

## MINUTES

On this, the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025, the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas, met in Regular Session at 10:07 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
Amy Salazar	Commissioner Precinct 2
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
Cara Smith	Treasurer's Assistant
Ron Butler	TDEM
Kim Dungan	Human Resources

The following public members were in attendance: Janice Thompson, Karen Vanderkaay, David Ricks, Jacksboro Newspapers, Ashley Anderson, and City Manager of Jacksboro, Mike Smith.

### 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 Ward seconded the motion, which passed (5-0).

### CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for August 11, 2025;
- (b) Review and Acceptance of Auditor's Monthly [Report](#);
- (c) Authorization of issuance of County Credit Card through TIB to David VanderKaay in the amount of \$2,500;
- (d) Approval of Official Bond and Oath for Jack County Deputy Constable David VanderKaay;
- (e) Approval of Official Bond and Oath for Jack County Jailer/ Deputy Sheriff Stephen Scott Simonton;
- (f) Approval / Renewal of Official Bond and Oath for Jack County Auditor Lisa S. Perry and Jack County Sheriff Deputy Brody Brown;
- (g) Authorization of increase of County Credit Cards through TIB for the following amounts and individuals in the Jack County Sheriff's Office, to-wit: 1) Sheriff Charles Hauger in the amount of \$10,000; 2) Chief Deputy Doug Angell in the amount of \$10,000; and 3) Administrative Secretary Tammy Miller in the amount of \$10,000;

Judge Umphress made a motion to approve the presented Consent Agenda Items. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed unanimously. (5-0)

### TIMED AGENDA ITEM 10:00 A.M.

- a) Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate;
- b) Adopt Budget for FY 2025-2026;

### ACTION BY COURT ON THE ABOVE ITEM 4 (a)

11:09 Began the public hearing for the proposed budget.

11:10 No members of the public present to speak to the proposed budget.

## ACTION BY COURT ON THE ABOVE ITEM 4 (b)

Discussion made, updates given on requests for support received by the Court.

- a) Commissioner Henry Birdwell, Jr. offered a motion: I move that property taxes be increased by adopting a Maintenance & Operation Tax Rate of \$0.358123 per \$100 of valuation for the 2025-2026 tax year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Terry Ward and passed by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Oliver – yay  
Commissioner Salazar – yay  
Commissioner Birdwell – yay  
Commissioner Ward – yay  
Judge Umphress - yay

Commissioner Terry Ward offered a motion: I move that property taxes be increased by adopting a Road & Bridge Tax Rate of \$0.083920 per \$100 valuation for the 2025-2026 tax year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Amy Salazar and passed by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Oliver – yay  
Commissioner Salazar – yay  
Commissioner Birdwell – yay  
Commissioner Ward – yay  
Judge Umphress - yay

Motion was offered by Commissioner Gary Oliver: I move to allow the statutory exemptions in payment of our property taxed for homesteads and discounts for early payment under § 11.13 and § 31.05 (b) all of the Property Tax Code. Commissioner Henry Birdwell seconded the motion, and it passed by roll call vote.

Commissioner Oliver – yay  
Commissioner Salazar – yay  
Commissioner Birdwell – yay  
Commissioner Ward – yay  
Judge Umphress - yay

Motion was offered by Commissioner Henry Birdwell, Jr.: I move we adopt the proposed County Budget with the changes made since its filing. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Terry Ward and it passed by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Oliver – yay  
Commissioner Salazar – yay  
Commissioner Birdwell – yay  
Commissioner Ward – yay  
Judge Umphress - yay

## PRESENTATION BY KAREN VANDERKAAY WITH WISE HOPE

Janice Thompson, Executive Director of Wise Hope, presented information regarding how many individuals their organization has helped in our community, and the education they offer to schools and the prison about healthy relationships.

## PRESENTATION BY LANORA JOSLIN WITH GLADYS JOHNSON RITCHIE LIBRARY

Lanora Joslin presented information regarding the many ways the library helps our community.

## REVIEW, ACCEPTANCE, AND SIGNATURES ON NONSTOP GROUP APPLICATION- CONTRACT

Judge Umphress made a motion to ratify and sign the Nonstop Group [Application-Contract](#). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and passed unanimously. (5-0)

## DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE REVISED PLAT FOR THE MESQUITE ESTATES SUBDIVISION

No action taken at this time.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE APPENDIX S DEVELOPMENT FEES AND RECEIPTS  
REVISION TO INCLUDE REVISED PLAT FEE TO \$250.00

Motion was made by Commissioner Oliver to add a \$500 revised plat fee to the subdivision rules and regulations. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell, and it passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSS AND RECEIVE THE “[MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT](#)” BETWEEN THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF JACKSBORO, AND COUNTY OF JACK, RECORDED WITH THE COMMISSIONER’S COURT MINUTES DATED JULY 26, 1999

No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT REGARDING [HB1522](#) CHANGING NOTICE OF POSTING REQUIREMENTS PER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.043

Commissioner’s Court agendas will now need to be posted on the Tuesday before the meeting to meet the new requirements.

DISCUSSION AND ACCEPTANCE OF PURCHASES TO IMPROVE THE DISTRICT  
COURTROOM

Commissioner Salazar made a Motion to approve the purchase and installation of blinds in the District Courtroom, with a check to be issued by the County Treasurer upon receipt of an invoice with the total cost. Commissioner Birdwell seconded the motion, and it passed. (5-0)

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

No future agenda items mentioned.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Birdwell moved to adjourn. Commissioner Salazar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (5-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

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Brian Keith Umphress, County Judge

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Gary Oliver, Commissioner Pct. #1

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Amy 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