

MINUTES

On this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Regular Session at 10:04 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  
Brian Keith Umphress County Judge

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VANESSA JAMES, County Clerk  
JACK COUNTY, TEXAS

PUBLIC FORUM

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Ms. Jamison addressed the Court about litter she picked up off the road she lives on in the County and the lack of rock on the County road she travels on. She asked why the inmates in the jail can't pick up trash on the roads in Jack County. She feels the vendor used for the rock on her road needs to be held accountable for what they delivered. Commissioner Oliver responded to her concern about the road materials he has concern about the same and has also spoken to the Court about the same. Judge Umphress addressed the question about the inmate work crew, more than a year ago the budget for the crew was unfunded by the Court. The previous officer that ran the crew passed away, inmates have to be classified as minimum risk to work outside the secure facility and we don't have many minimum risk in the jail.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Judge Umphress made a motion to pay all accounts and claims submitted for approval. Commissioner Brock seconded and the motion passed unanimously. (4-0)

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for February 24, 2020;
- (b) Reception of Commissioners Education Certificate of Completion for Terry Ward County Commissioner Precinct #4;
- (c) Approval/Renewal of Performance Bond for Deputy Sheriff Johnny Michael Thompson;
- (d) Submit signed and previously approved Advance Funding Agreement between County of Jack and Texas Department of Transportation for the roadway sign installation (2) located on the "Luther G Prunty Memorial" FM Highway 1810;
- (e) Authorize County Auditor to Transfer Budget Line Item that was listed on the wrong General Ledger line in the FY 2020 Budget;

Judge Umphress- item (d) has taken a while to get through the process of getting the road named and signage up.

Lisa Perry- item (e) is not a budget amendment it is just moving a line item the budget stays the same. No change in the budget.

Commissioner Birdwell made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items. Judge Umphress seconded and the motion passed unanimously. (4-0)

TIMED AGENDA

None.

APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PUBLIC POWER POOL FOR JACK COUNTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell made a motion to appoint Judge Umphress to represent the County at the Public Power Pool. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brock and passed unanimously. (4-0)

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE RENOVATION OF THE NORTHWEST AND NORTHEAST SIDES OF THE COURTHOUSE LANDSCAPING BEDS TO CORRECT WATER DRAINAGE

Lane Argo, Courthouse Maintenance addressed the Court about issues in the basement and the water/drainage issues around the Courthouse.

Greg Lewis looked at the issues and took some readings, he handed out scetches and pictures of the Courthouse. He spoke about the material laid down on the ground to prevent weeds holds in moisture and the decompsed granite laid on top of the material holds in the moisuture and it runs toward the buidling because of the grade. He showed the condensation lines running down the side of the Courthouse from the air conditioners and this will likely make problems. He feels

like all of these things are likely making the problem. He recommends taking the material up and removing the granite correcting the grade of the soil away from the building and putting down pea gravel in the beds to allow the moisture to soak in and air exchange. The positive drainage around the Courthouse needs to be addressed.

Commissioner Oliver wants to get a positive grade away from the Courthouse. He only wants to spend money if they know for sure it is going to fix the problem. The Court would like Greg Lewis to go ahead and dig out the dirt in the problem areas to see what is down there and make a plan

Motion Commissioner Birdwell would like Greg Lewis to investigate the problem areas and give an accurate bid on correcting the problem. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed unanimously. (4-0)

#### DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER APPROVAL RETAINING THE LAW FIRM OF ALLISION, BASS & MAGEE, LLP FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REGARDING TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENTS

There are two different companies in the county looking at starting more windfarm projects. Judge Umphress has provided the agreement for view by the Court to retain legal council.

Motion by Commissioner Oliver to retain Allison, Bass and Magee LLP as legal council for negotiating a tax abatement. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brock and passed unanimously. (3-0) Commissioner Birdwell abstained from the vote.

#### APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF "RESOLUTION FOR COUNTY OF JACK APPROVAL OF HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN" AS REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL DISASTER MITIGATION ACT OF 2000 AND FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)

Motion by Judge Umphress to approve the adoption on the presented mitigation plan for the County of Jack. Commissioner Birdwell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (4-0)

#### DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ESTABLISH COUNTY WIDE REGULATIONS OF "ON SITE SEWAGE FACILITY (OSSF)"

Judge Umphress recommends planning a workshop with TECQ and Commissioners to meet and learn. 7 inspections were done in 2019 in Jack County by TCEQ. He suggests talking to local installers and get input from them about regulations.

The Court would like to move forward with getting information and direction and have a workshop before addressing sub-division regulations. No action at this time.

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DONATION OF SURPLUS WOOD WORKING EQUIPMENT AND LUMBER TO JACKSBORO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Judge Umphress told the Court Lane Argo has been preparing for an auction. These the wood and wood working equipment is not really being used. There is a lot of wood that is not being used. Commissioner Brock mentioned ask all of the schools in the County if they could use the wood first.

Commissioner Brock made motion to check with all the schools in the County to see if they have a use for the surplus wood and donate it to each school. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed unanimously. (4-0)

#### DISCUSS AND ADOPT USE OF PRE AND POST TRIP INSPECTION LOG BOOKS FOR COUNTY OPERATED COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

Motion Commissioner Brock to adopt pre trip and post trip inspections for all County owned CDL vehicles. Commissioner Birdwell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (4-0)

#### DISCUSSION OF PRECINCT OPERATIONS

A trailer home burned in Precinct 2. Commissioner Brock picked up an entire bedroom suite on a road in his precinct. Commissioner Oliver has a sectional that has been dumped. Commissioner Birdwell is working on his roads after the rain. He is trying to get better road material. He has spoken to Mark Ellis with Burkett about the quality of material coming out of the Richards pit.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

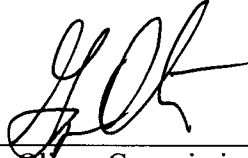
Lisa Perry advised her office is having to work on issues found from when Net Data took over.  
The outside auditor's are still working on the yearly audit.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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 (4-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.



Gary Oliver, Commissioner Pct. #1



James Brock, Commissioner Pct. #2



Henry Birdwell, Jr. Commissioner Pct. #3



Brian Keith Umphress, County Judge

ATTEST:



Vanessa James, County Clerk

