

MINUTES OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - FEBRUARY 22, 2016

On the 22nd day of February, 2016, 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; **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; **Kristen Barnebey**, County Attorney; **Lezlie Kirk**, County Auditor; **Bill Mills**, Sheriff; **Linda Garcia**, Executive Assistant to the County Judge; **David Vyoral**, Road Administrator; **Collin Jackson**, IT Director; **Dave Colmer, Sr.** IT Tech; **Carrie Arrington**, Office & Contracts Manager for the County Attorney's Office; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **David Reid**, Drainage Engineer; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager; **Barbara Gurtner**, City of Rockport Council Member; **Randall Freeze**, Care Regional - Business Development; **Pam Stranahan**, President, **Cam Waggert**, Vice President and **Vicky Merchant**, Secretary of Friends of the History Center for Aransas County; **Carol Thompson**, Member of the Aransas County Historical Commission; **Norma Martinez**, Managing Editor of the Rockport Pilot Newspaper; **Travis McDavid**, Vice President of GSM Insurors; **Betty Collier**, Director of Client Services at GrantWorks, Inc.; and **Greg Harlan**, owner of The Grant Connection.

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.

PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

1. Minutes from the Commissioners' Court Regular Meeting of February 08, 2016.
2. Official Bond Continuations on Linda Garcia, Executive Assistant, County Judge's Office; Roger Carrier, Maintenance Supervisor; and Diane S. Garza, Custodian.
3. Proclamation #P-02-2016 declaring March as "Coastal Bend Council of Government Month".
4. Proclamation #P-03-2016 designating the month of April as "Fair Housing Month in Aransas County" related to the 2015 Texas Community Development Block Grant (TXCDBG) Program.
5. Authorizing the County Judge to sign the Airport Project Participation Agreement between the Aransas County Airport and Texas Department of Transportation for a 90/10 Grant to construct a new Community Hangar.
6. Declaring Computer Storage Media "Surplus" and authorizing the secure destruction and disposal of the Storage Media in accordance with our retention policies by shredding and physical destruction at the City of Rockport E-Waste Recycling Event on Saturday, February 27, 2016.

(Inserts)

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COUNTY REPORTS & APPOINTMENTS

7. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the Fourth Quarter 2015 Report of Friends of the History Center.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the Fourth Quarter 2015 Report of the Historical Commission.

Question. Commissioner Stiles abstained. Motion carried.

It is so ordered.

9. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to **TABLE** recommended Appointments to the 2016 Aransas County Historical Commission.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

BIDS, CONTRACTS & LEASES

10. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize the County Judge to sign the Amended Dahill Contract, pending County Attorney review.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

11. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign a contract with Greg Harlan to write foundation grant applications for improvements at Connie Hager Cottage Sanctuary.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

12. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Resolution #R01-2016 designating administration and engineering service providers for the 2015 Texas Community Development Block Grant (TXCDBG) Program Contract No. 7215065 Community Development Fund Project.

Question. Motion carried.

It is so ordered.

13. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Resolution #R02-2016 designating authorized signators for the 2015 Texas Community Development Block Grant (TXCDBG) Program Contract No. 7215065

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

14. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Resolution #R03-2016 adopting required CDBG Civil Rights Policies related to the 2015 Texas Community Development Block Grant (TXCDBG) Program.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

COUNTY ROADS

15. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to **TABLE** preliminary approval of closing, abandoning, and vacating a roadway described as a 30 foot roadway portion of Main Street (Block 91) lying adjacent to Lots 9, 10, 11, & 12, Lamar Townsite, Aransas County, Texas.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

16. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to **TABLE** preliminary approval of closing, abandoning, and vacating an alleyway described as a 20 foot Alleyway (Block 91) between Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, & (North Side) East 30 foot of Hackberry Street (Closed) adjacent to Lot 1 & Lots 9, 10, 11, 12 & (South Side) East 30 foot of Hackberry Street (Closed) adjacent to Lot 9, Lamar Townsite, Aransas County, Texas.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE ITEMS

17. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve request of County Clerk to purchase Four (4) 20.25" x 27" Plat Volume Binders including 2 Mil. Archival Sleeves for transfer of records from cabinets with Non-Archival Sleeves. Purchase to be made from Peeler Mobil Book Preservation in the amount of \$8,600, which includes material and labor for transfer of plat sheets, to be paid out of the County Clerk's Records Archive Fee Funds.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

18. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve renewing Property & Casualty Insurance Coverage for Aransas County with GSM Insurers and authorizing payment of invoice for same.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

19. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve adopting a Fixed Asset Methodology Policy.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

20. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Budget Line Item Transfers.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

21. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Accounts Payable.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS &

DEPARTMENT HEADS WHEREIN NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor read the Fee Report.

(Inserts)

Commissioner Smith: Regarding the decline in fees in the Justice Court, Precinct 2, I believe this is due to the lack of citations being filed by Parks and Wildlife because most of our officers were helping out with border security in 2015 and now the same is happening this year. He also stated he did not agree with the fact that the state gets a huge percentage of the court costs since they do not help the taxpayers with the operations of the Justice court.

Sheriff Mills: On the downside of absence, the officers are not here to appear as witnesses in cases that we file, therefore, they are not getting closed out and we bear the burden for prosecution. That's why we run at a 9% threshold in the disposition rate.

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

Commissioner Stiles stated what a success the La Mardi Gras turned out to be this past weekend. There was a wonderful parade and our State Congressman, Blake Fahrenthold, attended, we block walked and he met a lot of the Lamar residents.

The Court did not enter into closed session.

*No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 9:25 a.m. on a motion made by
Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles.*

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

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