

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
PUBLIC HEARING-AUGUST 19, 2013

On the 19th day of August, 2013 there was a Public Hearing of the Commissioners' Court held in the Commissioners' Court, 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; Charles Smith, Commissioner Precinct 3; and Betty Stiles, Commissioner Precinct 4. Also present was Joy Dias, Chief Deputy, County Clerk; Sheriff Bill Mills; Pam Heard, District Clerk; Gene Johnson, Airport Manager. 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:

Judge Mills stated the purpose of the public hearing was to hear public comments on the Aransas County 2014 Budget. He asked if there was anyone present wanting to speak.

Local attorney, Steve Fischer addressed the court with his concerns of the effective tax rate. He believes with the strengthening of the economy, appraised values will increase. He is concerned the current tax rate will be a burden to homeowners. Charles Smith stated that there is no increase in the tax rate this year. There was some discussion about effective tax rate and the M&O. Commissioner Smith emphasized we are holding the tax line on the effective tax rate. Another concern of Mr. Fischer is the IT department. He indicates since we have several providers, it is less cost effective than using just one provider. He feels it would benefit the public to have one system. The court said we are working towards that goal.

In closing, Commissioner Smith thanked Mr. Fischer for his concerns and he was happy to see a citizen interested in the budget and tax rate. The court appreciates his comments.

No further business presenting, the Court was adjourned by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles.

C. H. "Burt" Mills, Jr., County Judge

Peggy L. Friebele, County Clerk & Ex-Officio Clerk
of the Commissioners' Court