

MINUTES

On this the 11th day of May, 2020 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Regular Session at 10:09 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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VANESSA JAMES, County Clerk
JACK COUNTY, TEXAS
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PUBLIC FORUM

Judge Umphress announced that our friend and Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor, Lane Argo passed away this morning. He was a special man that had a passion for working with people who struggled with addiction and enjoyed telling people about Jesus Christ.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for April 27, 2020;
- (b) Approval / Renewal of Performance Bonds for: Deputy Sheriff Jeremy Howard and Reserve Deputy Sheriff Jeffery Miller;
- (c) Authorization for use of County Road Right-of-way for Road Crossing by Seaway Midstream, LLC on Roberts Branch Road – Precinct 4;

Commissioner Birdwell made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items with correction of a road name on the minutes. Commissioner Brock seconded and the motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

TIMED AGENDA

None.

BUDGET FY 2020-2021 KICKOFF

Judge Umphress made a budget presentation to the Officials regarding Budget FY21. The Courthouse will reopen June 1, 2020 to protect the safety of all employees. Some processes in the offices may need to change. Some offices will have plexiglass installed on the counters. Covid-19 will affect our budget process as it has affected many businesses in the County. We are also now bound by Senate Bill 2 and the oil and gas industry is very bad, which is the main industry in Jack County. Budget forms were passed out and Officials were asked to return them within the next two weeks.

DISCUSSION OF PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Judge Umphress heard a compliment on roads in Precinct 1. Commissioner Oliver had a pecan tree cut down last week in his precinct in the County right of way. Some of the wood was taken and the rest left in the water gap. The Sheriff's Department is investigating the incident. The Judge will be providing the Commissioners with more budget information to prepare for budget meetings. Commissioner Ward would like the plexiglass on the counters to be temporary. They will begin painting on the 4th floor in the area where the IT Department will be moving.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

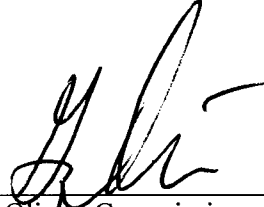
Judge Umphress - Work continues on the outside doors for installation of new security features. Control of the doors will be web based. Individuals that work in the Courthouse will have a key FOB that will open doors and keypads on some of the doors. Offices have been given the option to have plexiglass installed on their counters to keep employees safe. Sheriff Tom Spurlock reported one deputy unit received hail damage in the storm recently.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

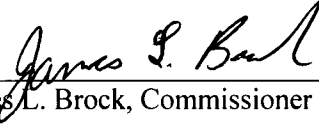
ADJOURNMENT

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)

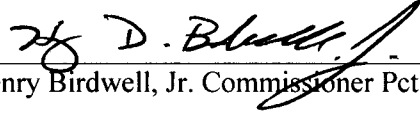
The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.



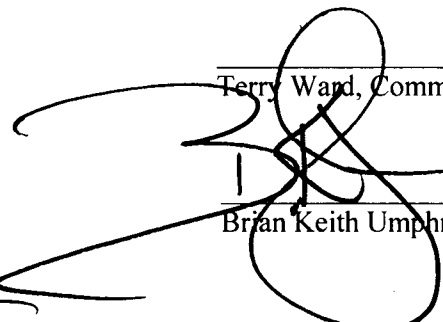
Gary Oliver, Commissioner Pct. #1



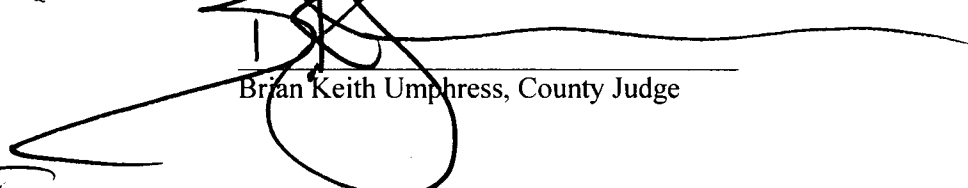
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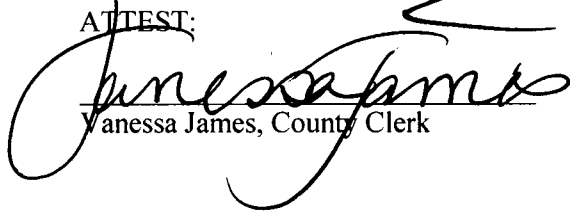


Terry Ward, Commissioner Pct. #4



Brian Keith Umphress, County Judge

ATTEST:



Vanessa James, County Clerk

