MINUTES

On this, the 24th day of November 2025, the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas, met in Regular Session at 10:02 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
Suzanne Brooks	Chief Deputy Clerk
Heather Mahaffey	County Auditor Assistant
Brad Campsey	County Treasurer
Frank Hefner	EMC/IT
Doug Angell	SO Chief Deputy
Ron Butler	TDEM
Lynn Casteel	Elections Administrator
Brad Dixon	County Attorney
Tracie Pippin	District Clerk

The following public members were in attendance: Ronald Fitzgerald, Tony Horn, Amanda Horn and Ashley Anderson.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mitchell Davenport of the Jack County Historical Committee addressed the court regarding item #5, District Courtroom seating. He reported the benches will be placed in the old Depot at Fort Richardson. The Committee has requested an estimate to have them restored.
County Attorney, Brad Dixon also reiterated they are trying to restore them and will be taking them out to the old Fort.

Discussion made.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Discussion was made regarding the Medical Examiner used for autopsies and checking into other options.

Commissioner Birdwell 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 November 10, 2025;
(b) Review and Acceptance of Auditor's Monthly Report;
(c) Approval of Official Bonds and Oaths for the following: Jack County Sheriff Charles Hauger, Jr.; and Jack County Human Resource Specialist Kim M. Dungan;
(d) Acceptance of Certificate of Attendance and Participation for County Judge Brian Keith Umphress at the 2025 Judicial Summit on Mental Health;
(e) Approval to deem old Whirlpool Dryer used by custodians as salvage;
(f) Acknowledge and approve the engagement letter with MWH Group CPA Consultants;

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

TIMED AGENDA ITEM

No timed agenda items.

DISCUSSION AND TAKE ACTION FOR DISPOSITION OF OLD DISTRICT COURTROOM SEATING

Discussion was made and arrangements made by the Jack County Historical Committee to store the District Courtroom benches and other wooden furniture from the Courthouse for restoration purposes. The benches and wooden furniture will be moved to the Old Depot at Fort Richardson.

No action taken.

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Commissioner Oliver reported having put up speed bump signs. He also reported one of his bridges is being worked on.

Commissioner Salazar reported having some trash dumping issues, they were reported and resolved. Also getting ready to do some blading of roads.

Commissioner Birdwell and Commissioner Ward reported all is well.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

The Sheriff's Office has had an extremely busy week with a major traffic accident and several fatalities. Judge Umphress reported he is well pleased with the way things are being handled. Chief Deputy Angell reported Texas Rangers have been here investigating a recent arrest. He gave a brief update on the incident.

Judge Umphress reported he has an upcoming meeting with a developer regarding Data Centers. He feels there is a need for legal expertise in this area, possibly a Data Center consultant to ensure good business decisions are being made for Jack County.

Judge Umphress reported that any maintenance requests should be emailed to maintenance@jackcounty.texas.gov.

Discussion made, no action taken.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Consider payment of invoice submitted from Bob Bass Attorney.

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 11:20 a.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

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Terry Ward, Commissioner Pct. #4

ATTEST:

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Vanessa James, County Clerk