

MINUTES

On this, the 3rd day of August, 2026, the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas, met in Special Session at 9:01 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
Vanessa James	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
Heather Mahaffey	Auditor's Assistant
David Vanderkaay	Deputy County Constable

The following public members were in attendance: Mike Smith, Mike Edgin, Ashley Anderson, Anna Fitzgerald, John Barry, Mary Sandberg, Mark B. Laird, Leanna Furman, Rashawn Collins, and Larry Berghoefer.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Commissioner Birdwell moved to approve all [accounts and claims](#) submitted. Commissioner Fitzgerald seconded the motion, which passed. (3-0). Commissioner Oliver abstained from the vote.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for July 27, 2026;
- (b) Reception of Certificates of Training for Precinct 1 County Commissioner Gary [Oliver](#) for 18 hours of Educational Training at the 2026 92nd Annual South Texas CJCA Conference
- (c) Approval of Precinct 1 equipment to be deemed as salvage and placed in Purple Wave Auction;
- (d) Approval of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Imposition of Optional Fees for Calendar Year (CY) 2027;
- (e) Approval of the Edgin, Parkman, Fleming & Fleming, PC [engagement letter](#);
- (f) Acknowledge and receive the donation from the City of Grapevine of a 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe to Jack County Constable's Office;

Judge Umphress made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed. (4-0)

PUBLIC FORUM (LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES PER PERSON)

No members of the public spoke during public forum.

PRESENTATION FROM MIKE EDGIN OF EDGIN, PARKMAN, FLEMING & FLEMING, PC REGARDING THE FY23 OUTSIDE AUDIT REPORT

Mike Edgin presented the FY2023 independent auditor's report to the Commissioner's Court.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE BENEFITS ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE PROVIDER FOR DENTAL, VISION AND MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR OCTOBER 1, 2026 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2027

Rodney Dryden, insurance broker from HUB International, gave updates on FY2027 County health insurance options. He negotiated with United Healthcare to get the original proposed insurance cost increase from 14.02% down to 0 .02%. He recommends going with a higher deductible plan and adding that cost to the Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan (MERP) each employee has. The County benefits advisory committee recommends staying with the current plan and taking advantage of the rate pass from United Healthcare.

Commissioner Birdwell made a Motion to increase the deductible to \$8,300 and increase MERP to cover that cost and stay with United Healthcare as presented. Commissioner Oliver seconded the motion, and it passed. (4-0)

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CIVICPLUS AGENDA & MEETING MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

No action taken at this time.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION FROM THE JACK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT TO GREG ABBOTT, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, CALLING FOR A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION REGARDING DATA CENTERS

Judge Umphress moved to approve the proposed resolution to be sent to Governor Greg Abbott, calling for a special legislative session regarding data centers. Commissioner Fitzgerald seconded the motion, and the resolution did not pass. (1-0) Commissioners Oliver, Fitzgerald, and Birdwell abstained from the vote.

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Discussion made, no action taken.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Discussion made, no action taken.

BUDGET WORKSHOP FY2026-2027

Discussion made, no action taken.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

MESA Air Ambulance
Fuel & Rock Bids
Sheriff’s and Constable Fees

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1: 41 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