

MINUTES

On this the 8th day of February, 2021 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Regular Session at 10:05 a.m. with the following individuals present:

Brian Keith Umphress
Gary Oliver
James L. Brock
Henry Birdwell, Jr.
Terry Ward
Vanessa James

County Judge
Commissioner Precinct 1
Commissioner Precinct 2
Commissioner Precinct 3
Commissioner Precinct 4
County Clerk

Lisa Perry
Brad Campsey
Frank Hefner
Chris Reger
Scott Simonton
Candace Crow

County Auditor
County Treasurer
County EMC/IT
Chief Deputy
Assistant Jail Administrator
Assistant County Auditor

Judith Jamison- Citizen
John Hayhurst- Citizen
John Ramsey- Citizen
Sally Marshall- Citizen
Otto H. Lunday- Citizen
Cindy Coyle- Citizen
Debbie McClanahan- Citizen
Bob Maddox- Citizen
Miles Maddox- Citizen
Eric White- Citizen
Albert Puig- Citizen
Teri Gitchell- Citizen
Tommy Gitchell- Citizen
Kevin Berry- Citizen

George Coyle- Citizen
Becky Coyle- Citizen
B.W. Barton- Citizen
John D. Thompson- Citizen
Roby Christie- Citizen
Wonaka Williams- Citizen
Charles Williams- Citizen
Dave Garin- Citizen
Patricia Puig- Citizen
Wes Jackson- Citizen
Will Mangum- Citizen
Roberto Tinajero- Citizen
Gary Massie- Citizen
Ronnie Cafagna- Citizen

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JACK COUNTY, TEXAS
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PUBLIC FORUM

Brian Barton presented to the Court an economic study performed regarding wind farms in Jack County.

Judith Jamison, John Hayhurst, Cindy Coyle, Debbie McClanahan, Bob Maddox, Miles Maddox, Eric White, Albert Puig, Tommy Gitchell, George Coyle, John D. Thompson, Roby Christie, Charles Williams, Dave Garin, Patricia Puig, Gary Massie and Kevin Berry spoke in opposition to windfarms in the County.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Commissioner Birdwell 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 25, 2021;
- (b) Appointment of the following Jack County citizens to the Jack County Historical Commission for two year terms each: Terry Ward, Robert Frie, Jess Elmore, Susan Elmore, Brad Dixon and Mitchell Davenport;

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

TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

10:00 a.m.- Review of bids for Precinct #3 Motor Grader and action on same.

6 bids were received timely and complete.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bridwell to reject all bids for a motor grader for precinct #3. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed unanimously. (5-0)

Motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to go out for bids again for a machine that is 2017 or newer. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed unanimously. (5-0)

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

Discussion made no action taken.

APPROVAL AND SIGNATURES BY COMMISSIONERS TO AN AMENDMENT OF FY
2021 BUDGET FOR THE RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND PRESERVATION FUND IN
THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to approve an amendment to FY2021 budget. Commissioner Oliver seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (4-0) Commissioner Birdwell not present

APPROVAL IN FORM AND AUTHORIZATION FOR COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN THE
PROPOSED JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT FOR ELECTION
SERVICES BETWEEN JACK COUNTY AND JACKSBORO ISD, CITY OF JACKSBORO
AND BRYSON ISD FOR ELECTION OF MAY 1, 2021

Election Administrator, Lynn Casteel presented the Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services.

Motion was made by Judge Umphress to approve the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with JISD and BISD. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brock and passed unanimously. (4-0) Commissioner Birdwell not present.

DISCUSSION REGARDING TAX ABATEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEEDURES WITH
BRANDON WESTLAKE FROM CUMMINS WESTLAKE LLC REPRESENTING THEIR
LASSO WIND PROJECT

Commissioner Birdwell, Commissioner Ward and Treasurer Campsey excused themselves from the Courtroom for this item.

Wes Jackson, tax consultant with Cummins Westlake LLC attended to answer any abatement questions. This wind project is still several years out. Commissioner Oliver asked if he has ever seen it to when an abatement is not given. He has seen provisions put into abatements for donations to the local groups. Judge Umphress asked if this project would bring jobs to our community. The project would employ more than 200 for 5 months or so then drop off. Permanent jobs 5-8 possibly. Judge Umphress asked if he knew of a windfarm that an abatement was not given for the project. Mr. Jackson said there have been some projects go in down by the coast without an abatement.

A decision will not be made on this project until our County abatement guidelines have been updated and approved.

No action taken at this time.

DISCUSS RENOVATION OF JACK COUNTY DISTRICT COURTROOM

No discussion made.

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Commissioner Oliver is looking for a truck. He is looking at the previous specs used and request bids.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Judge Umphress received a report from Tax Assessor, Sharon Robinson regarding Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins and Mott, LLP and delinquent tax collections that have been made. Judge Umphress needs to establish our depository agreement with JNB as it is almost to the deadline. It is about time to go through the process again.

County Auditor, Lisa Perry stated there is a little slow down with the software conversion. STW is bringing in an accountant to help get the numbers fixed from the previous software company. There will be a cost for the accountant. County Clerk, Vanessa James asked the Court to address getting our website into compliance.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

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 (4-0).


The meeting was adjourned at 1:13 p.m.



Gary Oliver, Commissioner Pct. #1



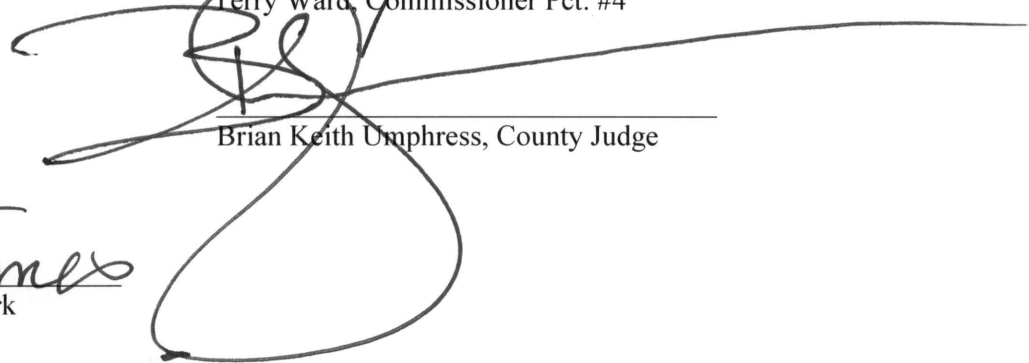
James L. Brock, Commissioner Pct. #2



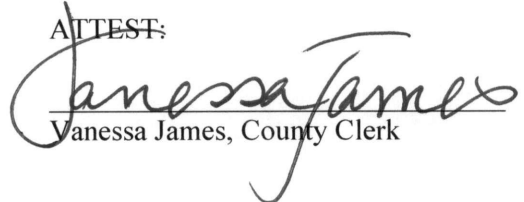
Henry Birdwell, Jr. Commissioner Pct. #3



Terry Ward, Commissioner Pct. #4



Brian Keith Umphress, County Judge

ATTEST:


Vanessa James, County Clerk

