

MINUTES

On this, the 13th day of April 2026, the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas, met in Regular Session at 10:08 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, Jr.	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	Emergency Management / IT
Doug Angell	SO Chief Deputy
Ron Butler	TDEM
Cara Smith	County Treasurer's Assistant
T-Bob Hauger	County Sheriff
Jessica Bailey	Justice of the Peace

The following public members were in attendance: Sheryll Coston, Donna Handley, Sarah Huskey, LeeAnna Furman, Bill Dehart, Sharon Robinson, Katy Hammond, Miles Maddox, Mark Laird, Joe Martin, R.C. Langford, Bryan Erwin, Ashely Anderson, Andy Franklin, David Spiller, Ronald Fitzgerald, Doug Shaw, Britt Eason, Gregory Baird, Jason Johnson, Connie Sellers, Charlie Edmonson, Jon Howell, Amanda Dale, Vickie Bruce, Nichole Rose, Mike Smith, Cassia Erwin, Melanie Belcher, Bobby Franklin, Homer Roberson, Betsy Moore, Amanda Horn, Tony Horn, Sadie Bolton, Jim Harvison, Ana Fitzgerald, Kenneth Alles and, Kris Alles.

PUBLIC FORUM

Jason Johnson spoke about the Jacksboro Education Foundation and how their organization works, and what they do to better the education of students at Jacksboro ISD.

Some members of the public spoke to the Court. ([See Attached](#))

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Judge Umphress moved to approve all [accounts and claims](#) submitted. Commissioner Birdwell seconded the motion, which passed. (4-0)

Commissioner Oliver does not support the payment for the purchase of Motorola radios.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for March 23, 2026;
- (b) Review and Acceptance of Tax Assessor/Collector [Reports](#) for March 2026;
- (c) Reception of [Certificates](#) of Training for Jack County Judge Brian Keith Umphress for Continued Education Training at the 2026 Texas Juvenile Law and Spring Judicial Conferences;
- (d) Approval of Stone Oak Preserve Lane, High Mesa Lane, Saddle Creek Lane, and Preserve Ranch Lane for 911 addressing;
- (e) Approval of the Jack County Child Welfare Board's [Proclamation](#) declaring the Month of April as Child Abuse Awareness Month;
- (f) Approval of the STOMP Proclamation declaring April as Spring into Action Month;
- (g) Acceptance of the revised [Resolutions](#) for the Criminal Justice and Homeland Security Grants;
- (h) Approval of the addition of Real Vision Imaging to [i3Verticals](#) for Jack County Justice of the Peace Office;
- (i) Approval of the budget [amendment](#) for the purchase of Motorola Radios for Jack County Sheriff's Office;
- (j) Acceptance of Extension Activity and Travel [Report](#) from agent Alinda Cox and agent Taylor K. Chapa for the month of March 2026;
- (k) Approval of the [engagement letter](#) with MWH Group, P.C. for FY23;

Judge Umphress made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, removing item (f) to be heard at the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bridwell and passed unanimously. (3-1) Commissioner Oliver voted against the motion.

TIMED AGENDA ITEM

No timed agenda items.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Sheriff Hauger spoke about a meeting he will be attending with the legislature.
Macaul Johnson spoke about the grant meetings they have been attending. She also addressed the many open public records requests that have been incoming.
Jessica Bailey reported on the many cases they have been handling.
Discussion made, no action taken.

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Discussion made, no action taken.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO JOIN THE UPPER TRINITY WATER DISTRICT PRESENTED BY REPRESENTATIVE SPILLER

State Representative David Spiller presented information on the Upper Trinity Water District and its potential benefits to the citizens of Jack County.

Doug Shaw, the water district's Executive Director, answered the Court's and public questions.

No action taken.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSIONER FOR A HISTORICAL MARKER AND MEDALLION AT THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF JACKSBORO, TEXAS

Commissioner Ward made a motion to approve providing a letter of support for a Historical Marker and Medallion at the First United Methodist Church of Jacksboro. Commissioner Oliver seconded the motion, and it passed. (4-0)

CONSIDER REMOVING GUTHRIE LANE FROM THE 911 ADDRESSING

Commissioner Ward made a motion to remove Guthrie Lane from 911 addressing. The motion was seconded by Judge Umphress and passed. (4-0)

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE HIRING OF A PART-TIME POSITION IN THE JACK COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR OFFICE

Judge Umphress moved to allow \$10,000 for the hiring of a part-time position in the Tax Assessor-Collector's office. Commissioner Ward seconded the motion, and it passed (4-0)

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A NEW CAD SOFTWARE SYSTEM FOR THE JACK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Motion to approve purchase made by Commissioner Ward died for lack of a second.
Motion tabled at this time.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

SO new /CAD software system

Oliver would like for there to be some type of order or protocol stating that all maintenance requests go to Alton- Maintenance personnel, so he can oversee projects.

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 1:01 p.m.

Brian Keith Umphress, County Judge

Gary Oliver, Commissioner Pct. #1

Ronald Fitzgerald, Commissioner Pct. #2

Henry Birdwell, Jr., Commissioner Pct #3

Terry Ward, Commissioner Pct. #4

ATTEST:

Vanessa James, County Clerk