

MINUTES

On this, the 4th day of August, 2025, the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas, met in Regular Session at 10:05 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
Vanessa James	County Clerk
Suzanne Brooks	Chief Deputy County Clerk
Lisa Perry	County Auditor
Brad Campsey	County Treasurer
Frank Hefner	IT/Emergency Management
T-Bob Hauger	County Sheriff
Doug Angell	SO Chief Deputy
Brad Dixon	County Attorney
Debra Tillery	County Judge's Assistant
Lynn Casteel	Elections Administrator
Jessica Bailey	Justice of the Peace
Sheri Petty	County Attorney's Victims's Coordinator
Kim Dungan	Human Resources
Michael Francis	County Attorney's Investigator
Missy Coufal	Extension Office Secretary
Robin Rolland	Deputy Tax Assessor - Collector
Cara Smith	Deputy Treasurer
Irlanda Flores	Deputy Tax Assessor - Collector
Earl Dene Clayton	Probation Office Assistant
Nathan Robinson	Probation Officer
Christina Hefner	Deputy Justice of the Peace
McKenzie Cox	Deputy Justice of the Peace
Tammy Hauger	Deputy Tax Assessor - Collector
Trasi Ogle	Tax Assessor - Collector
Tracie Pippen	District Clerk
Maggie Hererra	Custodian
Veronica Regino	Custodian

The following public members were in attendance: Ashley Anderson with Jacksboro Newspaper, David Vanderkaay, and Brenda Tarpley, Jacksboro EDC.

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public addressed the Court.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Judge Umphress moved to approve all [accounts and claims](#) submitted. Commissioner Birdwell seconded the motion, which passed (3-0). Commissioner Oliver abstained from the vote.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for July 28, 2025;
- (b) Acceptance of the Application for "Abel's Place Subdivision" from J&A Home and Land, LLC, being 148.91 acres situated in the H. Martinez Survey, Abstract #282, located in Precinct #1, Jack County, Texas;

Judge Umphress made a motion to approve the presented Consent Agenda Items, striking item (b) as an error. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed unanimously. (4-0)

TIMED AGENDA ITEM

No timed agenda items.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE BENEFITS ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE PROVIDER FOR DENTAL, VISION, AND MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR OCTOBER 1, 2025, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2026;

Frank Hefner updated the Court about the most recent information the Benefits Advisory Committee has received and the committee's recommendation to stay with United Healthcare, raise our deductible \$6,750, and add in another Nonstop plan. Each member will receive a Mastercard with the deductible amount that can be used only for deductibles, except for an ER visit that will cost \$100.

Commissioner Birdwell made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Benefits Advisory Committee to stay with United Healthcare Insurance and add a Nonstop plan. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward, and it passed unanimously. (4-0)

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION IN THE DFW FOREIGN TRADE ZONE

Commissioner Birdwell made a motion to approve Jack County's becoming a Foreign Trade Zone designation. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed unanimously. (4-0)

CONTINUATION OF CURRENT \$10 (STATUTORY MAXIMUM) CHARGE ON VEHICLE REGISTRATION FOR BENEFIT OF ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND AND ELECTION TO NOT ASSESS A CHILD SAFETY FEE OF \$1.50 MAXIMUM; BOTH UNDER CHAPTER 502, TRANSPORTATION CODE FOR FY 2025-2026

Commissioner Ward made a motion to [continue](#) collecting the current \$10 charge on vehicle registration for the benefit of the Road and Bridge Fund and elect not to assess a Child Safety Fee of \$1.50 maximum. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and passed unanimously. (4-0)

PRESENTATION BY LIBRARIAN LANORA JOSLIN AND APPROVAL OF EXECUTION OF CONTRACT FOR LIBRARY SERVICES WITH GLADYS JOHNSON RITCHIE PUBLIC LIBRARY, INC.

Mrs. Joslin was not present to present today.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF HIRING A PART-TIME DEPUTY CONSTABLE

Judge Umphress made a motion to approve hiring a part-time Deputy Constable. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward, and the motion failed. (2-2) Judge Umphress and Commissioner Ward for, Commissioner Oliver and Birdwell against.

Motion to reconsider made by Commissioner Birdwell. Motion seconded by Judge Umphress, and it passed. (3-1) Commissioner Oliver against.

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to approve the hiring of a part-time Deputy Constable. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and it passed. (3-1) Commissioner Oliver against.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT OF COUNTY BRIDGE LOCATED IN PRECINCT #3 ON SMITH ROAD TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT COUNTY RESIDENTS

Commissioner Birdwell gave information regarding the status of the bridge at this point.

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to deem the replacement of the bridge on Smith Road an emergency. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver. No vote taken.

Judge Umphress amended his motion.

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to deem the replacement of the bridge on Smith Road an [emergency](#) to protect the public health and safety of the county residents. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver, and it passed unanimously. 4-0

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Discussion made, no action taken.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Discussion made, no action taken.

BUDGET WORKSHOP FY2026

Discussion made, no action taken.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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 1:51 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