

MINUTES

On this, the 13th day of July 2026, the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas, met in Special Session at 9:00 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
Ronald Fitzgerald	Commissioner Precinct 2
Terry Ward	Commissioner Precinct 4
Vanessa James	County Clerk
Suzanne Brooks	Chief Deputy Clerk
Lisa Perry	County Auditor
Brad Campsey	County Treasurer
Macauley Johnson	County Judge's Assistant
T-Bob Hauger	Jack County Sheriff
Doug Angell	SO Chief Deputy
Ron Butler	TDEM
David Vanderkaay	Deputy County Constable

The following public members were in attendance: Greta Owens, Sioux Trombly, Susan Coley, Eva Brimbery, Nathan Dudley, Jim Harvison, Kathy Pruitt, Don Sneed, Donna Handley, John Barry IV, Anna Fitzgerald, Slate Fitzgerald, Misty Sherrod, Kenneth Alles, Mike Smith, Jeff Jackson, Nichole Rose, Kickie Bruce, Dillon Sanchez, Ashley Anderson, Jack DeShazo, Harva Kuykendall, Betsy Moore, Bobby Miles, Tony Horn, and Julie Waters

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Judge Umphress moved to approve all submitted [accounts and claims](#), including a walk-in for service performed on some equipment in Precinct #1. Commissioner Ward seconded the motion, which passed. (3-0). Commissioner Oliver abstained from the vote.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for July 6, 2026;
- (b) Review and Acceptance of Tax Assessor/Collector [Reports](#) for June 2026;
- (c) Approval to increase credit card limits for 1) Judge Brian Keith Umphress to \$5,000; 2) Commissioner Gary Oliver to \$2,500; 3) Commissioner Ronald Fitzgerald to \$2,500; 4) Commissioner Henry Birdwell Jr. to \$2,500; 5) Commissioner Terry Ward to \$2,500;
- (d) Approval of budget [amendment](#) to fund professional services from money already received from Hecate Energy for Certificate of Commercial Operations;
- (e) Approval of budget [amendment](#) to fund moving Constable Deputy from part-time to full-time;

Judge Umphress moved to approve the Consent Agenda items. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed. (3-1). Commissioner Oliver voted against.

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Discussion made; no action taken.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Discussion made; no action taken.

PRESENTATION BY SUSAN COLEY AND GRETA OWEN WITH THE FRIENDS OF THE JACKSBORO ANIMAL SHELTER

Susan Coley and Greta Owens gave [information](#) on how they work with local businesses to get some of the help they need to take care of shelter animals, how much food they go through, the number of puppies and dogs recently dumped, and how they are utilizing the funding received from the County.

PRESENTATION BY HARVA KUYKENDALL WITH THE JACK COUNTY MUSEUM

Harva Kuykendall spoke about the events they hold at the Jack County Museum, exhibits, expenses, and the number of visitors yearly.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR PERMIT
TO CROSS COUNTY ROAD TO CONSTRUCT PIPELINE OR UTILITY

Commissioner Oliver moved to approve the [Application](#) for Permit to Cross County Road to Construct Pipeline or Utility received from Borderline Operating Corporation. Commissioner Fitzgerald seconded the motion, and it passed. (4-0)

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE TWIN LAKES SUBDIVISION

Commissioner Oliver moved to approve the [Twin Lakes Subdivision](#), noting that the dedicated easement being designated for the Fort Richardson Walking Trail is on the submitted plat. Commissioner Fitzgerald seconded the motion, and it passed. (4-0)

DISCUSSION TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF LEXIE LANE AND RACHEL LANE TO
911 ADDRESSING

Judge Umphress moved to approve adding Lexie Lane and Rachel Lane to the Jack County 911 addressing master list. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver, and it passed. (4-0)

PUBLIC FORUM (LIMITED TO 5 MINUTES PER PERSON)

Several members of the public addressed the Court.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None mentioned.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Oliver moved to adjourn. Commissioner Fitzgerald seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (4-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.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