

MINUTES

On this the 23rd day of September, 2024 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Special Session at 10:01 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  
Gary Oliver  
Kenny Salazar  
Henry D. Birdwell Jr.  
Terry Ward  
Vanessa James  
Brad Campsey  
Lisa Perry  
T-Bob Haguer  
Doug Angell  
Ron Butler

County Judge  
Commissioner Precinct 1  
Commissioner Precinct 2  
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County Clerk  
County Treasurer  
County Auditor  
County Sheriff  
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**OCT 15 2024**  
**VANESSA JAMES, County Clerk**  
**JACK COUNTY, TEXAS**  
BY \_\_\_\_\_ DEPUTY

The following members of the public were in attendance: Dale B. Camp Jr., Drew Williams, Gage Grabill, Nicole Ellis, Jacksboro City Manager, Mike Smith, Jacksboro Mayor, Craig Fenter, and Brian Smith, Jacksboro Newspapers.

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 Salazar and passed. (5-0)

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for September 9, 2024;
- (b) Review and Acceptance of Auditor's monthly Report;
- (c) Review and Acceptance of signature changes on Sheriff's Office Checking Accounts with Jacksboro National Bank;
- (d) Annual support of Trout Stocking Program at Fort Richardson State Park (\$1,000.00);
- (e) Appointment of Pro Tem County Judge for Commissioners Court for the calendar year 2025;
- (f) Approval of designating the second and fourth Mondays of each month on which Commissioner's Court will convene regular meetings for FY2025, unless those days fall on a designated holiday;

Commissioner Birdwell made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented with the letters (h), (a) & (j) corrected to (d), (e) & (f) and to appoint himself Pro Tem County Judge. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed unanimously. (5-0)

TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

10:00 A.M. – **Review and Action on Bids to Purchase the following:**

- (a) Gasoline and Diesel Fuel to be used by Jack County until September 30, 2025;

Motion was made by Commissioner Oliver to approve the bid from Grable Oil. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed unanimously. (5-0)

- (b) Crushed Rock and Road Building Material for use by the County Commissioners for FY 2024-2025 (October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025);

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to accept the bid received from Zack Burkett company. 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 BULK WATER SYSTEM

No action taken at this time.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF PAYROLL SCHEDULE FOR 2024

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward to approve the payroll schedule presented for FY2024-2025. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSSION, APPROVAL, AND SIGNATURE OF JUDGE UMPHRESS TO ACCEPT THE ENGAGEMENT LETTER BETWEEN JACK COUNTY AND MWH GROUP, CPA CONSULTANTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE ACCOUNTING AND RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING ACCOUNTS OF THE COUNTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward to accept the Engagement Letter between Jack County and MWH Group CPA Consultants for assistance in the accounting and reconciliation of operating accounts of the County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE NORTH CAMPING AREA--ROBERT FRIE

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to commit up to \$50,000 from Jack County for the support of construction in the North Camping Area. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSS AND APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF FINAL PLAT FOR "LONE INDIAN RANCH ADDITION", 512.03 ACRES IN THE MEP & P, RR, CO. SURVEY, ABSTRACT #1556, LOCATED IN PRECINCT #1, OFF FM 1810 E OF CUNDIFF, JACK COUNTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Oliver to approve and accept the final plat for Lone Indian Ranch Addition. Motion was seconded by Judge Umphress and it passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF CLOSING A PORTION OF LOVING AVENUE LOCATED WEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF WEST END STREET, TOWNSHIP OF JERMYN, PRECINCT # 4. JACK COUNTY, TEXAS

Motion to approve Ward closing a portion of Loving Avenue located west of the intersection of West End Street in the Township of Jermyn, Precinct #4 Jack County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and passed unanimously. (5-0)

SET COUNTY HOLIDAYS FOR REMAINDER FY2024 AND FY 2025 AS FOLLOWS:

Columbus Day	October 14, 2024
Election Day (General)	November 5, 2024
Veteran's Day	November 11, 2024
Thanksgiving	November 28 & November 29, 2024
Christmas	December 24 & 25, 2024
New Year's Day	January 1, 2025
Martin Luther King Day	January 20, 2025
President's Day	February 17, 2025
Good Friday	April 18, 2025
Memorial Day	May 26, 2025
Juneteenth	June 19, 2025
Independence Day	July 4, 2025
Labor Day	September 1, 2025
Employee's Birthday	To Be Determined by Dept. Head

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to set these County holidays for the remainder of FY2024 and FY2025. Motion was seconded by Judge Umphress and it passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR FY 2024 SALARIES

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to approve the presented budget amendments for FY2024 Salaries. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Salazar and passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Some discussion made, no action taken.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Some discussion made, no action taken.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Bonds coming in from the Sheriff's Office for approval.  
Commissioner Oliver requested the Trey Patton and Brooks Morrow come to Commissioner's Court.

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 12:45 p.m.

  
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Brian Keith Umphress County Judge

  
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Gary Oliver, Commissioner Pct. #1

  
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Kenny Salazar, Commissioner Pct. #2

  
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Henry Birdwell, Jr. Commissioner Pct. #3

  
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Terry Ward, Commissioner Pct. #4

ATTEST:  
  
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Vanessa James, County Clerk

