MINUTES

On this, the 9th day of February, 2026, the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas, met in Regular Session at 10:10 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
Amy Salazar	Commissioner Precinct 2
Henry Birdwell, Jr.	Commissioner Precinct 3
Terry Ward	Commissioner Precinct 4
Suzanne Brooks	County Clerk Chief Deputy Clerk
Lisa Perry	County Auditor
Brad Campsey	County Treasurer
Frank Hefner	EMC/IT
Charles Hauger	Jack County Sheriff
Doug Angell	SO Chief Deputy
Ron Butler	TDEM
Macaul Johnson	County Judge's Administrative Assistant
Kim Dungan	Human Resources
Missy Coufal	County Extension Administrative Assistant
Clyde Watson	County Constable

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The following public members were in attendance: Ronald Fitzgerald, Mandy Horn, Anna Fitzgerald, Bob Ricks, Stacey Vantine, Scott Vantine, Mike Smith/City Manager, Cameron Garza, Ken Alles, Ashley Anderson, Terri Stretcher, Sharon Robinson, Missy Coufal, Bill Dehart and Nathan Dee Dudley.

PUBLIC FORUM

Stacy Vantine who recently moved back to Jack County 3 years ago addressed the Court regarding the Industrial projects. She has children who are becoming of driving age and is very concerned about the influx of traffic. There have been numerous auto accidents recently with several fatalities. She voiced her concerns about the data centers and the water situation, long term health issues from emmisions and waste systems. She wants to make sure there is accountability, policies and enforcement. (See attachment)

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Commissioner Birdwell moved to approve all accounts and claims submitted. Commissioner Salazar seconded the motion, which passed. (4-0) Commissioner Oliver abstained from the vote.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

(a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for January 12, 2026;
(b) Review and Acceptance of Auditor's Monthly Report;
(c) Ratify the Resolution for the Immigration Enforcement Grant Program for the Jack County Sheriff's Office;
(d) Review and Acceptance of Tax Assessor/Collector Reports for December 2025;
(e) Reception of Certificate of Training for: 1) Elected County Treasurer Brad Campsey Certificate of Compliance regarding required hours from TAC and 2025 County Investment Academy Certificate; 2) County Auditor Lisa Perry 2025 County Investment Academy Certificate;
(f) Acceptance of the Memorandum of Understanding between Faith Community Hospital and Jack County regarding EMS services;
(g) Acceptance of the annual renewal agreement with Legal Aid of North Texas;
(h) Acceptance of the annual Software-As-A-Service renewal agreement with Kologik Software Inc.;
(i) Acceptance of the Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program Affidavit from Concerned Citizens of Jack County;
(j) Ratify the Resolutions for the Criminal Justice Grant Programs;

Commissioner Birdwell made a motion to approve the presented Consent Agenda items with the removal of item (H) for discussion and approval at another time. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver passed (5-0).

TIMED AGENDA ITEM

No timed agenda items.

ANNUAL REPORT BY JACK COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD OATH OF OFFICES

Bill Dehart Secretary/Treasurer of the Jack County Child Welfare board gave an overview and update on what is happening with the local Child Welfare. Jack Cpimty Child Welfare helps low income families in the county with occasional bills, food or necessities and provided Christmas gifts for 8 local families. There are currently $23,000 in available funds. They have provided pamphlets to local law enforcement to be responsive in assisting in any way possible. He recognized the local board members who were in attendance Missy Coufal, Terry Stretcher, Cameron Garza and Sharon Robinson. Members not in attendance are Linda Wade, Claudia Torres and Kathy McAnear.

Judge Umphress swore in the Jack County Child Welfare board members.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING NEXTREQUEST PUBLIC INFORMATION TRACKING SOFTWARE

Judge Umphress and Frank Hefner gave an overview of the system and how it would be beneficial to the County. The system would start the clock on the 10 day public information request time line and would add a time stamp once the request is completed to assist in the audit process.

Commissioner Ward made a motion to approve the NEXTREQUEST Public Information Tracking software and pay for it out of the IT budget and if it goes over take out of reserves. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Salazar and passed (5-0).

DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND NAMING A PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Commissioner Birdwell made a motion to approve the Resolution and give authority to the County Judge to appoint the public information officer. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed (5-0).

AUTHORIZE THE PUBLICATION AND POSTING ON THE JACK COUNTY WEBSITE OF THE TEXAS PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT NOTICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to authorize the publication and posting of the Texas Public Information Act Notice on the Jack County website. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Salazar and passed (5-0).

DISCUSS DISTRICT COURTROOM RENOVATIONS AND APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

Update Audio/video system.

Motion was made by Commissioner Oliver to approve the funds for the audio/video system and installation. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and passed (5-0).

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COURTHOUSE AND SHERIFF'S OFFICE HOLIDAYS AND INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Sheriff Hauger presented a proposal to the Court for review and consideration regarding holidays and inclement weather policy for the Sheriff's Office.

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to approve the holiday and inclement weather policy for the Sheriff's Office as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Salazar and passed (5-0).

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

All Commissioners have been busy working on roads after the recent snow storm. Discussion made, no action taken.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Frank Hefner reported the Jermyn Community Center roof was destroyed during the recent ice/snow storm. He also reported the new Fair barn was destroyed.

The Burn ban is back in place.

Sheriff Hauger reported a new jail administrator at the Sheriff's Office, also JP Nash will be joining the Sheriff's Office.

Discussion made, no action taken.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Oliver moved to adjourn. Commissioner Birdwell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Brian Keith Umphress, County Judge

Gary Oliver, Commissioner Pct. #1

Amy Salazar, Commissioner Pct. #2

Henry Birdwell, Jr., Commissioner Pct

Terry Ward, Commissioner Pct. #4

ATTEST:

Vanessa James, County Clerk

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