

MINUTES

On this the 14th day of December, 2020 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Regular Session at 9:07 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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VANESSA JAMES, County Clerk
JACK COUNTY, TEXAS

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PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public spoke.

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 November 23, 2020;
- (b) Review request for Tenant Estoppel Certificate relating to tower site owned by Mobile Phone of Texas, Inc.;

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

TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

None

ANNUAL REPORT BY JACK COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD MEMBER BILL DEHART

Mr. Dehart, the treasurer for the Jack County Child Welfare Board was in attendance and gave information about the board and the work they do in the community.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE REPLACEMENT/PURCHASE OF COMMERCIAL DISHWASHING MACHINE FOR USE BY THE JACK COUNTY JAIL

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to lease a dishwasher through Auto Chlor for a dishwasher in the Law Enforcement System. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brock and passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSS AND APPROVE LINE CHANGES IN THE 2021 ADOPTED BUDGET IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH HOUSE SENATE BILL 1495

The County will need to report in separate line items on our budget any risk pools the county participates in. Health and equipment insurance will need to be itemized. No action taken at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SEC. 551.074, GOVERNMENT CODE; REGARDING THE DISCUSSION OF JACK COUNTY DEPUTY EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell and 2nd by Commissioner Oliver 10:02 am

OPEN SESSION: ACTION, IF ANY, IN CONNECTION WITH ITEM 8 ABOVE

Motion was made to enter back into open session by Commissioner Birdwell and seconded by Commissioner Oliver. The motion passed unanimously. (5-0) time 11:40 a.m.

Motion was made by Judge Umphress for Deputy Mahan will remain in his position, will continue receiving pay and this will continue until changed by Sheriff Spurlock. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brock and passed.

Judge Umphress – yes

Commissioner Oliver – no
Commissioner Brock – yes
Commissioner Birdwell – yes
Commissioner Ward – yes

REVIEW AND APPROVE PAYMENT OF AJ ENGINEERING SERVICES, LLC FOR THE
PURPOSE OF PROVIDING STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE
PURPOSED JACKSBORO AMPITHEATER

Motion was made by Commissioner Oliver to authorize pay of \$5,500 for engineering to begin on the building. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSS AND APPROVAL TO REQUEST PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FROM
QUALIFIED FIRMS OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS TO AUDIT JACK COUNTY
FISCAL YEAR/YEARS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – JUDGE KEITH UMPHRESS

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to request professional services from qualified firms of Certified Public Accountants to audit Jack County fiscal year/years financial statements. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed unanimously. (5-0)

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

Two roads have been added for Precinct 4. Judge Umphress has been in contact with TXDoT has not received a response at this point.

UPDATE ON REQUEST TO TCEQ FOR STATUS OF AUTHORIZED AGENT FOR ON SITE
SEWAGE FACILITY (OSSF) FOR JACK COUNTY

Judge Umphress has reached out to TCEQ they are all working from home. He has been in contact with an individual but has no update from them at this point.

UPDATE AND DISCUSS POTENTIAL WIND FARM PROJECTS AND THE NEED TO
UPDATE THE JACK COUNTY GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA GOVERNING TAX
ABATEMENT AGREEMENT

Several of the Court members have been contacted and met with EDF they are moving forward with a project in the northern part of the County. We have retained Allison, Bass & Magee, LLP to update guidelines and criteria governing tax abatement agreement it will likely be presented in January.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED 2 YEAR PERFORMANCE BOND FOR JACK COUNTY TAX
ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR, PAYABLE TO GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS,
WITH THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to approve a 2 year performance bond for Jack County Tax Assessor-Collector payable to the Governor of the State of Texas. Second was made by Commissioner Oliver and passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSS RENOVATION OF JACK COUNTY DISTRICT COURTROOM

The Court has received a proposal from Mark Cooley for painting of the District Courtroom ceiling. He has requested half of the cost up front. A proposal was also received from Mr. Cooley to stain the panels on the walls if they are replaced.

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to go ahead and approve the painting of the ceiling in the District Courtroom. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE EXTERIOR CLEANING/LIMESTONE
RESTORATION OF THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

No action taken at this time.

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Bid packet request for Precinct 3 has been printed in the newspaper for equipment.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

No reports made.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business motion was made by Commissioner Brock to adjourn. Commissioner Ward seconded the motion to adjourn and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

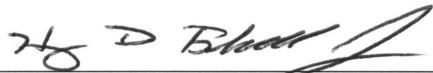
The meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m.



Gary Oliver, Commissioner Pct. #1



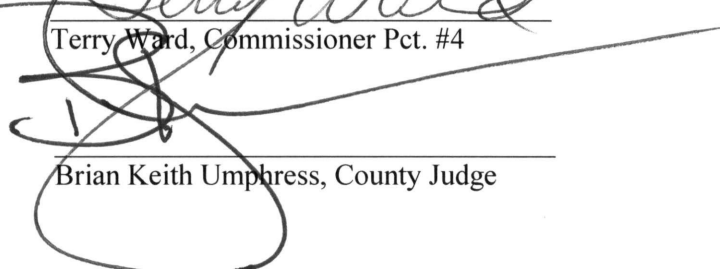
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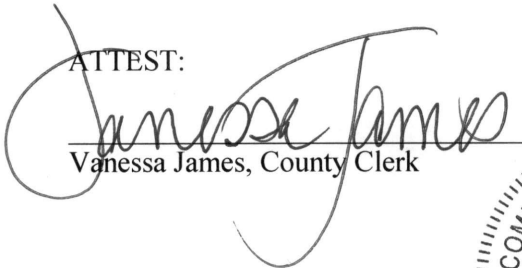


Terry Ward, Commissioner Pct. #4



Brian Keith Umphress, County Judge

ATTEST:



Vanessa James, County Clerk

