

MINUTES

On this the 27th day of January, 2025 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Regular 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	County Judge
Gary Oliver	Commissioner Precinct 1
Terry Ward	Commissioner Precinct 4
Vanessa James	County Clerk
Brad Campsey	County Treasurer
Lisa Perry	County Auditor
Frank Hefner	EMC/IT
T-Bob Hauger	County Sheriff
Doug Angell	Chief Deputy
Alinda Cox	Extension Agent
Debra Tillery	County Judge's Assistant

The following public members were in attendance: Jacksboro City Manager, Mike Smith, Staci Hines, Landyn Hines, Karen Nilson, Walter Wolfe, Eden Clack, Willow Clack, Autumn Hamilton, David Hamilton, Cassia Erwin, Cameron Erwin, Justin Brom, Brian Smith, and Kevin Wolf.

PUBLIC FORUM

Jacksboro City Manager, Mike Smith spoke to the Court thanking the County law enforcement and EMC for helping the City.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Commissioner Ward motioned to pay all [accounts and claims](#) submitted for approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed. (3-0)

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for December 13, 2025;
- (b) Review and Acceptance of Auditor's Monthly [Report](#);
- (c) Approval/Renewal of Performance Bond and Oath for Jack County Deputy District Clerk Lorena Banuelos;
- (d) Reception of continuing education [report](#) from West Texas Rural Counties Association for County Commissioner Precinct #4 Terry Ward for completing 11.5 hours of continuing hour education;

Judge Umphress made a motion to approve the presented Consent Agenda Items changing item a) to approval of minutes from January 13, 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed unanimously. (3-0)

TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION: Briefing and discussion with counsel from Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott L.L.P. regarding Perrin-Whitt CISD et al v. The Williams Companies, Cause No. 5056-B. Meeting closed pursuant to Texas Government Code, Sec. 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney);

Executive Session began at 11:02 a.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: Consider action, if any, on items discussed in Executive Session;

Returned to Open Session at 11:22 a.m.

Judge Umphress motioned that we are not interested in any negotiations or discussion regarding the waiver of 2023 tax penalties and interest of The Williams Company. Commissioner Ward seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (3-0)

PRESENTATION BY TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION AGENTS, ALINDA COX AND TAYLOR CHAPA, AND 4-H PARTICIPANTS IN THE 2025 JACK COUNTY YOUTH FAIR

Many Jack County 4-H members attended the meeting to discuss their success at this year's Jack County youth fair.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF “JACK COUNTY INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY”

Judge Umphress made a Motion to adopt the proposed [inclement weather policy](#). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and it passed unanimously. (3-0)

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE COURTHOUSE SEWER PROBLEMS

Commissioner Oliver gave an update.

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Discussion made, no action taken.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Discussion made, no action taken.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business motion was made by Judge Umphress to adjourn. Commissioner Oliver seconded the motion to adjourn, and the motion passed unanimously. (3-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.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