

MINUTES

On this, the 9th day of June, 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
Henry Birdwell	Commissioner Precinct 3
Terry Ward	Commissioner Precinct 4
Suzanne Brooks	Chief Deputy Clerk
Lisa Perry	County Auditor
Doug Angell	Chief Deputy Sheriff
T-Bob Hauger	County Sheriff
Cara Smith	County Treasurer's Assistant
Ron Butler	TDEM
Kim Dungan	Human Resources

The following public members were in attendance: Brian Smith, Jacksboro Newspapers, Alex Grace with PK Solar LLC/Nedara.

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public spoke.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Commissioner Ward moved to pay all [accounts and claims](#) submitted for approval. Commissioner Birdwell seconded the motion, which passed (3-0). Commissioner Oliver abstained.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for May 27, 2025;
- (b) Review and Acceptance of Tax Assessor /Collector [Reports](#) for May 2025;
- (c) Acceptance of "[Resolution H.R. No. 362](#)" paying tribute to former Precinct #2 Commissioner Kenny Salazar and extending sympathy to his family members;
- (d) Acceptance of "[Resolution H.R. No. 453](#)" designating April 29, 2025 as Jack County Day at the State Capitol;
- (e) Approval of Performance Bond and Oath for Jack County Sheriff Deputy Gary Fitzgerald;

Judge Umphress commended Sheriff Hauger on the hiring of Deputy Gary Fitzgerald.

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

TIMED AGENDA ITEM: 10:05 AM

- (a) Public Hearing to consider establishing guidelines and criteria governing tax abatement for economic development prospects in Jack County;
- (b) Consider/Approve Resolution electing to participate in tax abatement agreements and establishing guidelines and criteria governing tax abatement for economic development prospects and authorize the County Judge to sign appropriate documents subject to the County Attorney's review;

10:23 a.m.- The public hearing began. There was no comment made and no members of the public were present.

10:27 a.m. -Closed public hearing, back in open session.

Commissioner Oliver made a motion to approve the [resolution](#) electing to participate in tax abatement agreements and establish guidelines and criteria governing tax abatement for economic development prospects in Jack County and to authorize the County Judge to sign appropriate documents, subject to the County Attorney's review. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and passed unanimously (4-0). Commissioner Salazar was not in attendance.

TIMED AGENDA ITEM: 10:15 AM

- (a) Public Hearing to discuss the Order Designating the Reinvestment Zone known as the Jack County PK Solar Reinvestment Zone Number 1;
- (b) Discuss and consider approval or take appropriate action on an Order Designating the Reinvestment Zone known as the Jack County PK Solar Reinvestment Zone Number 1 Pursuant to the County's Guidelines and Criteria under the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act, Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code;

10:59 a.m. – The public hearing began. No member of the public spoke or was in attendance.

11:00 a.m. - Closed public hearing, back in open session.

Alex Grace with PK Solar LLC/Nedara and advised by JP Morgan updated the Court on the project.

Commissioner Birdwell made a motion to approve the [Order](#) Designating the Reinvestment Zone to be known as the Jack County PK Solar Reinvestment Zone Number 1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed unanimously (4-0). Commissioner Salazar was not in attendance.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR HOUSING OF PARKER COUNTY INMATES AND AUTHORIZATION FOR SIGNATURES BY COUNTY JUDGE AND COUNTY SHERIFF ON SAID AGREEMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to approve the interlocal cooperation [agreement](#) for housing Parker County inmates and authorizing the County Judge and Sheriff to sign the agreement. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed (4-0).

UPDATE FROM BENEFITS ADVISORY COMMITTEE-KIM DUNGAN

Kim Dungan updated the Commissioners Court on current insurance claims. TAC is not willing to give a quote at this time since our local hospital is not in network. The advisory committee will continue searching for better options.

APPROVAL AND REQUIREMENT BY ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT ANNUALLY FORM CIS "LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT"

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to require all elected officials and department heads to complete and submit each calendar year form CIS "Local Government Officer Conflicts Disclosure Statement. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell, and it passed unanimously. (4-0)

DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ESTABLISH THE REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES FOR A COUNTY CULVERT DRIVEWAY PERMIT

Discussion. Judge Umphress gave his recommendation. He would like permits to go through the County Clerk's Office, and would like there to be a way to track this through the county software. The recommended application fee is \$100.

No action at this time.

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

County Culvert Driveway permits.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Oliver moved to adjourn. Commissioner Birdwell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (4-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

Brian Keith Umphress, County Judge

Gary Oliver, Commissioner Pct. #1

Amy Salazar, Commissioner Pct. #2

Henry Birdwell, Jr., Commissioner Pct. #3

Terry Ward, Commissioner Pct. #4

ATTEST:

Vanessa James, County Clerk