

MINUTES

On this the 14th day of September, 2020 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Regular Session at 9:02 a.m. with the following elected officials present:

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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SEP 28 2020

PUBLIC FORUM

VANESSA JAMES, County Clerk
JACK COUNTY, TEXAS

Judge Umphress recognized Eugene Weldon of the Ministerial Alliance. A Resolution and Prayer for God's Protection over the People of Jacksboro and Jack County was signed. _____ DEPUTY

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for August 24, 2020;
- (b) Approval / Renewal of Bonds for Deputy Sheriff Michael Wayne Francis and Deputy Sheriff Olton Kirk Freeman, and Approval of Rider to Bond for Chief Deputy Chris Reger;
- (c) Review and Acceptance of Auditor's Monthly Reports;
- (d) Reception of Certificates of Completion of 16.5 hours of Continuing Education by Judge Brian Keith Umphress;
- (e) Adoption of "Resolution Authorizing County Grant Program Year 2021" in support of Texas Dept. of Agriculture grant to Concerned Citizens of Jack County Inc., an organization that provides home-delivered meals to homebound persons in the County who are elderly and / or have a disability and certifying that the County has approved the organization's accounting system or fiscal agent;
- (f) Set Annual Jury Fee for Petit of Grand Jury Service in Jack County for FY2021 at \$6.00 the first day of service and \$40.00 for every day of service thereafter or as may be set hereafter by the State Comptroller (Government Code, §61.001);
- (g) Continuation of Participation in the Texas County & District Retirement System for the Fiscal Year 2021 at the present rate of participation;
- (h) Annual support of the Trout Stocking Program at the Fort Richardson SHP (\$300);
- (i) Contribution to Jack Soil & Water Conservation District (\$1000);
- (j) Provide authorization for the County Judge to take measures to provide flu vaccinations for all county personnel to promote wellness and reduce work absenteeism;
- (k) Approve adoption of Memorandum of Understanding / Car Coordination between Helen Farabee Centers Substance Abuse Services and Jack County;

Judge Umphress made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items with the exception of item (a) and item (c). Commissioner Ward seconded and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

TIMED AGENDA ITEMS - 9 AM

- (a) Public Hearing to consider a plan for the District Clerk's Records Technology Funds, to collect funds under Govt. Code Section 51.305, subchapter D, for the preservation and restoration of the District Clerk's Records;
- (b) Action by Court on the same above item 4 (a);
- (c) Public Hearing to consider a plan for the County Clerk's Preservation and Restoration Plan, to collect funds under Govt. Code Section 118.025 for the preservation and restoration of the County Clerk's Records;
- (d) Action by the Court on the same above item 4 (c)

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to continue collection of the District and County Clerk's Records Technology Funds item (b) and item (d). Commissioner Ward seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (5-0)

SET SALARY SCHEDULES FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR FY2021

Judge Umphress passed out a proposed salary list.

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to approve the proposed salary list in addition to establishing the position of County Attorney Administrative Assistant with a salary of \$37,235.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed unanimously. (5-0)

SET COUNTY COMPENSATION, EXPENSES, ALLOWANCES FOR ELECTED COUNTY AND PRECINCT OFFICERS FOR FY2021

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to set the proposed compensation and allowances. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and it passed unanimously. (5-0)

ADOPTION OF TAX DISCOUNTS AS ALLOWED BY LAW: HOMESTEAD (§11.13 PROPERTY TAX CODE) AND DISCOUNT FOR EARLY PAYMENT (§31.05 (b) PROPERTY TAX CODE)

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to adopt tax discounts. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed unanimously. (5-0)

REVIEW OF CURRENT CONDITIONS WITH THE FORECASTED LIVE FUEL MOISTURE CONTENT AND CONSIDERATION OF MODIFICATION OR REMOVAL OF COUNTY BURN BAN

The recommendation of the Jack County Rural Fire Command was taken into consideration.

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to lift the County burn ban with the knowledge that it could be reinstated if conditions deteriorate. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and passed unanimously. (5-0)

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY OF JACK AND CITY OF JACKSBORO FOR ANIMAL CONTROL IN BOTH THE COUNTY AND THE CITY

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to approve entering into an interlocal agreement with the City of Jacksboro for animal control in the County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed unanimously. (5-0)

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY OF JACK AND CITY OF JACKSBORO UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF, AND FOLLOWING CHAPTER 791 OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE FOR THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES; SPECIFICALLY ROADWAY AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS BOTH IN THE LIMITS OF THE COUNTY, AS WELL AS WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE CITY

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to approve entering into an interlocal agreement with the City of Jacksboro for improvements of roadways and drainage in the City Limits and in the County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brock and passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DEFERRING PAYROLL TAX OBLIGATIONS IN LIGHT OF THE ONGOING COVID-19 DISASTER

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell not to participate in deferring payroll taxes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed unanimously. (5-0)

ADJUSTMENTS IN PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2021 AND ADOPTION OF BUDGET

Judge Umphress, I move we adopt the proposed County budget with the changes made since it's filing. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed unanimously. (5-0)

ADOPT TAX RATES TO FUND BUDGET FOR FY 2021

I Commissioner Oliver move that the property tax be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.524390 that includes General Rate: Maintenance & Operations: \$0.378721, Interest & Sinking Rate: \$0.037109, Road & Bridge Rate: \$0.108560. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brock.

Roll Call Vote

Precinct 1	Gary Oliver	Yes
Precinct 2	James Brock	Yes
Precinct 3	Henry Birdwell, Jr.	Yes

Precinct 4 Terry Ward Yes

I Judge Umphress move to ratify our action just taken to the effect that the amount of property taxes collected be increased by \$198,400.00 over those of last year by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.524390 per \$100 of evaluation. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and passed unanimously. (5-0)

APPROVAL OF EXECUTION OF CONTRACT FOR LIBRARY SERVICES WITH GLADYS JOHNSON RITCHIE PUBLIC LIBRARY, INC.

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to execute the contract for library services with Gladys Johnson Ritchie Public Library. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and it passed unanimously. (5-0)

PRESENTATION BY VANESSA JAMES, COUNTY CLERK, ON PROPOSED RECORDS MANAGEMENT PROJECT OF PRESERVING AND DIGITALIZING OF DEED RECORD INDEX BOOKS AND MARRIAGE RECORDS (PAID BY DEDICATED FUNDS)

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to approve the proposal of scanning of records by Data Preservation Solutions. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brock and passed unanimously. (5-0)

SET COUNTY HOLIDAYS FOR REMINDER FY 2020 AND FY 2021 AS:

COLUMBUS DAY	OCTOBER 12, 2020
VETERAN'S DAY	NOVEMBER 11, 2020
THANKSGIVING	NOVEMBER 26 & 27, 2020
CHRISTMAS	DECEMBER 24 & 25, 2020
NEW YEAR'S DAY	JANUARY 1, 2021
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	JANUARY 18, 2021
PRESIDENT'S DAY	FEBRUARY 15, 2021
GOOD FRIDAY	APRIL 2, 2021
MEMORIAL DAY	MAY 31, 2021
INDEPENDENCE DAY	JULY 5, 2021
LABOR DAY	SEPTEMBER 6, 2021
ELECTION DAY(S)	NOVEMBER 3, 2020
EMPLOYEE'S BIRTHDAY	TO BE DETERMINED BY DEPT. HEAD

Judge Umphress made a motion to set the County Holidays as listed. Commissioner Birdwell seconded and the motion passed. (5-0)

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

No bids received for rock hauling.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Judge Umphress would like to take action with Net Data regarding collections.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Establish DIR for septic OSSF.

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 3:48 p.m.



Gary Oliver, Commissioner Pct. #1



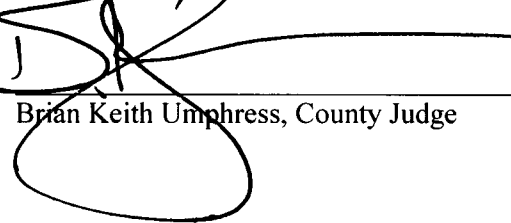
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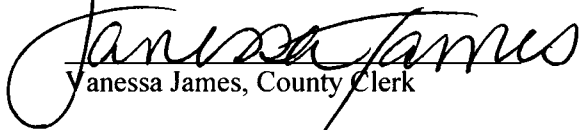


Terry Ward, Commissioner Pct. #4



Brian Keith Umphress, County Judge

ATTEST:



Vanessa James, County Clerk

