

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - MAY 28, 2019

On the 28th 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 **Alma Cartwright**, Treasurer; **Suzy Wallace**, County Auditor; **Latisha Murphy**, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge; **David Reid**, Road Administrator/Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Collin Jackson**, IT Director; **Linda Doane**, Human Resources Director; **Elizabeth Guerra**, Human Resources Assistant; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **Valerie Gonzalez**, Environmental Health Director; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager; **Lora Rios**, Juvenile Case Manager; **Michele Bennett**, Elections Administrator; **Rene Butler**, Maintenance Director; **Jacky Cockerham**, First Assistant County Auditor; **Lois White**, Chief Deputy Treasurer; **John Gutierrez**, Chief Deputy Sheriff; **Iris Sanchez**, County Librarian;

Long-Term Recovery: **Randall Freeze**, Long Term Recovery Specialist;

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

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

Aransas County Citizens: Betty Stiles; Charles Smith; Susanna Goad;

Aransas County 4-H: Darla Zuniga, Texas A&M Agrilife Extension 4-H Assistant; Thayna Rollins, Committee Member of the Aransas County 4-H Club;

Friends of the History Center: Robert Lawrence, President; Leah Oliva, Vice President; John Bemrose, Treasurer; Patricia Jo Albin; William Beasley, Jr.; John Bemrose; Kay Betz; Julie Howard; Maureen Winkleman; Becky Sanders, Administrative Assistant;

GrantWorks: Roxana Sandoval, Nueces County Grant Administrator;

Chamber of Commerce: Diane Probst, President/CEO;

Mike Probst, Editor and Publisher of the Rockport Pilot Newspaper;

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

Darla Zuniga and a group of 4-H Students approached the Court to thank outgoing Commissioner Brian Olsen for his role as Public Speaking and Educational Mentor and all of his help and guidance with the 4-H Program. Commissioner Olsen responded: "It was a pleasure and an honor working with all of you, I had so much fun, I've learned a lot about Basking Sharks this year, I looked it up and that is a scary looking shark. But it was a lot of fun, I got to go to the San Patricio and Aransas County Fair this year, the show was fantastic and I learned a lot about the

Chickens, Turkeys, and Livestock. I also attended the local, regional, and I'm going to the State show up in College Station, I'll be able to see one of the students who will be there and I'm very excited about that, so thank you for all that you've helped me with when you are doing your public speaking classes because it certainly helped me learn everything I needed to know about poultry and livestock, thank you.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

1. Minutes from the Regular Meeting of May 13, 2019.
2. Authorizing Environmental Health to seek bids on three vehicles for Mosquito Control.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

3. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve recommendation for the re-appointment of Kari Kelley (representing the private sector) as a Board Member to an additional three-year term expiring in June 2022 for Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

4. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve appointing the Initial Director to serve on the Board of the Aransas County Alliance Local Government Corporation.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

5. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve appointing Commissioner Casterline, Pct. 2, to the Employee Policies Committee to replace Commissioner Olsen, Pct. 3, who is resigning from the County.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COUNTY REPORTS

6. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve 1st Quarterly Report for the Friends of the History Center.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

7. Public Members names, Rickey Gonzales, Cheryl Ward, Rhonda Allan and Melvin Alexander, in that order, were drawn for Salary Grievance Committee in Accordance with Section 152.015 of the Local Government Code.

COUNTY ROADS

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the Road & Bridge Administrator to suspend new driveway installation services.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, GRANTS & LEASES

9. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve Resolution #R-22-2019, a Resolution adopting CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Civil Rights policies pertaining to Contract 7219007.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

10. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve a Fair Housing Policy (Form A1015). This policy will help to fulfill Fair Housing activity obligations as required by the grant for Contract 7219007. A Fair Housing activity as listed in the TxCDBG (Texas Community Development Block Grant) Manual must occur during the contract period.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

11. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Over 5% Limited English Proficiency Plan (LEP) (Form A1010). The Civil Rights Policy obligations are required by the grant for Contract 7219007 as listed in the TxCDBG (Texas Community Development Block Grant) Manual must occur during the contract period.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

12. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve and authorize the County Judge to sign a Professional Services Agreement between Aransas County and Hanson Professional Services, Inc. for engineering services associated with a proposed Bahia Bay Outfall.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

13. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve accepting a grant check from the Aransas County Area Go Texan Ambassador, Darla Zuniga and Committee Member, Thayna Rollins; as well as presentation of grant check to Lora Rios and Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2, Judge Diana McGinnis, in the amount of \$250.00 to be used for the Juvenile GED Program.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

14. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Tocker Foundation Grant Application, which allows the Aransas County Library to apply and request grant funding in the amount of \$30,500 to be used for the Discovery Garden at the library.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE

15. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the April 2019 Treasurer's Report.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

16. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve Resolution #R-17-2019, a Resolution approving the Aransas County Investment Policy (yearly review).
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

17. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve Resolution #R-18-2019, a Resolution approving Investment Officers.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

18. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve Resolution #R-19-2019, a Resolution approving the Broker/Dealer List.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

19. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve creating a 3rd Maintenance

(Inserts)

Custodial position for the Public Facilities Department - no new monies - job description attached.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

20. 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.

21. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline 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

Mike Gere: A few weeks back I asked the Commissioners Court for permission to let Northstar Recovery to do a cost analysis on rebuilding the hangars in different locations of the airport, that's come back and it's not going to be cost effective to move them, we will be putting them right back in the same spot and we are basically ready to file with the FAA for their approval. We are planning, however, still to move the car barn, which was the old cinder block hangar, in front of the terminal because it is

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not aviation related and there is no need to have it sitting on prime aviation real estate and we are going to use the foundation as aircraft parking, we just have to do a little bit of mitigation to tie into the ramp. Because it was a CFU building, a cinder block building, when insurance starts looking at replacing like and kind, a CFU building costs a lot more these days, so we are going to replace it with a metal building but we are going to credit of replacement with a masonry unit, so we will be able to redirect this savings with some more LED lighting or whatever we need to improve in the hangars.

Betty Stiles: Brian, I would just like to say again, you will be missed very much; you've been a wonderful Commissioner.

Judge Mills: Yes, we will miss you, it's been a pleasure working with you, and we appreciate everything you have done for the county. With that being said I do have an announcement today, first I'd like to thank everyone who sent in resumes for this position, it's nice to see people interested in what's going on in government, sadly there is only one seat to be filled and I am appointing Charles Smith to be Commissioner of Precinct 3, as we all know he was Precinct 3 Commissioner for ten years prior to our Commissioner Olsen so he's not going to be starting off fresh. So everybody welcome Charles Smith.
(Applause)

Commissioner Chaney: That's probably the only standing ovation he's going to get. (Laughter)

Charles Smith: I think that's the first one I've ever received.

Judge Mills: Thank you Charles for applying for the position.

Commissioner Olsen: I just wanted to thank all of the Department heads for working with me so well, I've really enjoyed my time here, the first eight and one-half months were just wonderful and then Harvey came to town and it just kind of went downhill from there. But I certainly learned a lot, everyone came together, I think we have the best Judge in the State of Texas and the best team in the State of Texas and we couldn't have done it without everyone working together. From that point I want to thank all of the employees in the County because without them the department heads could not have done what they have done and the Commissioners and the Elected Officials could not have done what we all have done. So, thank you very much, I will certainly miss Aransas County, I will be coming back to visit, Mary Jane and I have a piece of our heart here so we will be coming back. For those of you who don't know, my son's wife is pregnant and we are expecting our first grandchild in December and we are very excited about that, so the move is coming at the right time, again thank you all for your support down here, keep doing the great job you've been doing and grow Aransas County, thank you.

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 9:21 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline.

May 28, 2019



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. H. Mills, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

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



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Valerie K. Amason", written over a horizontal line.

VALERIE K. AMASON,

EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT