

## MINUTES

On this, the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026, 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
Ronald Fitzgerald	Commissioner Precinct 2
Henry Birdwell, Jr.	Commissioner Precinct 3
Terry Ward	Commissioner Precinct 4
Suzanne Brooks	Chief Deputy County Clerk
Lisa Perry	County Auditor
Brad Campsey	County Treasurer
Cara Smith	County Treasurer's Assistant
Frank Hefner	Emergency Management / IT
T-Bob Hauger	Jack County Sheriff
Doug Angell	SO Chief Deputy
Taylor Chapa	County Extension Agent
Alinda Cox	County Extension
Macaul Johnson	County Judge's Assistant
Tracie Pippin	District Clerk

The following public members were in attendance: City Manager, Mike Smith, Betsy Moore, Harva Kuykendall, Karen Francis, Britt Eason, Julie McKerron, Randall Sparks, Tom Olle, Melvin Clay, Billie Clay, Nichole Rose, Colton Turner, Ken Alles, Ashley Anderson, Marilyn Renfro, Nathan Dudley, Heather Crowley, Terry Eason, LeeAnna Furman, Mark McKerrow, Linda Sparks, Kris Terry, Mark B. Laird, Chuck Bilby, Jeff Jackson, Bobby Miles, Steve Renfro, Anna Fitzgerald, Brian Heiser, Jim Harvison Bonnie Heard and Kristi Finefrock.

### PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

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 MAY 11, 2026;
- (b) Review and Acceptance of Auditor's Monthly [Report](#);
- (c) Acceptance of Extension Activity and Travel [Report](#) from agent Alinda Cox for the month of April 2026;
- (d) Approval to deem the broken shredder as salvage in the Jack County Constable's Office;
- (e) Approval of the STOMP [Proclamation](#) declaring May as "Spring into Action" Month;
- (f) Approval to deem the recently removed Courthouse window units as salvage;

Alinda Cox presented canned cherries from one of her recent camps to the Commissioners and thanked the court for their continued support. She also told the court she was selected for the San Antonio Livestock Exposition (SALE) leadership extension. Foreign politics and public relations were covered at a recent conference she attended, and the 4H banquet will be on Friday, July 24, 2026.

County Extension Agent Taylor Chapa reported they will be leaving Monday for state competition and contests and thanked the court for their support.

Heather Crowley, Director of Prevention Education representing Jack County STOMP (Standing Together on Meth Prevention) shared things going on with their organization, one being the recent Shattered Dreams with the local high schools. They also provide scholarships for the local Seniors, Extreme Challenge Camp, Choices: A Journey Crime & Justice, Community cleanups, poster contest, along with many other Awareness programs. STOMP is in the local classrooms on a weekly basis, bringing awareness programs. They provide Parent and teacher programs, making them aware of things to look for in students who might be on some form of drug. Asking for the County to declare May as "Spring into Action Month", and also asking for additional funding of \$3500 to help with travel expenses going to local campuses. She also thanked the court for its continued support.

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

Members of the Public addressed the court with concerns regarding the water situation, the increasing tax rates, and data centers.

PRESENTATION BY JEFF SNOWDEN WITH CAPEX RESOURCES GROUP

11:10 a.m.-Jeff Snowden with CAPEX Resources Group addressed the court regarding the benefits of a tax abatement for the data center project. After the [presentation](#), the floor was open for discussion.

1:07 p.m. session ended.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO PURCHASE IDOCKET AMETHYST JURY PROGRAM FOR THE JACK COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE

District Clerk Tracie Pippin addressed the Court regarding the importance of the new program. This would be an additional cost outside of the budget. She has always used TEAM to pull a jury but this is no longer working. The cost is \$18,000 for the first year, which includes the conversion, then \$1,500 per year.

Motion was made by Commissioner Oliver to approve the [purchase](#) of the IdoCKET Amethyst Jury Program and pay from the general fund. Judge Umphress seconded, and the Motion passed (4-1). Commissioner Birdwell against.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF PARKING COVER AWNINGS FOR THE JACK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Hauger addressed the court on this matter.

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to approve the construction of parking cover awnings for the Jack County Sheriff's Office to be taken from the Sheriff's budget. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed (5-0).

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Discussion made, but no action taken.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

IT Admin Frank Hefner reported that if anyone is using any social media platform, it must be archived in case there are any Public information requests.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

STOMP's request for an additional \$3,500 in funding.  
Jack County jury selection process.

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 2:58 p.m.

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Brian Keith Umphress, County Judge

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Gary Oliver, Commissioner Pct. #1

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ATTEST:

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Vanessa James, County Clerk