

MINUTES

On this, the 23rd day of February 2026, the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas, met in Regular Session at 10:00 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, Jr.	Commissioner Precinct 3
Terry Ward	Commissioner Precinct 4
Suzanne Brooks	County Clerk Chief Deputy Clerk
Lisa Perry	County Auditor
Brad Campsey	County Treasurer
Frank Hefner	EMC/IT
Charles Hauger	Jack County Sheriff
Doug Angell	SO Chief Deputy
Ron Butler	TDEM
Macaul Johnson	County Judge's Administrative Assistant
Lynn Casteel	Elections Administrator
Cara Smith	County Treasurer's Assistant
Heather Mahffey	Assistant Auditor

The following public members were in attendance: Kristi Bailey, Tony Horn, Amanda Horn, Lacy Smith, Kaden Smith, Logan Smith, Kelly Cranford, Ken Harding, Clint Craft, Jonathan Howell, Christy Kinder, David Kinder, John Beckett, Kelly Beckett, Amanda Dale, Sarah Huskey, Britt Eason, Wesley Scheets, Charlie Edmonson, Lindee Blankenship, Danny Blankenship, Ronald Ftizgerald, Nathan Dee Dudley, Greta Owen, Sioux Trombley, Randall Sparks, Jess Elmore, Susan Elmore, Steve Collins, Lynette Payne, Ashley Anderson, Linda Pruitt, Don Pruitt, Loren Sell, Mary Olsen, Susan Coley, Robert Vis, Leah Vis, Bethany Jarrell, John Barry, Mike Ward, Tedessa Weaver, Trish Bantham, Cara Morris, Anna Fitzgerald, James Henderson, Bob Ricks, Abel Vis, Betsy Moore, Bobby Miles, Christina Landcok, Clint Morris, Shawn Elliott, Laura Epps, Kathy Morris, Victoria Mraz, Russell Dunlap, Kalista Dunlap, Jim L. Harvison, Donna Handley, and Jacksboro City Manager Mike Smith.

PUBLIC FORUM

Several members of the public spoke

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Judge Umphress moved to approve all [accounts and claims](#) submitted. Commissioner Birdwell seconded the motion, which passed. (5-0)

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for February 9, 2026;
- (b) Review and Acceptance of Auditor's Monthly [Report](#);
- (c) Approval/Renewal of Performance Bonds and Oaths for the following: 1) Jack County Sheriff Deputy Trenton Higgins; 2) Jack County Sheriff Deputy Erick Weeks; 3) Jack County Sheriff Secretary Tammy Miller; 4) Jack County Assistant Auditor Heather Mahaffey.
- (d) Reception of Certificates of Training for: 1) County Assistant Treasurer Cara Smith [Certificate](#) of Completion for 10 hours Continuing Education for 2026 from TAC; 2) County Judge Administrative Assistant Macaul Johnson [Certificate](#) of Completion of the 2026 County Court Assistants Training from TAC;
- (e) Review and Acceptance of Tax Assessor/Collector [Reports](#) for January 2026;
- (f) Acceptance of Extension Activity and Travel [Report](#) from agent Alinda Cox for the month of January 2026;
- (g) Approval of the Jack/Wise County District and County Attorney Fees Expense Claim [Form](#);
- (h) Approval of the [Contract](#) for Election Services between Jack County and the City of Jacksboro;

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

TIMED AGENDA ITEM

No timed agenda items.

RECOGNITION OF THE JACKSBORO ISD CHEERLEADERS AS STATE AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Sponsor, Brooke McCurry, KK Smith, Madison Collins, Alexa Aldeva, Brooke Reaves, Allison Garcia, Raygan Barnet, Addy Dixon, Jasmine Soria, Zoie Walker, Kennedy Lowther, Emery Morris, Lileigh Taylor, Kinley Dunn, Ashleigh Guthrie, Baylee Reaves, Grace Murillo, Mackenze Edwards, Sherlyn Burrito, Naiditlyn Delgado, Addison Lowrance, Lyla Brown, and Paetyn Andrews were all in attendance for recognizing their accomplishments and the reading of a [Proclamation](#).

REPORT FROM GRETA OWENS WITH THE FRIENDS OF JACKSBORO ANIMAL SHELTER ON COUNTY FUNDS SPENDING

Greta Owen presented information regarding the number of dogs taken in and adopted out. The public dog park opened this past weekend. Kristi Bailey presented a balance sheet giving an update on the spending of funds given by the County to the Friends of the Animal Shelter.

[\(See Attached\)](#)

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW HART WORKSTATION WITH THE 2025 HAVA ELECTION SECURITY GRANT FOR THE ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

A motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to approve the purchase of a new Hart Workstation using the 2025 HAVA Election Security grant, with the County covering the remaining \$6,500. Commissioner Oliver seconded the motion, and it passed. (5-0)

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF JACKSBORO

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to approve the proposed ground lease [agreement](#) for a bulk water station with the addition of a fence around the perimeter of the 2-acre area. Commissioner Birdwell seconded, and the motion passed. (5-0)

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LONG-TERM POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY, DATA CENTERS, AND ENERGY-ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE

No action taken.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE RENEWABLE ENERGY, DATA CENTER, AND ENERGY-ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY

No action taken.

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

Clerk pay in the Tax Assessor-Collector's Office
SRO billing

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 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