

MINUTES

On this the 25th day of January, 2021 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Regular Session at 9:06 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**

PUBLIC FORUM

BY _____ DEPUTY

Teri Gitchell from the north part of the County spoke in opposition of wind farms She asks that the Commissioners to take into consideration the residents and venues in that area.

Ronnie Cafagna spoke to Commissioners regarding wind farms he is also in opposition of them coming in. He feels that a wind farm in the area will devalue his land and is asking the Court not to grant a tax abatement to promote wind farms coming in.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for January 11, 2020;
- (b) Review and acceptance of Auditor's Monthly Reports;
- (c) Appointment of Pro Tem County Judge for Commissioner's Court for calendar year 2021;

Judge Umphress made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items and name Commissioner Brock Pro Tem County Judge for calendar year 2021; Commissioner Birdwell seconded and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

9:00 a.m.- Presentation by Alinda Cox and Jack County 4-H'ers about what they have learned and how it has helped them with what they exhibited at the recent Jack County Fair;

Many Jack County 4-H members attended Court and shared their experiences in preparation and at the Jack County Fair this year.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ANNUAL SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION LP AND JACK COUNTY JAIL

Motion was made by Commissioner Brock to approve the annual service agreement with Johnson Conrols Fire Protection LP. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSS AND APPROVE A 48 MONTH CONTRACT WITH PITNEY BOWES FOR A NEW "SEND PRO C AUTO" POSTAGE METER FOR USE AT THE JACK COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to approve the contract with Pitney Bowes for a new postage meter to be placed at the Jack County Law Enforcement Center. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brock and passed unanimously. (5-0)

REVIEW AND APPROVE PAYMENT TO DATA PRESERVATION SOLUTIONS FOR THE PRESERVATION OF AN INDEX BOOK FOR THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE FROM RECORDS TECHNOLOGY AND ARCHIVE FUNDS

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to approve payment. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and it passed unanimously.

REVIEW AND APPROVE PAYMENT TO CDW FOR THREE (3) FUJITSU SCANNERS FOR USE IN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE FROM RECORDS MANAGEMENT FUNDS
Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to approve payment for purchase of 3 scanners funds coming from County Clerk's Records Management Fund. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brock and passed unanimously. (5-0)

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

Judge Umphress gave the public in attendance an explanation of CTIF. Candace Crow is compiling a chart of equipment precincts already have but she will need more detailed information. Commissioner Brock will provide her with the needed information.

DISCUSS JACK COUNTY PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM (NFIP) AND CONSENT TO ADOPT A FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE

Motion was made by Commissioner Oliver to allow the County Judge to make any corrections needed once FEMA looks over the provided ordinance and to sign for approval when completed. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brock and passed unanimously. (5-0)

Commissioner's Court went into recess at 10:04 a.m. for a zoom meeting with TXDot
Court called back into order at 10:43 a.m.

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

Commissioner Birdwell, Commissioner Ward and Treasurer Brad Campsey stepped out during this item.

EDF has communicated with a couple of members of Commissioner's Court regarding a wind farm they are looking to install in the north part of Jack County. Judge Umphress has spoken to Allisson, Bass and Magee attorneys that represent counties help with legal matters and in this case any abatement that may be considered.

Mr. Byron Barton representing the North Texas Heritage Association addressed the Court he has been involved in fighting against wind farms in Clay County also. He has put together very compelling facts to give the Court before making decisions.

Mr. Christie lives in the north part of the County and attended a community meeting regarding wind farms.

Mr. Scott Cleveland is a farm and ranch realtor and wanted to speak to the Court regarding property values and what a wind farm will do to them. If the area was protected those property values would go way up. Wind farms cause wildlife to leave the area because of noise.

Judge Umphress reported the Commissioner's Court will set guidelines before considering any abatement. Mr. Cleveland requested the Commissioner's make decisions on behalf of the land owners. RWE a foreign owned company is one of the Wind Tower companies pushing for the towers.

The group would like to have two weeks to complete some studies and meet with Commissioner's before any decisions are made.

No action taken at this time.

Commissioner Birdwell, Commissioner Ward and Treasurer Campsey returned to the meeting.

DISCUSS RENOVATION OF JACK COUNTY DISTRICT COURTROOM

Judge Umphress - Randy Parks has come to look at the walls in the Courtroom. He would like to go back in with the red oak paneling and add in hand made columns. There would need to be several shipping containers outside to hold his materials while working. The install only would take 2-3 months.

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Commissioner Birdwell has talked to several companies about a motor grader and given bid packages. RDO has 4 machines that are lease returns he is interested in finding out how much they will sell for.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Commissioners need an inventory list of vehicles at the Sheriff's Office, who is using them and what vehicles need to go to auction. Do not want to put cameras into vehicles that need to be auctioned.

New cameras inside and outside the jail have been installed. There are adjustments that need to be made with some cameras.

Frank Hefner, EMC the State has not given notification of when more COVID-19 vaccines will be arriving. Jack County has only received 3% of our allocation according to our population.

Judge Umphress, there may be a need to purchase a subzero freezer if we are able to get the Pfizer brand vaccine.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

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 1:01 p.m.



Gary Oliver, Commissioner Pct. #1



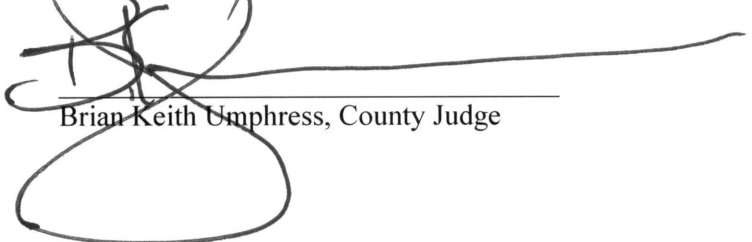
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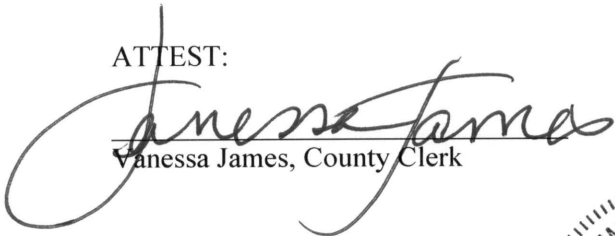


Terry Ward, Commissioner Pct. #4



Brian Keith Umphress, County Judge

ATTEST:



Vanessa James, County Clerk

