Bonds and Oaths for: Criminal Investigator Jack County Attorney's Office Michael Wayne Francis; AND Jack County Jailer/Deputy Sheriff Stephen Scott Simonton;
- (d) Approval for Precinct #2 to deem scrap iron as salvage;

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

TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

10:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE

Charlie Edmonson spoke to the Court regarding the proposed Tax Rate. Public Hearing concluded at 10:19 a.m.

PRESENTATION BY KAREN VANDERKAAY WITH WISE HOPE

Janice Thompson and Karen Vanderkaay presented information about Wise Hope.

APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION FOR COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN ORDER OF ELECTION AND NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward to approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the [Order](#) of Election and [Notice](#) of Election for the November 5, 2024, General Election. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed unanimously. (5-0)

APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION FOR COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN PROPOSED JOINT
ELECTION AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES FOR THE
NOVEMBER 5, 2024, GENERAL ELECTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the proposed Joint Election [Agreement](#) and Contract for Election Services for the November 5, 2024, General Election. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed unanimously. (5-0)

REVIEW AND RATIFICATION OF DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY BURN BAN BY
COUNTY JUDGE, DATED AUGUST 18, 2024, AND ENACTMENT/REINSTATEMENT OF
COUNTY-WIDE BURN BAN

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to ratify the Declaration of Emergency [Burn Ban](#) by County Judge, dated August 18, 2024, and enactment/reinstatement of the County-wide burn ban. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO IDENTIFY A LOCATION OFF STATE HIGHWAY #3344
NEAR JACK COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER FOR THE CITY OF JACKSBORO
WATER SYSTEM

Judge Umphress made a motion to enter into a temporary land use [agreement](#) for a tract of land off of FM 3344 in cooperation with the City of Jacksboro to provide a bulk water station site. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR COURTHOUSE
SECURITY WITH SECURE TECH SYSTEMS, INC

Constable Watson updated the Court that all batteries have been changed and maintenance has been taken care of.

Commissioner Ward made a Motion to approve a service [agreement](#) with Secure Tech Systems, Inc. for courthouse security. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Salazar and it passed. (4-1) Commissioner Oliver voted against.

UPDATE AND ACTION FROM BENEFITS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Frank Hefner updated Commissioners regarding the Benefits Advisory Committee's recommendations for the coming budget cycle. The committee would like to keep the current insurance broker until at least the first of the year. Open enrollment is September 10, 2024.

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Some discussion made, no action taken.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Discussion made, no action taken.

BUDGET WORKSHOP FY 2024 – FY 2025

Discussion was made, no action taken.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Possible road closure in Perrin.

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 1:49 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