

MINUTES

On this, the 24th day of August, 2026, the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas, met in Regular Session at 10:05 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
David Vanderkaay	Deputy County Constable

The following public members were in attendance: Charlie Edmonson, David Gulley, Amanda Dale, Mike Smith, John Barry IV, Ashley Anderson, Joel Wilhite, Betsy Moore, Nichole Rose, Russell Dunlap, Kalista Dunlap, Brian Houser, Jim Harvison, Maurine Dickey, Michael Moore, Donna Handley, Mark Laird, Shawn Barnhart, Anna Fitzgerald, Jeremy Jennings, Mike Ward, Curtis Henderson, Harva Kuykendall, Bobby Miles, Jack DeShazo, Connie Fellers, Steve Collins, Austin Collins, Sioux Trombley, Gretta Owen, Mary Sandberg, Terry Beske, Kathy Pruitt, Ken Alles, Vickie Bruce, LeeAnna Furman, Dottie Hubble, and, RC Langford.

PUBLIC FORUM (LIMITED TO 5 MINUTES PER PERSON)

Several members of the public spoke to the Court. The public forum began at 1:26 p.m. and ended at 2:05 p.m.

([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).

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for August 17, 2026;
- (b) Review and Acceptance of Auditor's Monthly [Report](#);
- (c) Approval of Official Bond and Oath for Jack County Judge Brian Keith Umphress;
- (d) Approval of the Stone Oak Preserve amending plat for lots 43R and 27R;

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

TIMED AGENDA ITEM: 10:00 AM

- (a) Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate;
Began at 10:07 a.m. Several members of the public spoke. Concluded at 10:44 a.m.
- (b) Adopt Budget for FY 2026-2027;

ACTION BY COURT ON THE ABOVE ITEM 4(A)

No action taken at this time.

ACTION BY COURT ON THE ABOVE ITEM 4(B)

No action taken at this time.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RELATED TO BUSINESS PROSPECTS THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT WILL CONDUCT A CLOSED

MEETING PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.087 TO DISCUSS OR DELIBERATE REGARDING COMMERCIAL OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION THAT THE COUNTY HAS RECEIVED FROM A BUSINESSPROSPECT THAT THE COUNTY SEEKS TO HAVE LOCATE, STAY, OR EXPAND IN OR NEAR THE TERRITORY OF THE COUNTYAND WITH WHICH THE COUNTY IS CONDUCTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS, OR TO DELIBERATE THE OFFER OF A FINANCIAL OR OTHER INCENTIVE TO SUCH BUSINESS PROSPECTS, INCLUDING APPLICATIONS PENDING FROM CYRUSONE AND BKV

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION: LEGAL CONSULTATION

THE COMMISSIONERS COURT WILL CONDUCT A CLOSED MEETING PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071 TO SEEK THE ADVICE OF ITS ATTORNEY REGARDING PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION, INCLUDING CAUSE NO. CV-26-07-047, NORTH TEXAS HERITAGE ASSOCIATION, LLC. V. JACK COUNTY, TEXAS ET AL, A SETTLEMENT OFFER, OR ON A MATTER IN WHICH THE DUTY OF THE ATTORNEY TO THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY UNDER THE TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS CLEARLY CONFLICTS WITH CHAPTER 551

Executive session began at 11:03 a.m.

OPEN SESSION: ACTION, IF THERE IS ANY, BY COURT ON THE ABOVE ITEM 7 AND ITEM 8

Open Session 12:14 p.m. No action taken at this time.

PRESENTATION BY JEFF SNOWDEN WITH CAPEX RESOURCES GROUP REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INTERESTS IN JACK COUNTY

Jeff Snowden took the floor and gave a presentation to the court and the public of Jack County.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026—LYNN CASTEEL

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to approve the Public [Notice](#) for the General Election on November 3, 2026. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and it passed. (4-0)

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Discussion made, no action taken.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Discussion made, no action taken.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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 4:11 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