

MINUTES

On this the 23rd day of March, 2020 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Regular Session at 10:10 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

_____ O'CLOCK _____ M
MAR 30 2020
VANESSA JAMES, County Clerk
JACK COUNTY, TEXAS
BY _____ DEPUTY

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public spoke. Local Jacksboro members of the FCCLA came and spoke to the Court regarding local veterans and ways the community could help. They have done research and spoken with local veterans to get ideas of ways to help them. Judge Umphress read the proclamation the members brought in. The proclamation names the month of April the month of Awareness for Veterans

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for March 9, 2020;

Judge Umphress made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items. Commissioner Oliver seconded and the motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

TIMED AGENDA

None.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE NAMING OF CAMPBELL LANE, A PRIVATE ROAD LOCATED OFF OF HWY 2190 BETWEEN SHOUN ROAD AND BILL ROAD IN PRECINCT #4, TO BE ADDED TO THE JACK COUNTY MASTER STREET ADDRESS GUIDE

Commissioner Ward would like to have more information on the road before any action is taken. No action taken at this time.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE NAMING OF SAMANIEGO LANE, A PRIVATE ROAD LOCATED OFF HWY 2210 AND DOWN LOOP ROAD IN PRECINCT #2, TO BE ADDED TO THE JACK COUNTY MASTER STREET LIST ADDRESS GUIDE

Motion was made by Commissioner Brock to name this road Samaniego Lane and add it to the Jack County Master Street List Address Guide. Motion was seconded by Judge Umphress and it passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSSION REGARDING RENEWAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY ACA REPROTING AND TRACKING SERVICE (ARTS) FOR REPORTING OF 1094C AND 1095C FORMS AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN THE 2020 RENEWAL CONFIRMATION PROGRAM AGREEMENT

TAC performs this service and because the County is a member the service it provided for free.

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to renew the 2020 Confirmation Program. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and it passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSSION OF EMPLOYEE ABSENCES RESULTING FROM THE COVID-19 VIRUS AND SIGHING OF AND ORDER BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT ADDRESSING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY SICK LEAVE

This would help ensure all employees receive pay if there was to be a shutdown of the Courthouse due to COVID-19. If the Courthouse were to shut down there are still jail staff,

dispatch, deputy, or road hands and other staff that will be providing a service. There could be compensation coming from the federal level to compensate the expense.

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to sign the order addressing temporary emergency sick leave resulting from COVID-19. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF PRECINCT OPERATIONS

The snakes are moving with all the rain and warmer weather. Roads are passable but are rough from all the rain. Concerns have been raised regarding the rock budget, use your digression work on the roads as you see fit.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Emergency Management Coordinator, Frank Hefner addressed the Court regarding the spread of COVID-19 and the effect it is having in Texas and the United States. He is working on some areas of the County's emergency operation plan to make it better. He has met with the County Health Officer and will meet with emergency personnel to prepare for points of distribution for Jack County. There is an adjacent County that has reported a positive case of COVID-19 now. Our readiness level needs to step up. He has met with first responders in the County regarding needs they have, they have sent a list to the State so that maybe they can help the County get PPE equipment here.

Judge Umphress and other Community leaders have been meeting almost every day to prepare for problems that may come from the spread of COVID-19. Our local restaurants have begun to serve food by take-out only. He has prepared a Declaration of Local Readiness to be signed when it is time and he will be communicating with Dr. Cooper our County Health Official. There have been tests administered at our local hospital.

Judge Umphress would like to make the decision today to restrict access to the Courthouse until further notice. Then after a few days allow the Officials to make the decision to work remotely if possible. Some business would still have to be conducted as best as possible. He is looking the Court for direction on limiting access. If an appointment is made the Dept head will need to be at the North door to meet them and take them to the office. Judge Umphress will be closing the Courthouse at 3:30 today it will be left to the Department heads to handle the offices as they see fit. Office will still continue to work behind closed doors.

Mike Smith, City Manager spoke to the Court regarding the plans the City of Jacksboro is planning to do. They are restricting access at this point. They have a Council meeting tonight.

Emergency Management Coordinator, Frank Hefner updated the Court on more storm damage reported from last week's storms.

Sheriff Spurlock submitted his annual racial profiling report. They have had an individual arrested in the County that was sick and was taken to the hospital and was tested for COVID-19. The department is taking steps to keep themselves safe.

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. (5-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

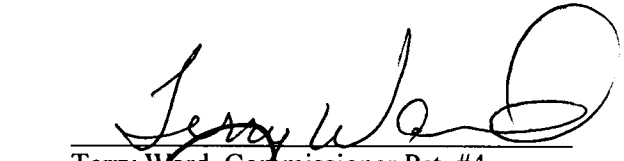


Gary Oliver, Commissioner Pct. #1

James Brock, Commissioner Pct. #2

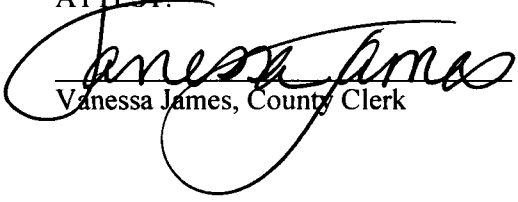


Henry Birdwell, Jr. Commissioner Pct. #3


Terry Ward, Commissioner Pct. #4


Brian Keith Umphress, County Judge

ATTEST:


Vanessa James, County Clerk

