

MINUTES

On this the 10th day of February, 2020 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Regular Session at 10:05 a.m. with the following elected officials present: **FILED FOR RECORD**

Gary Oliver, Commissioner Pct. 1
James L Brock, Commissioner Pct. 2
Henry Birdwell, Jr., Commissioner Pct. 3
Terry Ward, Commissioner Pct. 4
Brian Keith Umphress County Judge

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JACK COUNTY, TEXAS
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PUBLIC FORUM

Kim Dungan addressed the Court to thank everyone with the County for their amazing support in the loss of her dad.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

County Treasurer Brad Campsey told the court there were additional expenses due to 2 autopsies the County was responsible for the past month which were \$2,150 each. The budget will need to be increased next year to include these.

Judge Umphress made a motion to pay all accounts and claims submitted for approval. Commissioner Ward seconded and the motion passed (5-0).

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for January 27, 2020;
- (b) Submit signed and previously approved "Commissary Services Agreement" between CTC Company, LLC and Jack County Sheriff's Office for Jail Inmate Services;
- (c) Approve signing of Engagement Letter from BKD, CPA's of Fort Worth to conduct annual audit for year ending September 30, 2019-County Judge;
- (d) Authorization of issuance of County Credit Cards through County Depository to: David Vanderkaay, Deputy Sheriff and Debra Tillery, Administrative Assistant to County Judge with a limit of \$2,500 each;

Judge Umphress made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items. Commissioner Birdwell seconded and the motion was unanimous (5-0).

TIMED AGENDA

None.

PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF REGULATIONS OF DELINQUENT TAX BIDDERS REQUIREMENTS PER TAX CODE §34.011, WHICH WERE PREVIOUSLY TABLED BY COMMISSIONER'S COURT ON JUNE 26, 2017 AGENDA-SHARON ROBINSON

County Tax Assessor Collector, Sharon Robinson addressed the Court. She has been researching and has come up with a plan for persons wishing to bid on delinquent tax properties. Each person wishing to bid will have to fill out an application for a certificate to bid for each tax sale. The bidder will be required to include a \$10 non-refundable fee with the application, each time. The applications MUST be turned in to the Tax Collector's office, no less than 5 business days prior to each upcoming sale. There will be a notice posted in the newspaper, posted on the public information wall at the courthouse, and on the Tax Assessor's page informing the public of the new requirements.

Judge Umphress made a motion to accept the proposal Tax Assessor Collector Sharon Robinson presented with a 5 business day time frame to check for delinquent taxes owed. Judge Umphress will look over all blank forms and applications that will be in the Bidder Packet presented by Robinson. Commissioner Brock seconded and the motion was unanimous (5-0).

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON REQUEST BY RESIDENTS JIMMY AND ALICIA STEPHENS FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF STREETS AND ALLEYWAYS OF THE TOWN SITE OF JERMYN, TEXAS, ADJOINING PROPERTY PURCHASED BY THE STEPHENS' DESCRIBED IN DEED RECORDED IN VOLUME 0886, PAGE 0395, DEED RECORDS OF JACK COUNTY AND DEED RECORDED IN VOLUME 531, PAGE 488, DEED RECORDS OF JACK COUNTY-JUDGE KEITH UMPHRESS

Judge Umphress has visited with Mrs. Stephens and surveyors and there are no issues in abandoning the streets and alleyways.

Commissioner Ward made a motion to abandon the streets and alleyways on the Stephens properties in the Town Site of Jermyn and that it become a metes and bounds survey. Commissioner Birdwell seconded and the motion was unanimous (5-0).

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Commissioner Brock asked if the Judge had heard from the EMD bridge crew. Judge Umphress reported he had not but will reach out to them. Needing to be EMP approved so current repair projects can begin.

Judge Umphress discussed the recent moisture and positive feedback from local community members complimenting the county for working on blading the County roads. The Judge commended the Commissioners on their leadership.

Commissioner Oliver is moving forward on his truck purchase. It will be ready in about 90 days.

Commissioner Brock has ordered mowers and they will be ready soon.

Commissioner Oliver has not been satisfied with the rock material he has been receiving. He has checked with a competitor to see if they had material that would be usable and asked for price. It has been hit and miss with current provider and he would love to entertain checking into another option if the county is not locked into any contract. Judge Umphress will check statute.

All Commissioners reported their roads are holding up pretty good. The pipeline company coming through Precinct #2 paid for 500 tons of rock and purchased a tinhorn to repair damages they have caused. Judge Umphress also commended the Commissioners for working together and helping each other.

Judge Umphress will keep visiting with Commissioners from Palo Pinto. Instead of using asphalt they are using chip and seal. They have invited Jack County to visit and watch their process.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Constable Clyde Watson reported all is good. He has been busy doing evictions.

Sheriff Tom Spurlock reported there has been a lot of positive feedback on the recent recovery of the runaway from Bryson. She was located about 1 p.m. on Sunday. Judge Umphress was told by locals that it was very professionally run.

Judge Umphress told there court there will be a public forum tonight to meet the candidates running for local office. The Republican meet and greet.

Auditor Lisa Perry told Commissioners the outside auditors are here and will begin their processes. They will be here all week. She also recommended setting processes in place to check on vendors and make sure they do not owe any delinquent taxes before we choose to do business with them.

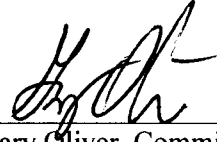
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Subdivision discussion and workshop.

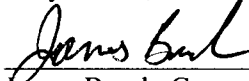
ADJOURNMENT

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

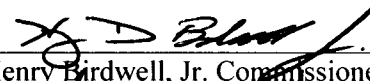
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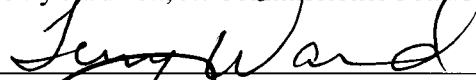
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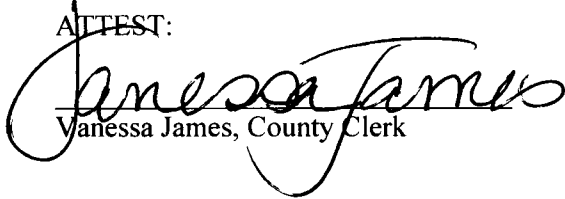


Terry Ward, Commissioner Pct. #4



Brian Keith Umphress, County Judge

ATTEST:



Vanessa James, County Clerk

