

CORRECTED MINUTES

On this, the 14th day of September, 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 the 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 via Zoom
Vanessa James	County Clerk
Lisa Perry	County Auditor
Brad Campsey	County Treasurer
Cara Smith	Treasurer's Assistant
T-Bob Hauger	County Sheriff
Doug Angell	SO Chief Deputy
Ron Butler	TDEM Liaison
Trasi Ogle	Tax Assessor-Collector
Tracie Pippen	District Clerk

The following public members were in attendance: Anna Fitzgerald, Shawn Barnhart, Ken Alles, Tony Horn, Jack DeShazo, Mike Smith, Gary Lobdell, Larry Berghofer, Ashley Anderson, Nichole Rose, LeeAnna Furman, Kathy Pruitt, Darrell Self, Jeremy Jennings, Bobby Miles, Dale Camp, John Barry IV, Nathan Dudley, Connie Fellers, Sioux Trombley, Gretta Owens, Jim Harvison, Mary Sandberg, Terry Beske, Mark Laird, Donna Handley, Brian Houser, Steve Moody, and Jeff Jackson.

PUBLIC FORUM (LIMITED TO 5 MINUTES PER PERSON)

Public forum began at 11:19 a.m.
Several members of the public spoke.
Public forum closed at 11:39 a.m.

([See attached](#))

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Judge Umphress moved to approve all submitted [accounts and claims](#). 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 August 24 & 31, 2026;
- (b) Review and Acceptance of Tax Assessor/Collector [Reports](#) for August 2026;
- (c) Acceptance of Extension Activity and Travel Report for agents [Alinda Cox](#) and [Taylor K. Chapa](#) for the months of June, July and August 2026;
- (d) Approval of Engagement [Letter](#) with Edgin, Parkman, Fleming & Fleming, PC for the FY25 audit;
- (e) Ratification of the [i3verticals](#) CIS Mobile Ticket Writing software for the Jack County Justice of the Peace Office;
- (f) Approval of the Annual Irrigation Maintenance [Agreement](#) between Iron Bridge Irrigation, LLC and Jack County;

Commissioner Birdwell moved to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed (4-0).

TIMED AGENDA ITEM: 10:00 AM

- (a) Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate;

Public hearing began at 10:16 a.m.
The Chief Tax Appraiser spoke regarding the prorating of taxes for those property owners who received damage from the Ross Fire and whose damages meet certain criteria.
Public hearing closed at 10:57 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.

The County Auditor provided the Budget Analysis Report through September 9th.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPLICATION FOR PERMIT
TO CROSS COUNTY ROAD IN PRECINCT 3

Commissioner Birdwell made a motion to approve the [application](#) for crossing Cement Mountain Road by Brazos Telephone Coop. to install fiber internet. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed. (4-0)

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE NAMING OF DENSON
RANCH LANE FOR THE PURPOSE OF 911 ADDRESSING

(Corrected Spelling)

Commissioner Fitzgerald moved to approve the naming of Denson Ranch Lane for the purpose of 911 addressing. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and it passed. (4-0)

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AMENDING AND UPDATING
SECTION 312 AGREEMENT APPLICATION TERMS AND REQUIREMENTS

Commissioner Fitzgerald moved to temporarily halt receipt of any industrial applications, solar, data center, or wind until we as a court have time to assess any changes that can legally be made to help guide our county. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver, and it did not pass. (2-2) Commissioners Fitzgerald and Oliver for, Judge Umphress and Commissioner Birdwell against.

Commissioner Birdwell moved to accept applications but take no action on processing new applications and consideration under 312. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and 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

Special budget meeting Friday and Monday.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 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