

MINUTES

On this the 26th day of October, 2020 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas in Regular Session at 9:03 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**

PUBLIC FORUM

BY _____ DEPUTY

Mrs. Henderson was in attendance to speak her concerns regarding the move of the Justice of the Peace's Office to the LEC. She will wait and speak during the item on the agenda.

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 October 13, 2020;
- (b) Review and Acceptance of Auditor's Monthly Reports;
- (c) Acceptance of Official Bond and Oath for Chief Deputy Chris Reger;
- (d) Acceptance of Official Bond and Oath with attached Rider for Jailer/Reserve Deputy Sheriff Stephen Scott Simonton;
- (e) Acceptance of Official Bond and Oath for Deputy District Clerk Susan Damron;

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

TIMED AGENDA ITEMS - 10 AM

10:00 a.m. – ZOOM Meeting with Open Gov. regarding financial software;

Open Gov ZOOM meeting began at 10:03 a.m. Aaron Dobbins gave an update to the Court of the Open Gov conversion for the County Auditor's Office.

Zoom meeting ended at 10:16 a.m.

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF CONCERNED CITIZENS OF JACK COUNTY, INC. – RUSSONA JONES-BRISCOE

Ms. Briscoe thanked the Court for the CARES act and yearly budgeted funds allocated to them. They were able to give 5 days of frozen meals to their customers in case they are needed during bad weather. Making deliveries enables the elderly in the area to be able to stay home more during this time while Covid19 is prevalent. They have been able to work on their dining room area to prepare for when they are able to open up to the public again for dining. They received donations and grants and were able to give hamburger meat also.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR THE RELOCATION OF THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

The Justice of the Peace has brought to the Court for several years the need for her office to have a Courtroom. Then with the planned District Court renovation without having another Courtroom all Court being held in the County at that point would have to be held in the County Courtroom. The Commissioners have been presented with the cost for furniture for the Courtroom and office and some information on cost of cleanup and construction to prepare. DPS has agreed to make the move they do have some concern with having enough space in the current JP office.

Judge Smith sent word with Judge Umphress that he is in favor of the Justice of the Peace having a Courtroom as he was unable to attend Commissioner's Court today. His letter in favor was read to the Court.

DPS Officer Boone Stuteville was invited to attend, however he was working a wreck and unable to attend but sent a note to the Judge advising that DPS will do what is best for Jack County.

Discussion was made regarding the options that have been explored and the reason the LEC has been chosen as the best location.

Mrs. Henderson stated she had a better understanding of the move and had no concerns at this time.

Commissioner Oliver spoke that he does not agree to the move at this time is the right. Commissioner Birdwell feels that we need to spend money to keep the water from coming into the Courthouse right now.

Commissioner Ward feels that there is another option.

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to move the JP office to the LEC. Motion failed for lack of a second. The move will not be made at this time.

DISCUSSION OF STATUS OF COUNTY TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (CTIF) GRANT FROM TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

No action taken.

DISCUSSION, APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF NOTICE AND ORDER OF RUNOFF ELECTION TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 19, 2020

Lynn Casteel, Election Administrator presented the Order and Notice to be signed.

Motion made by Judge Umphress to approve and sign the Notice and Order of the Runoff Election for Senate District 30. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSS RENOVATION OF THE JACK COUNTY DISTRICT COURTROOM

Commissioners spoke to the District Clerk, Tracie Phippen about issues needing to be addressed during renovations. Commissioner Oliver will be contacting various local construction and service providers to get cost estimates for the issues that need to be addressed in the District Courtroom.

PRESENTATION BY JACKSBORO FFA STUDENTS – SHAWN MCGUIRE ADVISOR

The Ag Issues presentation was about the big 4 meat packers the US relies nearly totally on for meat. The group was very informative on an issue the US has had problems with especially during the Covid-19 pandemic.

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Commissioner Oliver has been approached about closing Turpin Road. Only 300ft of the road is in Jack County. He has spoken to the Clay County Commissioner where the rest of the road is. And will stay in contact with him to see if Clay County is also going to close the road.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Discussion regarding OSSF and Bob Hammond was in attendance. He will be attending school to prepare to be an inspector for the County.

The County Clerk's Office will begin receiving applications for septic systems in the County. There will be new software installed and the data from the applications will be entered in the Clerk's Office.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

December 14th schedule the next ZOOM meeting with Open Gov.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business motion was made by Commissioner Brock to adjourn. Commissioner Oliver seconded the motion to adjourn and the motion passed unanimously

(5-0).


The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.



Gary Oliver, Commissioner Pct. #1



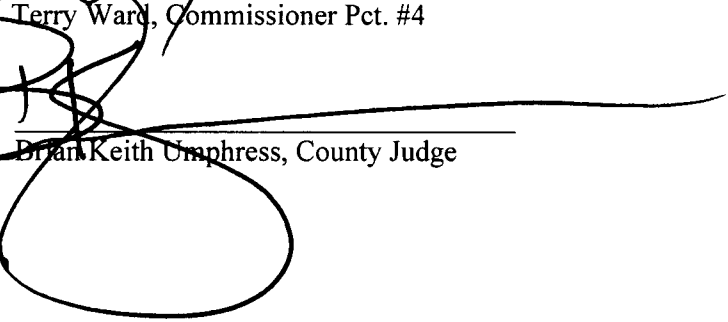
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ATTEST:



Vanessa James, County Clerk

