

MINUTES

On this the 24th day of May 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 flag and Texas flag with the following individuals present:

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

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County Judge
Commissioner Precinct 1
Commissioner Precinct 2
Commissioner Precinct 3
Commissioner Precinct 4
County Clerk
County Auditor
Assistant County Auditor
County Treasurer
Chief Deputy County Clerk
Sheriff
Chief Deputy Sheriff
Deputy Sheriff
Constable

VANESSA JAMES, County Clerk
JACK COUNTY, TEXAS
BY _____ DEPUTY

The following members of the public were in attendance: James Logan, Cindy Coyle Gilbert, George Coyle, Becky Coyle, Susan Abshier, Ronnie Cafagna, Billy Cypert, John Ramsey, Otto H. Lunday, Suzann Roland, Ameer Roland, Mike Mask, Roby Christie, Jim Silveus, Cory Blunt, Judy Allen, R.J. Allen, Maurine Dickey, Janice Watkins, Karen Vanderkaay, Erich Wunder, and Caroline Wunder.

PUBLIC FORUM

Various members of the public spoke to the Court, most regarding Wind Farms looking to come into Jack County.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting for May 10, 2021;
- (b) Review and Acceptance of Auditor's Monthly Reports;
- (c) Approval of Performance Bonds and Oath for Appointed Commissioner Precinct #2
Darren Francis;
- (d) Authorization of issuance of county Credit Card through County Depository to County Commissioner Precinct #2 Darren Francis with a limit of \$2,500;
- (e) Accept Conflict of Interest Affidavit(s) regarding LASSO WIND LLC;

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

TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

None.

PRESENTATION BY JANICE WATKINS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WISE HOPE

Wise Hope is seeking to have a fund partnership with Jack County. She explained what services they offer and how their organization started and how it has grown to what it is now. They have two certified counselors and a 24-hour hotline, a thrift store that their clients can shop at, and other members of the public and it helps to fund their budget. They send individuals to educate in the schools regarding domestic violence, teach respect, bullying, and warning signs.

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF LASSO WIND APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT

Commissioner Birdwell and Commissioner Ward left the meeting at 10:05 a.m. for items regarding Lasso Wind.
Judge Umphress presented to the Commissioner's the reinvestment zoning map.

The initial application was not complete, a complete application has now been received. Westlake has provided the requested reinvestment map. There has been a revision made to the map received just before the meeting today.

Judge Umphress made a motion to acknowledge the receipt of an application for tax abatement filed by Lasso Wind LLC, and that the filing fee be received and evidence of the application and receipt of fee be noted in the minutes of the Commissioner's Court. Commissioner Francis seconded and the vote was unanimous (3-0). Commissioners Bridwell and Ward were not present in the Courtroom for this vote.

CONSIDER AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO ESTABLISH A DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CREATION OF A REINVESTMENT ZONE FOR PURPOSES OF TAX ABATEMENT TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN JACK COUNTY, AND TO AUTHORIZE NOTICE OF SUCH HEARING TO BE PUBLISHED IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 312 OF THE TEXAS TAX CODE

Judge Umphress made a motion to conduct a public hearing on July 12, 2021, and provide notice as required by law regarding the creation of a reinvestment zone for purposes of tax by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code. Commissioner Oliver seconded and the motion was unanimous (3-0). Commissioners Birdwell and Ward were not present in the Courtroom for this item.

CONSIDER AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO GIVE NOTICE TO OTHER TAXING JURISDICTIONS OF TAX ABATEMENT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 312, TEXAS TAX CODE

Judge Umphress made a motion to provide notice to the other taxing jurisdictions of the Tax Abatement. Commissioner Francis seconded and the motion was unanimous (3-0). Commissioners Birdwell and Ward were not present in the Courtroom for this item.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF A NEW ACCOUNT SET UP AT THE JACKSBORO NATIONAL BANK FOR "COUNTY OF JACK CORONAVIRUS FISCAL RECOVERY FUND" REQUIRING TWO SIGNATURES. TWO SIGNATORIES DESIGNATED AS COUNTY TREASURER BRAD CAMPSEY AND COUNTY AUDITOR LISA PERRY

Commissioners Birdwell and Ward present in the Courtroom at 10:52 a.m.

This money will be deposited in an interest-bearing account and should be received during the first part of May. The stipulations for spending are still being worked out by the Federal Government at this time.

Motion made by Commissioner Birdwell to approve a new account set up at The Jacksboro National Bank for "County of Jack Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund" and interest-bearing account requiring two signatures designated as County Treasurer Brad Campsey and County Auditor Lisa Perry. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed unanimously. (5-0)

APPOINTMENT OF PRO TEM COUNTY JUDGE FOR COMMISSIONERS COURT FOR THE REMAINING CALENDAR YEAR 2021

Motion made by Commissioner Ward to nominate Commissioner Birdwell for Judge ProTem for the calendar year 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis and passed (4-1) Commissioner Birdwell voting against.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE APPROVAL AND ORDER ISSUED BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR THE ON-SITE SEWAGE FACILITY (OSSF) FOR AND OPERATED BY JACK COUNTY

TCEQ has approved Jack County's paperwork for the County to oversee the OSSF in the County.

The motion was made by Commissioner Francis to accept the approval and order and continue to move forward with our OSSF. Commissioner Oliver seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (5-0)

DISCUSSION AND APPOINTMENT OF BOB HAMMAN AS THE DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ON-SITE SEWAGE FACILITY (OSSF) IN JACK COUNTY

A motion was made by Commissioner Francis to appoint Bob Hamman as the designated representative of the On-site-sewage program in Jack County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and passed unanimously. (5-0)

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

Candace Crow with the County Auditor's Office presented the Court with updates, she sent in a new submission and the second payment has been received. The next due date is June 18th – 25th.

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Discussion of TxDOT bridges in the County.

Current Precinct Commissioner Francis is looking to employ former Commissioner Brock.

REPORTS, IF ANY, BY OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Judge Umphress showed the Court goals for the FY2022 budget.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Kim Dungan reported that health and medical insurance will need to be added to the next agenda. There will be an increase to insurance for next year which will average approximately \$40 to \$50 increase per employee. The new rate will become effective October 1, 2021. She also reported that County properties will be evaluated soon as well.


Comp time buy out.

Hand-held radios for the Sheriff's Department.


ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.



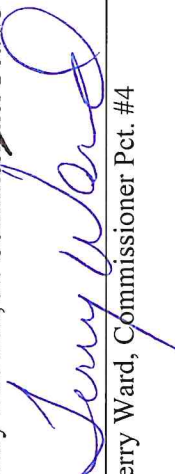
Gary Oliver, Commissioner Pct. #1



Darren Francis, Commissioner Pct. #2



Henry Birdwell, Jr. Commissioner Pct. #3



Terry Ward, Commissioner Pct. #4

Brian Keith Umphress, County Judge

ATTEST:


Vanessa James, County Clerk

