

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR MEETING - MARCH 19, 2012

On the 19th day of March, 2012, there was a Regular Meeting of the Commissioner' Court in the Courthouse, Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, with the following members present: C. H. "Burt" Mills, Jr., County Judge; Leslie "Bubba" Casterline, Commissioner, Precinct 2; Charles Smith, Commissioner, Precinct 3; Russel Cole, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and Peggy L. Friebele, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were Richard Bianchi, County Attorney; Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; Gene Johnson, Airport Manager; David Reid, Drainage Engineer; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; Bill Mills, Sheriff; Pam Heard, District Clerk; David Vyoral, Road Administrator; Justin Cook, IT Director; and Richard Thompson, Project Manager.

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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Betty Stiles, representing The Rockettes, presented a check in the amount of \$300.00 to County Treasurer Cartwright for the commodity program to purchase additional food.

PRESENTATIONS

Jerry Lewis gave a presentation on The Aquarium Education Center design and construction phase summary. The construction came in under budget. The contract cost was \$413,544.00 and it actually cost \$377,347.00. This price does not include the \$824.00 Roger Carriere, County Maintenance Supervisor, spent for bathroom equipment and supplies and it does not include the lease of the site from the Aransas County Navigation District. The Center can seat 60 people, has a 70" and two 60" televisions and a mobile podium. The second floor has an office and storage space.

ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 12, 2012.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

RESOLUTION - THE AQUARIUM AT ROCKPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Resolution #R-02-2012 honoring Jerry

Lewis for all his efforts and accomplishments in connection with The Aquarium at Rockport Harbor and The Aquarium Education Center. Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Resolution inserted)

CEDAR BAYOU/VINSON SLOUGH PROJECT

Judge Mills stated he and County Attorney Bianchi had a meeting with Mr. Ravella last week in Houston. The CCA is willing to pay 50% of the cost.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve and authorize County Judge to sign contract with Peter A. Ravella Consulting, LLC (PARC) for partnering with CCA Texas and Aransas County for funding of the Cedar Bayou/Vinson Slough Project.

County Attorney Bianchi stated the only change to the contract is payment will be made within fifteen (15) days instead of ten (10). Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Contract inserted)

AGREEMENT - LIVE OAK NATURE AND EDUCATION TRAIL PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve and authorize County Judge to sign agreement with Von Heuvel Construction for construction of Trails for Walkways for the Live Oak Nature and Education Trail Project. Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Agreement inserted)

RETAINAGE - NEW AGRILIFE EXTENSION BUILDING

Commissioner Casterline presented two (2) change orders on the new Agrilife Extension Building - one was a credit in the amount of \$457.00 and the second was \$1,079.00 for the counter that had been removed from the original specifications.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve paying the two (2) change orders presented by Commissioner Casterline and tabling payment of the remainder of retainage of construction costs for the new Agrilife Extension Building to Abeco Contracting Co.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve and authorize County Judge to sign contract with Susan Mathers for educational computer classes for Aransas County citizens that qualify under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant guidelines.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Contract inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve budget line item transfers presented by County Auditor Kirk.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Transfers inserted)

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the accounts payable presented by County Auditor.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS &
DEPARTMENT HEADS WHEREIN NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

Justin Cook, IT Director, stated he was at the City of Rockport meeting and the City Council approved paying their one-half of the rewiring of the Public Safety Center.

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

There were none.

PRESS QUESTIONS

Charles Steward from The Rockport Pilot asked how much the Ravella Consulting would be and Judge Mills stated \$82.50/month.

Mr. Steward also wanted to clarify the amounts for the change orders for the AgriLife Building; a credit of \$457.00 and \$1,079.00 for the counter.

The Court entered into closed session at 9:30 a. m. as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to discuss real estate negotiations; 551.072 to discuss and review current litigation issues; 551.076 to discuss Courthouse security personnel and devices; and resumed Open Meeting at 10:57 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline in anticipation of a possible land lease of Tiger Field to the Pony League to authorize the County Judge to contract for all appropriate environmental studies necessary on Tiger Field. Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Cole to authorize the Sheriff to acquire for Courthouse security two (2) walk through metal detectors and three (3) hand wand metal detectors at a total cost not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to authorize the IT Department to use QualysGuard services for Internet protection.

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned on a motion made by Commissioner Smith duly seconded by Commissioner Cole.

C. H. "Burt" Mills, Jr. COUNTY JUDGE

PEGGY L. FRIEBELE, COUNTY CLERK &
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT