

APPOINTMENT OF PRO TEM COUNTY JUDGE FOR COMMISSIONERS COURT FOR
THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020

Commissioner Ward made a motion to appoint Commissioner James Brock as Pro Tem County Judge for 2020. Commissioner Birdwell seconded and the motion was unanimous (5-0).

DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE TRANSITION OF THE PHONE SYSTEM FOR THE JACK
COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND LEC TO VOICE OVER IP PHONE SYSTEM-FRANK
HEFNER

Frank Hefner along with representatives from Vested Networks gave an overview of the voice over phone system and answered questions. Frank told the court he would like to get away from analog and move to digital. The vision of Vested Networks is cost savings to their clients and to help IT with security. By signing a 5 year agreement, this would save the County almost \$1000 per month and there would no longer be a charge for long distance calls, only a fixed rate. The current phone charge is \$2500 to \$2600 per month. With the new system we would be connected to the Jack County Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Ward made a motion to move forward with the agreement with Vested Networks. Commissioner Oliver seconded and the motion was unanimous (5-0).

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Precincts 2 and 3 began roadwork after the recent moisture. Commissioner Brock reported that he has been checking prices on tractors and mowers. He received a quote from John Deere and also from McMasters in Decatur and there is a price difference of approximately \$14,000. He is going to move forward with McMasters and place the order. It will take 8-9 weeks for the equipment to be delivered with an approximate cost of \$231,000.

Commissioner Brock will meet with the Wind Farm on January 17th at 10 a.m. and he invited all of the Commissioners to attend. The wind farms will be coming into the Southeast part of the county. The county cannot stop the wind farms from coming, we only have the authority to give abatements.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Discussion of reconciliation taking place in the Auditor's Office and the current status.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Judge Umphress reported to the court that due to visiting with a licensed arborist it was determined that trees on the courthouse law need to be trimmed. The arborist told the Judge that the mistletoe in the Mesquite trees needs to be removed or it will eventually kill them. This will be on the next agenda.

There will also be the cost of a Paupers funeral and changes to the employee manual.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business motion was made by Commissioner Brock to adjourn. Commissioner Oliver seconded the motion to adjourn and the motion passed unanimously (5-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:18 p.m.



Gary Oliver, Commissioner Pct. #1

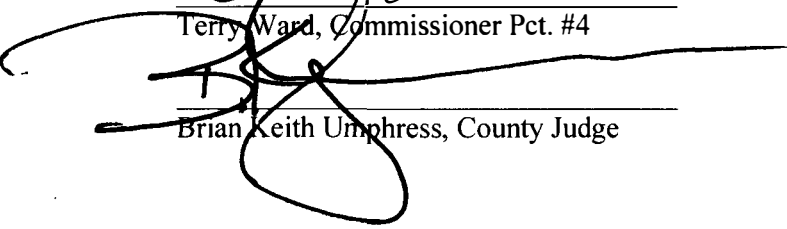


James Brock, Commissioner Pct. #2

Henry Birdwell, Jr. Commissioner Pct. #3

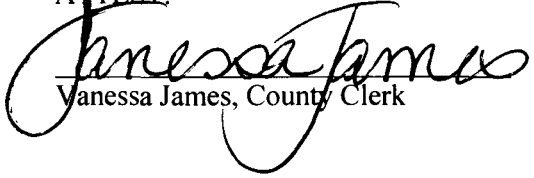


Terry Ward, Commissioner Pct. #4



Brian Keith Umphress, County Judge

ATTEST:



Vanessa James, County Clerk

