

MINUTES

On this the 10th day of February, 2025 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Regular Session at 10:04 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
Henry Birdwell, Jr.	Commissioner Precinct 3
Terry Ward	Commissioner Precinct 4
Vanessa James	County Clerk
Brad Campsey	County Treasurer
Lisa Perry	County Auditor
Frank Hefner	EMC/IT
Jessica Bailey	Justice of the Peace
Kim Dungan	Human Resources
Lynn Casteel	Election Administrator
Ron Butler	TDEM
Clyde Watson	County Constable

The following public members were in attendance: Mike Smith and Brian Smith.

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public spoke.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Judge Umphress motioned to pay all [accounts and claims](#) submitted for approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and passed. (3-0) Commissioner Oliver abstained from the vote.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for January 27, 2025;
- (b) Review and Acceptance of Tax Assessor/Collector [Report](#) for January 2025;
- (c) Approval/Renewal of Performance Bond and Oaths for the following: 1) Jack County Sheriff Deputy Matthew Veld; 2) Jack County Sheriff Secretary Tammy Miller;
- (d) Reception of Certificates of Training for Elected County Constable [Clyde Watson](#), as follows: 1) Security and Privacy Training from Criminal Justice Information Services; 2) Certificate of training for TCEC/TLETS Full Access with CCH Recertification Texas from Texas DPS; and 3) Certificate of Completion for Stop Stick Online Safety Training-Manual Deployment;
- (e) Authorization for use of County Road Right-of-Way, as follows: 1) Crossing by [Brazos Telephone Coop](#) on Chastain Road in Precinct #3; 2) Crossing by [FiberLight, LLC](#) on Willow Point Road in Precinct #2;
- (f) Authorization of issuance of County Credit Card through TIB to Jeff Miller Jail Supervisor in the amount of \$5,000.00;
- (g) Acceptance of Extension Activity and Travel Report from agent [Alinda Cox](#);

Commissioner Birdwell made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed unanimously. (4-0)

TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

None

DISCUSSION, APPROVAL, AND SIGNATURES ON RESOLUTION REGARDING ELIMINATION OF COUNTYWIDE POLLING PLACE PROGRAM

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to approve the [resolution](#) in opposition of the elimination of the Countywide polling place program. Commissioner Ward seconded and the motion passed. (4-0)

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME POSITION IN THE JACK COUNTY TREASURER OFFICE

Judge Umphress motioned to approve hiring a part-time position in the Jack County Treasurer’s Office. Commissioner Ward seconded the Motion and it passed. (3-1) with Commissioner Oliver in opposition.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE JUSTICE OF PEACE OFFICE
TO MAKE THEIR PART TIME CLERK FULL TIME

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to approve the Justice of the Peace office making their part-time clerk position a full-time position. Motion was seconded by Judge Umphress and passed. (3-0) Commissioner Ward abstained from the vote.

DEMONSTRATION BY JACK COUNTY SHERIFF K-9 DEPUTY KATIE THOMPSON
WITH K-9 DOG NAMED VIPER

No action at this time, this item will be re-scheduled.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE JACK COUNTY
COURTHOUSE OUTSIDE SEWER REPLACEMENT

No action taken at this time.

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Discussion made, no action taken.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Constable Clyde Watson reported he has been very busy serving papers for the Justice of the Peace, he has also been doing a lot of home visits with the probation office.

IT Director Frank Hefner would like to move the County Auditor Office and the Justice of the Peace Office to a cloud-based financial program.
Discussion made, no action taken.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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. (4-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 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