

MINUTES

On this the 22nd day of February 2021 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Regular Session at 9:07 a.m. beginning with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the American and Texas flags with the following individuals present:

FILED FOR RECORD

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

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VANESSA JAMES, County Clerk
JACK COUNTY, TEXAS

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Lisa Perry
Candace Crow
Frank Hefner
Tom Spurlock
Chris Reger

County Auditor
Assistant County Auditor
County EMC/IT
Sheriff
Chief Deputy Sheriff

JJ Jamison

Citizen

PUBLIC FORUM

J.J. Jameson a citizen spoke regarding her experience during the severe winter weather.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Judge Umphress made a motion to pay all accounts and claims submitted for approval in addition to a Mason diesel repair. Commissioner Brock seconded and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for February 8, 2021;
- (b) Review and Acceptance of Auditor's Monthly Reports;
- (c) Approval/Renewal of Performance Bonds for Deputy Sheriff Johnny Michael Thompson and Deputy Sheriff Parker Walden;

Judge Umphress made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items except item (b) to be added to a future agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

No timed items.

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

Discussion made, no action taken.

DISCUSSION REGARDING SERVICES PROVIDED BY ACA (AFFORDABLE CARE ACT) REPORTING AND TRACKING SERVICE (ARTS) FOR REPORTING OF 1095C WITH IRS AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN RETAINER AGREEMENT – ASSISTANT AUDITOR KIM DUNGAN;

Kim Dungan, Assistant County Auditor stated this is the same program we have been using in the past. The program is through TAC and the only charge is for mailing the forms out.

The motion was made by Judge Umphress to continue the TAC reporting and tracking services. Commissioner Birdwell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSS RENOVATION OF JACK COUNTY DISTRICT COURTROOM

Discussion made, no action taken.

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Commissioner Brock hauled water to several areas in his precinct that were without water for people and animals.

Commissioner Brock gave information regarding new shingle technology using shingles coming off of houses they are now making them into asphalt to put on roads that can be ripped and repaired more effectively. He is going to do a test area in his precinct to test the product for use. Six loads will cover a quarter of a mile of road.

Discussion of upcoming TXDoT project coming to the area.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Judge Umphress reported the boiler ran continuously for a week and there is a leak on the 3rd floor that has to be checked at least 2 times daily so that the water won't run over the bucket the leak runs into.

Information shared regarding mini-split heating and cooling units in the Courthouse.

Frank Hefner, EMC received a call from the state operation center for Brazos Electric Power Plant. The plant required de-mineralized water to keep running. The VFD has a stainless steel tender that was able to go to Weatherford to pick up the de-mineralized water and hauled it to the power plant. They called the Governor's Office to get clearance to haul the water. Some discussion was made regarding the County website. Frank Hefner, County IT feels that if we utilize the TAC website they are a big target for cyber-attacks and our County will need more security to keep it from affecting us. He would like to use the website he has built.

The Halliburton building was opened as a warming station for residents that could be without power.

The Courthouse generator needs to be addressed so that the Courthouse could be a warming station in any future weather event.

Judge Umphress – Bryan Barton reached out to him they have reviewed the abatement guidelines the Judge presented during Court. They have some information they would like to share with the Court. Judge Umphress will meet with them for discussion.

Sheriff Spurlock – has an employee that is maxed out on vacation time and has stopped accruing. She has been in this situation before there have been several dispatchers sick with COVID and out so that she couldn't take off work. Judge Umphress would suggest handling as it was handled previously.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

March 8, 2021, Commissioner's Court will open bids for a motor grader for Precinct #3.

Review and acceptance of Auditor's Monthly Report.

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 11:52 a.m.



Gary Oliver, Commissioner Pct. #1

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Henry Birdwell, Jr.

Henry Birdwell, Jr. Commissioner Pct. #3

Terry Ward

Terry Ward, Commissioner Pct. #4

Brian Keith Umphress

Brian Keith Umphress, County Judge

ATTEST:

Vanessa James

Vanessa James, County Clerk

