

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - MAY 13, 2019

On the 13th day of May, 2019, there was a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 2840 Hwy 35 N, Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, with the following members present: **C. H. "Burt" Mills, Jr.**, County Judge; **Jack Chaney**, Commissioner, Precinct 1; **Leslie "Bubba" Casterline**, Commissioner, Precinct 2; **Brian Olsen**, Commissioner, Precinct 3; **Wendy Laubach**, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and **Valerie K. Amason**, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were **Jerry Brundrett**, County Surveyor; **Richard P. Bianchi**, County Court at Law Judge; **Kristen Barnebey**, County District Attorney; **Pam Heard**, District Clerk; **Suzy Wallace**, County Auditor; **Linda Garcia Haynes**, Executive Assistant to the County Judge; **David Reid**, Road Administrator/Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Katherine Comeaux**, Development Services Coordinator; **Collin Jackson**, IT Director; **Linda Doane**, Human Resources Director; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **Valerie Gonzalez**, Environmental Health Director; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager; **Jacky Cockerham**, First Assistant County Auditor; **Lois White**, Chief Deputy Treasurer; **John Gutierrez**, Chief Deputy Sheriff; **Gavin Harrison** Training Coordinator for the Sheriff's Office;

Long-Term Recovery: **Will Whitson**, **Kim Foutz**, **Randall Freeze**, **Vickie Foley**, Long Term Recovery Specialists;

Agrilife Extension Office: **Ginger Easton-Smith** and **Megan Gildden**; County Extension Agents;

Members of Local City Government, Community Groups and other Interested Parties present:

City of Rockport Council Members: Barbara Gurtner, Ward 4;

Aransas County Citizens: Gayle Wright; Blake McDavid; Bob Cunningham;

Chamber of Commerce: Diane Probst, President/CEO; Sandy Jumper, Vice President of Marketing and Promotion;

Rockport Center for the Arts: Luis Puron, Executive Director;

Aransas County Historical Commission: Betty Stiles, Chair; Mike Geer, Vice Chair; Collin Jackson, Secretary; Other members: Jerry Brundrett; Barbara Gurtner; Collin Jackson; Brian Olsen, Court Appointed Liaison; Non-Voting Advisors: Pam Wheat Stranahan, (2018 Chair); Linda Garcia Haynes, (2018 Secretary);

Byer & Company, Certified Public Accountants: Wayne R. Beyer;

Rockport Pilot Newspaper: Mike Probst, Editor and Publisher;

The Meeting was convened at 9:00 a.m. at which time a quorum was declared by Judge Mills, WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had and done to wit:

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation #P-05-2019 was presented to Adult Protective Services (APS), designating the month of May as Elder Abuse Prevention Month.

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2. Proclamation #P-06-2019 was presented to the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce recognizing May 5-11, 2019 as National Tourism Week.
3. Presentation and Update on Extension Activities from the AgriLife Extension Office, presented by Ginger Easton-Smith and Megan Glidden, County Extension Agents.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve:

4. Minutes from the Regular Meeting of April 22, 2019.
5. Proclamation #P-05-2019, designating the month of May as Elder Abuse Prevention Month for Adult Protective Services.
6. Proclamation #P-06-2019, recognizing May 05-11, 2019 as National Tourism Week.
7. Official Public Bond Continuation Certificate for Amanda LaFerney, Court Clerk of Aransas County.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COUNTY REPORTS

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve 1st Quarterly 2019 Report for the Rockport Center for the Arts.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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9. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve 1st Quarterly 2019 Report for the Aransas County Historical Commission.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

10. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve and recognize accepting a donation in the amount of \$16,189.73 from the Friends of Connie Hagar, Inc. to be used by Aransas County Pathways for the construction of a pavilion at the Connie Hagar Cottage Sanctuary Venue.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

11. Public Members names, Tonya Evans, Scott MacDonald, and Annette Hegen, in that order, were drawn for Salary Grievance Committee in Accordance with Section 152.015 of the Local Government Code.

COUNTY ROADS

12. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve authorizing Kevin Cullen to negotiate the purchase of 0.796 acres of land out of Lot 12, J Smith Survey for drainage improvements in the Club Lake Watershed.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

13. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve a variance of Lots 3 and

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4, Block 356, Manning Addition. The reason for the replat is to combine two lots into one lot for residential development. The reason for the variance is that the proposed lot is less than the minimum acreage required as per the Aransas County Subdivision Regulations. The final plat legal description would be Lot 1, Block 1, Villarreal Estate.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

14. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve a variance of Lots 46, 47, and 48, Block A, Bahia Bay, Unit 1. The reason for the replat is to combine three lots into one lot and increase the lot size of existing home. The reason for the variance is that the proposed lot is less than the minimum acreage required as per the Aransas County Subdivision Regulations. Bahia Bay Subdivision was platted before the adoption of the Subdivision Regulations in 2009, and the lots are non-compliant. The proposed lot does not meet the minimum acreage requirement, but the replat is more in compliance than the two lots are now. The final plat legal description would be Lot 46-R, Block A, Bahia Bay, Section 1.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

15. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve a variance of Lots 9 and 10, Block 219, Smith and Wood Division. The reason for the

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replat is to re-orient two lots and change the frontage from Terry Street to Alamito Street. The reason for the variance is that the proposed lot is less than the minimum acreage required as per the Aransas County Subdivision Regulations. The final plat legal description would be Lots 9-R and 10-R, Block 219, Smith and Wood Division.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

16. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve accepting a quote of \$32,691 from J J Fox Construction for the adjustment of concrete driveways in the S. Lake neighborhood.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, GRANTS & LEASES

17. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve and authorize the County Judge to sign Contract Agreement No. 7219007 between Aransas County and the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) - The Disaster Relief Fund - TxCDBG (Texas Community Development Block Grant) Program for Banty Lane.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

18. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve and authorize

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the County Judge to sign a Grant Administration Services Contract with GrantWorks, Inc for the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) Disaster Relief Fund Contract No. 7219007.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

19. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve Resolution #R-21-2019, a Resolution authorizing designating authorizing signatories for contractual documents and documents for requesting funds pertaining to the 2019 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Disaster Relief Fund (TxCDBG-DR) Contract No. 7219007.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

20. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Resolution #R-20-2019, a Resolution of the Commissioners Court approving the creation/formation of the Aransas County Alliance Local Government Corporation.

Question. Commissioner Chaney and Commissioner Laubach voted against the motion. Motion carried with three votes for and two against.

It is so ordered.

21. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Texas Interlocal Cooperation Contract between Aransas County, the City of Rockport, The

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Town of Fulton and the Aransas County Navigation District for the Aransas County Alliance Local Government Corporation subject to any amendment/changes made by the Aransas County Navigation District.

Question. Commissioner Laubach voted against the motion.

Motion carried with three votes for and one against.

It is so ordered.

22. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve an application for the creation of a Local Government Corporation pursuant to Subchapter D of Chapter 431 of the Texas Transportation Code, as amended, to aid and act on behalf of the County, City, Town and District in relation to job recruitment, workforce development, marketing, business recruitment, business retention and expansion, economic development and other matters in connection therewith.

Question. Commissioner Laubach voted against the motion.

Motion carried with three votes for and one against.

It is so ordered.

23. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve and authorize the County Judge to sign an Article of Incorporation/Certificate of Formation of the Aransas County Alliance Local Government Corporation.

Question. Commissioner Laubach voted against the motion.

Motion carried with three votes for and one against.

It is so ordered.

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24. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Bylaws of the Aransas County Alliance Local Government Corporation.

Question. Commissioner Laubach voted against the motion.

Motion carried with three votes for and one against.

It is so ordered.

25. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve withdrawing all RFQ (Request for Qualifications) Architect proposals for the Downtown Anchor Project, as accepted at the Special Joint Meeting of the Aransas County Commissioners Court and the City of Rockport City Council on December 12, 2018.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

26. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve withdrawing all Architect Proposal Contract Negotiations for the Downtown Anchor Project, as accepted at the Special Joint Meeting of the Aransas County Commissioners Court and the City of Rockport City Council on December 12, 2018.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

27. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the re-bidding of Architect RFQs' (Request for Qualifications) for the Downtown Anchor Project.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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28. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve Sheriff accepting bid and authorizing the County Judge and/or Sheriff to sign the Commissary Provider Contract with Keefe Commissary. Bids were opened by the Auditor's Office on April 29, 2019 with Keefe being the only submission that was complete and met requested minimums.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

29. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve and authorize the County Judge to sign Statement of Work with CDW Government for implementation of Disaster Recovery Co-Location Components necessary for redundant communication services, no new money. (This is the professional services component for the previously approved Redundant Links to Austin and the DataFoundry Data Center agreement to implement and affect the cut-over to the new connections.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE

30. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Laubach to approve the April 2019 Indigent Health Care Report.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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31. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve a one-time Supplemental Payment of \$100,000 to Code 3 Emergency, from the County's healthcare sales tax revenue, to help defray incurred costs of providing uncompensated medical care to uninsured residents of Aransas County.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

32. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve authorizing the County Treasurer to sign a Promissory Note, Disbursement Request and Authorization, and Notice of Final Agreement between Aransas County and Prosperity Bank for the automatic extension of the expiration date for one year on the Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit #1973 from Prosperity Bank to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), said extension going through June 1, 2020. The Letter of Credit covers financial assurance of the Aransas County Transfer Station in the amount of \$10,200.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

33. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve 2018 Fiscal Year Comprehensive Financial Audit of Aransas County as presented by Beyer & Co.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

34. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Laubach to approve new job descriptions for the Transfer Station as follows: Attendant, Supervisor, and

Assistant Supervisor - job descriptions attached - no new monies.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

35. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Budget Line Item Transfers of which there were none.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

36. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS &

DEPARTMENT HEADS WHEREIN NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

Suzy Wallace read the fee report for the month of March.

Mike Geer introduced his employee Rocky Chatwell, whom has been with him since 2017 right after Hurricane Harvey.

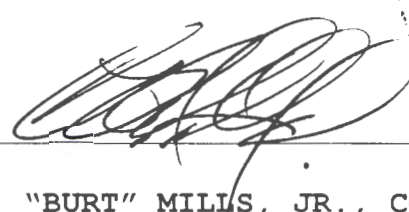
Judge Mills announced that Commissioner Olsen will be leaving office at the end of May.

Will Whitson gave a report on the CDBG-DR.

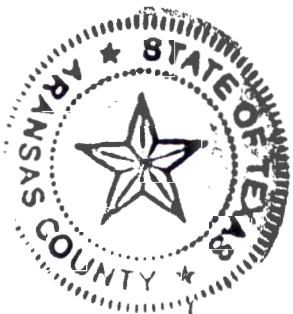
Judge Mills commented that he has worked with this Long Term Recovery group and that he is so proud to be a part of them, they work very hard.

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No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 10:52 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline.



C. H. "BURT" MILLS, JR., COUNTY JUDGE



VALERIE K. AMASON,
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT