

MINUTES

On this the 15th day of October, 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
Brad Campsey	County Treasurer
Frank Hefner	EMC/IT
T-Bob Haguer	County Sheriff
Doug Angell	SO Commander
Ron Butler	TDEM
Sharon Robinson	Tax Assessor-Collector

The following members of the public were in attendance: Dottye Hubble, Kathy Pruitt, Brian Smith, Sioux Trombley, and Gretta Owen.

PUBLIC FORUM

Gretta Owen, a member of the Friends of the Jacksboro Animal Shelter gave updates regarding the new quarantine building that has been completed by the Animal Shelter and the drawing they have for a handmade rocker.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Commissioner Ward made a motion to pay all [accounts and claims](#) submitted for approval in addition to the walk-in cost of Airmed Care site Membership Plan. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Salazar and passed. (4-0) Commissioner Oliver abstained from the vote.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for September 23, 2024;
- (b) Review and Acceptance of Tax Assessor/Collector [Report](#) for September 2024;
- (c) Approval for county employees to attend shot clinic to be held on November 11, 2024 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon in employee lounge on 2nd floor of courthouse. Also, to cover any payment due by employee, after insurance;
- (d) Approval/Renewal of Performance Bonds and Oaths for Jack County: 1)Elections Clerk Lorena Banuelos; 2)Constable Clyde E. Watson; 3)Deputy Sheriff James Lee Mayo; 4)Deputy Sheriff Douglas G. Angell;
- (e) Approval of Continuation of Certificate on Bond for Sheriff Charles Hauger, Jr;
- (f) Acceptance of Extension Activity and Travel [Reports](#) from Taylor Chapa and Alinda Cox;
- (g) Adoption of [Resolution](#) in support of County Application for Funds under the Texas Indigent Defense Grant Program;
- (h) Authorization of issuance of County Credit Cards through TIB to the following:
 - 1)Administrative Assistant at Sheriff's Department Nina Stephenson in the amount of \$2,500.00;
 - 2)Deputy Sheriff James Mayo in the amount of \$2,500;
 - 3)Jailer Dennis King in the amount of \$1,000;
- (i) Authorization for use of county road right-of-way for utility crossing by Brazos Telephone Coop. for boring under Smith Road and Salt Creek Roads in Precinct #3;

Judge Umphress made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented striking item (c) to be rescheduled for a later date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and passed unanimously. (5-0)

Motion was amended by Judge Umphress to correct flu shot item (C) which will be October 28, 2024. The amended Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and it passed unanimously. (5-0)

TIMED AGENDA ITEMS: 10:05 A.M.

10:00 A.M. –

- (a) Public Hearing to consider and discuss reducing the speed limit on all county roads to 30 miles per hour, unless otherwise posted;

The public hearing began at 10:43 a.m. and ended at 10:52 a.m.

- (b) Action by Court on the same above item 4(a);

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to approve. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF "AIRMED CARE SITE MEMBERSHIP PLAN" AND
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS FOR UPGRADES FOR ALL FULL TIME JACK COUNTY
EMPLOYEES

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to continue coverage for employees while working and employees will have the option to pay the difference for 24/7 coverage. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSSION, APPROVAL, AND SIGNATURES FOR COMPLETED INDEXING PROJECT
OF HISTORIC AND NON-HISTORIC DEED RECORDS AND MISCELLANEOUS
RECORDS IN THE JACK COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE. PAYMENT FOR HISTORICAL
PROJECT WITH FUNDS FROM "COUNTY CLERK'S RECORDS TECHNOLOGY
ARCHIVE FUND" AND PAYMENT FOR NON-HISTORICAL PROJECT WITH FUNDS
FROM "COUNTY CLERK'S RECORDS MANAGEMENT FUND"

Judge Umphress made a Motion to approve signing the project summaries and payment of invoices from the County Clerk's [Records](#) Technology Fund and County Clerk's [Records](#) Management. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and it passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Some discussion made, no action taken.

The solar project traffic is using roads that are not on the road use agreement and Commissioner Birdwell has been in contact with the company and notified them.

The County Judge sent out 11 summons for the next Commissioner's Court meeting, regarding the Mesquite Estates subdivision access road coming off of Wesley Chapel road.

Frank Hefner updated on FLOCK safety cameras. Currently have 10 cameras in place. Have had a couple of incidents since the cameras have been in place. Will begin adding to each entry point of the County. County Commissioners funded the first round but additional's are funded by a state grant.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Some discussion made, no action taken.

Kim Dungan reported the County was approved for the \$100,000 SB22 grant for County Attorney's Office.

Break 12:03 p.m. to 12:10 p.m.

Judge Umphress would like to establish an HR department responsible for payroll, hiring, firing paperwork etc. Much discussion about salary.

Justice of the Peace Jessica Bailey updated the court on happenings in her office. DPS troopers have recently written 4 large citations (Illegal dumping, overweight truck load, etc.) Would like to see the county have a scale.

Frank reported the new County website will be going live soon.

High speed internet is in place and moving forward.

District Judge has an issue with a piece of molding in his office needing repair. Commissioner Salazar and Commissioner Oliver will check into this.

Sheriff Hauger gave a report of Jail numbers.

Recess at 12:42 until 2 when they will come back for a conference call with Repsol.
Court was call back into order at 2:03 p.m.

Commissioners had a Microsoft Teams conference call with Repsol representative Trey Patton, Donna Powers, legal counsel for Repsol, and, Bob Bass, outside legal counsel for the County.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business motion was made by Commissioner Oliver to adjourn. Commissioner Salazar seconded the motion to adjourn, and the motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 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