

MINUTES

On this the 10th day of May 2021 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Regular Session at 10:07 a.m. beginning with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the American and Texas flags with the following individuals present:

Brian Keith Umphress
Gary Oliver
Henry Birdwell, Jr.
Terry Ward
Vanessa James
Lisa Perry
Candace Crow
Brad Campsey
Suzanne Brooks
Tom Spurllock
Chris Reger
Michael Francis
Clyde Watson

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VANESSA JAMES, County Clerk
JACK COUNTY, TEXAS

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The following members of the public were in attendance:

Amee Roland, B.W. Barton, T.D. Gitchell, Cynthia Coyle, George Coyle, Ronnie Cafagna, Roby Christie, and David Garin

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Judge Umphress gave an overview of the recent County audit for FY2019.

Judge Umphress made a motion to pay all accounts and claims submitted for approval. Commissioner Ward seconded and the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for April 26, 2021;
- (b) Approval/Renewal of Performance Bond and Oath for Deputy Sheriff Jessica Serna;
- (c) Review and Approval for Judge Umphress to sign a Tax Deed and Property Card for Trust Property in the City of Jacksboro;

Judge Umphress made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birdwell and the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

10:17 – Public Hearing to consider and to act upon the adoption of Criteria and Guidelines for purposes of Tax Abatement, as required by §312.002 of the Texas Tax Code;

Judge Umphress presented the list of criteria and guidelines which were presented to the Commissioners and explained the guidelines. Jack County is being considered for a gas-powered Power Plant. He encourages the public to stand with the Commissioners and County leaders positively as the court would like to see more industry come into our County.

Bryon Barton, Roby Christy, Amy Rowland, Dave Harroway, and Cynthia Coyle each addressed the Commissioner's Court.

The public hearing closed at 10:13 a.m.

Commissioner's discussed the implementation of the criteria and guidelines.

Commissioner Oliver made a motion for the Texas Utility code 301 to be added back as presented in the last meeting. Judge Umphress seconded the motion, the motion died for lack of any votes.

Judge Umphress made a motion to approve the criteria and guidelines as presented today. Commissioner Ward seconded and it passed as presented. (3-1)

Judge Umphress, Commissioner Birdwell, and Commissioner Ward - for
Commissioner Oliver - against

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

The first reimbursement payment has been received. We have 5 years to complete this project.

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Commissioners have been working on the washouts in their precincts.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

Candace Crow from the Auditor's Office updated the Court on Cares Act funds the County should receive soon.

We should be receiving the link from the Texas Association of Counties to take the Cybersecurity training.

Discussion of the vacation time buyback of 40 hours. And if the Court intended to buy time lost. The Court would like to know how many employees are affected and discuss during budget time.

BUDGET FY 2021-2022 KICKOFF

Discussion of beginning budget preparation for FY 2022. Budget sheets will be soon handed out to all departments. The preliminary budget will be filed before the 30th of July. Budget sheets can be turned in as soon as you are ready. Commissioner's Court days in June and July there will likely be budget hearings in the afternoon during those months. The budget could be adopted as soon as the 16th of August.

Discussion of plans for the District Courtroom.

Sharon Robinson has been approached regarding collecting taxes for all County entities. She and the County Judge have visited each entity to see if they have any concerns. This would mean all taxpayers in the County would pay only at the Tax Assessors Office.


FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None listed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business motion was made by Commissioner Birdwell to adjourn. Commissioner Oliver seconded the motion to adjourn and the motion passed unanimously. (4-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.



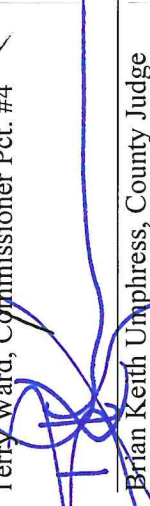
Gary Oliver, Commissioner Pct. #1



Henry Birdwell, Jr. Commissioner Pct. #3

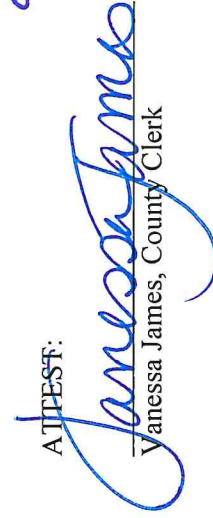


Terry Ward, Commissioner Pct. #4



Brian Keith Umphress, County Judge

ATTEST:



Vanessa James, County Clerk

