

MINUTES OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - NOVEMBER 13, 2018

On the 13th day of November, 2018, 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; **Betty Stiles**, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and **Valerie K. Amason**, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were **Jerry Brundrett**, County Surveyor; **Kristen Barnebey**, County District Attorney; **Alma Cartwright**, Treasurer; **Bill Mills**, Sheriff; **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; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **Valerie Gonzalez**, Environmental Health Director; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager; **Carrie Arrington**, Office & Contracts Manager, County District Attorney's Office; **Jacky Cockerham**, Assistant County Auditor; **Sue Pash**, Chief Deputy Treasurer; **Lara Kirchens**, Deputy Treasurer/Venue Tax Collections Clerk; **Ronell Burke**, Animal Control Director;

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: **Pat Rios**, Mayor;

Chamber of Commerce: **Diane Probst**, President/CEO;

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

Kevin Jamison, Director & Vice-President of Elsley, LLC,
Residential/Commercial Housing Plans & Builder/Developer;

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.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

1. Minutes from the Regular Meeting and the Special Joint Meeting of October 22, 2018.
2. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court, Certificates of Participation from the V. G. Young Institute of County Government, awarded to C. H. "Burt" Mills, Jr., for successfully completing 10.00 hours of educational training and Brian Olsen for completing 14.00 hours of educational training during the 96th Annual County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas Conference October 09-11, 2018 in the Woodlands, Texas.

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3. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court, a Certificate of Completion presented to Pam Heard, Aransas County District Clerk, by the Texas District Court Alliance for satisfactory participation in the 18th Annual TDCA Workshop October 16-18, 2018.
4. Court Order #O-12-2018 allowing the Auditor's Office to register three (03) Airport Service vehicles for regular license plates vs. the standard exempt plates.
5. Accepting a donation of office furniture from Morgan Hill to Environmental Health.
6. Joint Proclamation #JP-08-2018 recognizing November 24, 2018, as "Small Business Saturday" in the Rockport-Fulton area.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

COUNTY REPORTS

7. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve 3rd Quarter 2018 Report for the Rockport Center for the Arts.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

COUNTY ROADS

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve advertising for 2019 Road Materials Bids.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

9. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to disapprove a variance and approval of the Final Plat of Lot 5R, Block 219, Smith and Wood Division. Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.
10. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve and authorize County Staff to proceed with process for road improvements and assessment for Conlin and Joseph roads in Lamar using the same procedures as was performed on Southlake Drive. Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.
11. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve accepting proposed change order for South Lake Drive from JJ Fox Construction, Inc. Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, GRANTS & LEASES

12. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve and authorize the County Judge to sign a one year Interlocal Agreement with San Patricio County regarding the Intoxilyzer Program and Technical Supervisor Services. Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.
13. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Resolution #R-19-2018

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awarding GrantWorks, Inc. a contract to provide Texas Community Development Block Grant application and project-related administration services for the 2019-2020 Texas Community Development Fund Project provided through the General Land Office for Long Term Recovery projects, defined as needed by the Aransas County Project Manager. The current particular project being housing for moderate to low-moderate income levels. NOTE: GrantWorks will get paid only if they obtain the grant.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

14. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve and authorize the County Judge to sign a new, lower priced 43 month Retail Electric Supplier Agreement with MidAmerican Energy Services, LLC to replace our existing service agreement with them (currently ending in June of 2023).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

15. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve and authorize the County Judge to sign an Agreement with Cogent Communications, Inc. for a faster, more robust and resilient internet connection to help prevent and lessen downtime in disaster situations.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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16. Approval for the County employing or contracting with William Whitson and/or Kim Foutz for Disaster Recovery Services and the term, services and conditions of their employment or agreement using the funding from the Rebuild Texas grant went into closed session.
17. Approval for changing the Commissioners Court vote taken on October 12, 2018 regarding the Economic Development Agreement between Aransas County and Elsley (Logans Crossing Subdivision) and changing the Agreement to include incentive payments based upon cumulative investment went into closed session.

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE

18. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve September 2018 Treasurer's Report.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.
19. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Treasurer's 3rd Quarter Investment Report.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.
20. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve October 2018 Indigent Healthcare Report.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

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21. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve allowing the County Treasurer to use funds from the Assistance Department to spend up to \$3,000 for blankets for Aransas County residents in need. Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

22. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve 2019 Fee Schedule for Animal Control.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

23. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve adding two new funds for tracking expenditures and revenues, Fund 535 - Long Term Recovery and Fund 435 - Downtown Anchor/Courthouse.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS &

DEPARTMENT HEADS WHEREIN NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

Commissioner Olsen: I would like to commend the Road & Bridge Department for their help with the FM 1781 flooding issue. I was in correspondence with a homeowner out there and David Reid had promised that he had a solution, an idea that he wanted to work out, to relieve some of the flooding, it would take a while but he wanted to test his theory. Within about a week's time he and his folks went out there and alleviated the flooding on the property that had been under water on and off since Harvey. The owner sent me an e-mail and said that the R&B Department had come out well before he thought that the solution would be done and he said that the R&B Department was fantastic and he greatly appreciated everything that they had done. I went by this property after this most recent rain, it is dry and he is thrilled to death. David, to you and your R&B crew, thank you very much.

Commissioner Stiles: I ditto that on Conlin Street, I think the folks that are here would agree that David has gone above and beyond to help.

Diane Probst: We have about 15 - 20 businesses here that are representing "Small Business Saturday", you approved the proclamation, would it be possible for us to stand up and get a picture, now or after the meeting? **Judge Mills:** Well, we are going to go into closed session so why don't we do it now.

Alma Cartwright: I know it's not Thanksgiving yet, but we need to start thinking about Christmas, so the Judge has asked the School Superintendent and they have agreed, we have Fulton

Elementary and Live Oak Learning Center and they are going to make decorations and decorate a tree out in the lobby. **Judge Mills:** I think it is going to be enough for two trees. **Alma:** Well, I have an eight foot live tree coming the week before, anyway we'll probably have a couple of trees. But there will be about 90 kids and because of the storm everybody's decorations were gone, as opposed to us going out and buying stuff, I thought this would be...bringing the kids into the courthouse and letting them to that. So, I want to do something in return and I was thinking a little paper bag and putting small stuff or snacks or something in it to have for the kids and I would like to ask that other departments help me with putting something in those bags, doing something for them. We had thought about having a Santa Claus out there, I don't know where we are at on that, have a little activity for when they come, and I'm pretty sure it's going to be on the 20th and the 29th so they are coming on two different days, a group of 30 and a group of 60, thank you. **Judge Mills:** Ok, so if any of you have any ideas for their bags? **Alma:** Small things.

Suzy Wallace: Read the Fee Report.

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The Court entered into closed session at 9:54 a.m. to discuss and review potential litigation issues and other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1)(a); and to discuss real estate negotiations, including Pathways Projects pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072; and resumed Open Meeting at 11:08 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:

16. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve the County employing or contracting with William Whitson and/or Kim Foutz for Disaster Recovery Services and the term, services and conditions of their employment or agreement using the funding from the Rebuild Texas grant modeling the previous contract.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

17. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to TABLE changing the Commissioners Court vote taken on October 12, 2018 regarding the Economic Development Agreement between Aransas County and Elsley (Logans Crossing Subdivision) and changing the Agreement to include incentive payments based upon cumulative investment.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 11:12 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline.



Valerie K. Amason

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

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

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

