

ORIGINAL

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR MEETING - JULY 13, 2015

On the 13th day of July, 2015, there was a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court in the Courthouse, 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; Betty Stiles, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and Valerie K. Amason, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; Pam Heard, District Clerk; Bill Mills, Sheriff; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; Kristen Barnebey, County Attorney; Richard Bianchi, County Court At Law Judge; Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; Linda Garcia, Executive Assistant to the County Judge; Lynn Doane, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge; Ralena "Misty" Kimbrough, Collections Specialist; David Reid, Drainage Engineer; John Strothman, Pathways Project Manager; Collin Jackson, IT Director; David Vyoral, Road Administrator; Michael Geer, Airport Manager; James Jackson, Environmental Health Director; Michelle Bennett, Elections Administrator; Iris Sanchez, Librarian; Pat Rousseau, Human Resources Director; C. J. Wax, Mayor - City of Rockport; Patrick Rios, Ward 3 Council Member/Mayor Pro Tem; and Barbara Gurtner, City Council Ward 4.

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

Lynn Blumenfeld of Fulton, Texas, Aransas County Representative for the Transportation Coordination Network, announced that there is going to be a full day Transit Plan Academy throughout the Coastal Bend, a one day session for three meetings to be held in Rockport, Beeville and George West. The purpose of the academy is to inform and educate community leaders on public transportation issues and to assist them with knowledge and skills needed to effectively plan for transportation needs in their respective communities. She stated the Transportation Coordination Network is putting together a five year plan for transportation in the area and stressed how important it is that people get involved.

(Flier inserted)

State Representative, Todd Hunter, District 32, addressed the Court and the Public with an update on the Windstorm Insurance Legislation. **Geanie W. Morrison, State Representative, District 30**, was also present. The new Texas Windstorm Insurance Reform Bill (SB 900) was passed in the senate and Governor Gregg Abbott signed the bill into law. The law, effective September 1, 2015, includes a new bonding structure which provides new financial stability for private insurance companies to write and financial institutions to be able to support. The board will now be made up of three different groups where the coastal residents will finally have a voice. Private insurance carriers will now be able to insure the coastal areas who will receive a rate reduction in premiums after policy periods come renewable. The financial stability of TWIA is in good shape and claims can be paid even if a hurricane occurs before September.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Aransas Pass City Manager, Sylvia Carrillo was not present to introduce new key employees.
2. Kirsten Corda, Agricultural Extension Agent, reported on the Agrilife 4-H Aransas County Independent School District Summer Enrichment Program.
3. Michele Bennett, Elections Administrator, reported on status of Application to the Secretary of State concerning Vote Centers.

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Minutes from the Regular Commissioners' Court Meeting and Workshop Meeting of June 22, 2015 and the Special Meeting of June 26, 2015.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.
2. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Bond Continuation Certificates on Michele M. Bennett, Elections Administrator and Paula Evans, Deputy Tax Assessor-Collector.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.
3. Additional public names were drawn from the list of Grand Jurors who served in the preceding calendar year to serve on the Aransas County Salary Grievance Committee in accordance with Section 152.015 of the Local Government Code due to shortage of responses.

(Inserts)

4. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Resolution #R-11-2015 in support of pending application No. 13098 of the San Antonio Water System to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for a bed and banks authorization.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COUNTY REPORTS

5. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the Texas Maritime Museum Second Quarter 2015 Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds Expended.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

6. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce Second Quarter 2015 Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds Expended.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

7. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the Rockport Center for the Arts Second Quarter 2015 Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds Expended.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to TABLE the 2014 Fiscal Year Comprehensive Financial Audit of Aransas County as presented by Michael A. Arnold, CPA due to Mr. Arnold's absence.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/LEASES

9. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve authorization for the County Judge to sign an Agreement for Justice Collections and Compliance (additional software which integrates with Odyssey for Collections Improvement in Compliancy and Revenue) as requested by the Aransas County Collections Department for inclusion in the "2016" Budget.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

10. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve partial funding in the amount of \$3,585.00 for the purchase of new electric poll books/tablets from Elections Administrators LLC (total cost for six tablets is \$7,170) and authorize County Judge to sign an agreement regarding the same.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

11. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the request of Rotocraft Leasing (RLC) to be released from one of their two leases at the airport, specifically the Parking Lot Lease.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

12. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to authorize the County Judge to sign a letter of request to The Texas State Comptroller Unclaimed Property Division, to request Aransas County's portion of Electric Cooperatives Capital Credits, per Texas Property Code 74.602. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

13. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve allocating any Electric Cooperative Capital Credit Unclaimed Funds received from The Texas State Comptroller to The Literacy Programs Offered at the Aransas County Library, per local Government Code 381.004. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

14. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to authorize the County Judge to sign an agreement with Schlitterbahn Waterparks for County Employees to get a 15% discount to the Parks (there is no costs to the county for this service and the employee must apply for the tickets themselves). Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE ITEMS

15. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve revising its Brokerage Agreement with

Glass, Sorenson & McDavid during the renewal period of the 2016 Group Health Insurance with TAC Health & Employee Benefits Pool.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

16. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Option 1 for the Renewal Rate as proposed by the Texas Association of Counties for Employee Health Insurance for the 2015-2016 Plan Year.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

17. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to remain with the current plan of the Texas County & District Retirement System in which participants become fully vested after ten years of service.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

18. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the proposed job description for the Human Resources Assistant Part-Time (position and pay were approved in the 2015 budget).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

19. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the Treasurer's Report for June, 2015.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

20. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the Treasurer's Indigent Health Care Report for June, 2015.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

21. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve County Budget Line Item Transfers.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

22. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Accounts Payable with supplemental acquiring of land on CIP money in flood control added.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

ROADS, DRAINAGE EASEMENTS & STORMWATER ITEMS

23. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to **Table** paving a portion of Walker Road under the Paper Street Policy.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

24. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to **Table** providing a fence in exchange for ten feet (10') of additional Right of Way on Walker Road.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

27. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve preliminary plan submitted by Haynes Realty Company to close 0.302 acres of unimproved county road right-of-way shown on the plat of J. D. Wheeler Subdivision subject to easements for utilities.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

28. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve accepting URS Corporation proposal to develop 100 Year Flood Contours Maps of Aransas County (creating flood plain contours for areas not already in flood plains) and authorizing the County Judge to sign a Professional Services Agreement.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

30. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to Table accepting gift of property known as Janacek Road, being described as a private sixty foot wide roadway out of Tracts 34 and 35 of Coleman Fulton Pasture Company Subdivision for the sole purpose of drainage infrastructure improvements.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

31. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to Table accepting a twenty foot wide drainage easement out of Lot 9 of unrecorded Janacek Subdivision, out of Tracts 34 and 35 of the Coleman Fulton Pasture Company Subdivision.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

32. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to Table guidance for an agreement providing for subdivision regulation by The City of Rockport and The County of Aransas within Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of The City of Rockport.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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

David Vyoral announced the Airport Master Plan meeting is set for July 23, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the Agri-Life Extension Svc and the public is invited to the Airport Terminal Building for a question and answer workshop at 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. the same day. Notice will be published in the newspaper.

**REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST
REGARDING WHICH NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN**

There were none.

The court entered into closed session at 10:58 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 12:25 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:

ROADS, DRAINAGE EASEMENTS & STORMWATER ITEMS, CONT'D.

25. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to Table acquisition of the privately owned portion of Smith Road.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

26. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to Table upgrading Smith Road to county standards.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

29. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve making an offer to purchase drainage easements on Lots 31, 32 and 33, Coleman Fulton Pasture Company Subdivision.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 12:27 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Smith duly seconded by Commissioner Casterline.

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

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