

MINUTES

On this, the 11th day of May 2026, the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas, met in Regular Session at 10:04 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
Ronald Fitzgerald	Commissioner Precinct 2
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
T-Bob Hauger	Jack County Sheriff
Doug Angell	SO Chief Deputy
Cara Smith	County Treasurer's Assistant

The following public members were in attendance: David Gulley, Bonnie Heard, Steve Collins, Darrell Self, Lanora Joslin, Gregory Baird, Robert Vis, Donna Newell, Mike Smith-Jacksboro City Manager, Anna Fitzgerald, Pam Roberson, Homer Roberson, Lisa Story, Kyleen Stokey, James McCormick, LeeAnna Furman, Vickie Bruce, James McCormick, Christy Kinder, Cynthia Burkett, Jordan Bisha, Ashley Anderson, Kathy Pruitt, Mark B. Laird, Stephen Sanchez, Betsy Moore, Monica Henderson Corbin Fitzner, Jim Harvison, Donna Handley, Tommy Sizemore, Chrystal Reiten, John Barry IV, John Berry Sioux Trombley, Gretta Owens, Jimmy Wilhoit, Ken Alles, Susan Coley, Nathan D. Dudley, Connie Fellers, Kristi Bailey, Britt Eason, Terry Eason, Pam Hobbs, Brian Heiser, Michelle Peace, David Kinder, Matthew Lobdell, Gary Lobdell, Jonathan Howell, Wesley Scheets, Leah Vis, Sheryll Coston, Bobby Miles, Trish Hayhurst, Michael Edgin, Amanda Horn, Corey Vis, Terry Henderson, Harva Kuykendall and Kristi Finfrock.

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 abstained.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for April 27, 2026;
- (b) Review and Acceptance of Tax Assessor/Collector [Reports](#) for April 2026;
- (c) Ratification of Performance Bonds and Oaths for Precinct 2 County Commissioner Ronald Fitzgerald;
- (d) Reception of Certificates of Training for (1) Jack County Treasurer [Brad Campsey](#) for 24 hours from the County Treasurer's Association of Texas 2026 Continuing Education; (2) Jack County Assistant Treasurer [Cara Smith](#) for 24 hours from the County Treasurer's Association of Texas 2026 Continuing Education;
- (e) Authorization of issuance of County Credit Card through TIB to Ronald Fitzgerald in the amount of \$1,000;
- (f) Approval of the [Resolution](#) declaring May 12th Retiree Day, recognizing Jack County Retirees;
- (g) Submission of the previously approved [Stone Oak Preserve](#) Subdivision application for the Commissioner's Court record;
- (h) Receive the [Proclamation](#) of Disaster for the April 25th, 2026, tornado that affected parts of Jack County and surrounding areas;
- (i) Receipt of Pinnington Solar, LLC, 2026 Property Tax Abatement Annual Certification [Letter](#);

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Kim Dungan addressed the court regarding the retiree proclamation, which designates May 12, 2026 as Jack County retiree day. She also reported that there will be a luncheon tomorrow, May 12, 2026, to honor Jack County retirees.

Lanora Joslin gave a report on the Public library. The library was founded in 1980 by Ms. Gladys Johnson Ritchie. A few years ago, they received a large donation to repair the library. These funds have been used for new paint, new carpet, all new furniture, and shelving. They also have a play area, which has been a big draw for parents to come in and read to their children. She gave the names of all the board members.

Several members of the public addressed the Court regarding their concerns about the data centers.

[\(See Attached\)](#)

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Commissioner Oliver has a John Deere engine to put up for auction along with a mower and several other items.

Commissioner Fitzgerald has had a busy week working on roads and has a game plan for his precinct. They have been doing some training, and he reported that he has a great crew he is working with.

Commissioner Birdwell will begin the process with Pinnington Solar of redoing Rock Creek Road and Halsell Ranch.

Commissioner Ward has been enjoying the rain and has been working on roads.

Discussion made, no action taken.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

IT/Emergency Management Frank Hefner reported approval through SBA to get low-interest loans from the recent storms for any locals needing assistance.

Administrative Assistant Macaul Johnson reported her office has been busy working on public information requests.

Treasurer Brad Campsey reported Air Conditioners being replaced in several offices today.

County Clerk Vanessa James reported there was flooding in the basement from the recent storms, which has been going into the elevator shaft. She would like to see this addressed and fixed.

Discussion made, no action taken.

PRESENTATION FROM MIKE EDGIN OF EDGIN, PARKMAN, FLEMING & FLEMING, PC, REGARDING THE FY22 OUTSIDE AUDIT REPORT

Mike Edgin gave a presentation on the FY22 outside audit [report](#). He thanked department heads for gathering information for them.

PRESENTATION FROM GRETA OWENS WITH THE FRIENDS OF THE JACKSBORO ANIMAL SHELTER TO DISCUSS DONATIONS

Greta Owens thanked the Commissioners for their support of the Friends of the animal shelter. She recognized President Susan Coley and bragged about her organizational skills.

Susan Coley gave a [report](#) on the funds donated by the County. They will be doing a raffle to raise more funds. They recently held a rabies clinic and have a spay and neuter van to come through the county. She is asking the Court to approve their funding for next year. Judge Umphress commended the group on their organization and transparency.

(see attached)

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION SIGNING ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH CAPEX RESOURCES GROUP

Members of the public, John Barry, and Steve Collins addressed the court with questions regarding O'Bannion Energy Storage, LLC.

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to sign an engagement [letter](#) with Capex Resources regarding the O'Bannion Energy Storage, LLC on Rock Creek Road. The motion was seconded by Judge Umphress and passed (5-0).

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF THE EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY
AGREEMENT FOR O'BANNION ENERGY STORAGE, LLC

11:01 a.m. Presentation via Zoom with April Montgomery regarding an easement with the O'Bannion Energy Storage, LLC. Commissioner Birdwell gave updates on financials and discussed the specifications in order to execute the easement. The money for the easement would go into Precinct 3 for repairs and maintenance only for Precinct 3. This would only be for the easement to give access to the switch. The road use agreement would be on another date. If not utilized by 2030, then it goes dead.
Vicki Bruce addressed the court on this item.

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to approve the [easement](#) and right-of-way agreement for O'Bannion Energy Storage, LLC, on the terms and conditions as agreed to. Judge Umphress seconded, and the motion passed (5-0).

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 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