

MINUTES OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - April 25, 2016

On the 25th day of April, 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; **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; **Kristen Barnebey**, County Attorney; **Pam Heard**, District Clerk; **Lezlie Kirk**, County Auditor; **Bill Mills**, Sheriff; **Lynn Doane**, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge; **David Vyoral**, Road Administrator; **Timilu Latham**, Chief Deputy County Treasurer; **Collin Jackson**, IT Director; **Pat Rousseau**, Human Resources Director; **Carrie Arrington**, Office & Contracts Manager for the County Attorney's Office; **David Reid**, Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **James Jackson**, Environmental Health Director; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager; **Iris Sanchez**, Library Director;

Members of Local City Government, Community Groups and other Interested Parties present were **Patrick Rios**, Ward 3 City Council Member & Mayor Pro-Tem; **Kevin Carruth**, City Manager; **Diane Probst**, Area Chamber of Commerce, President/CEO; **Luis Puron**, Executive Director of the Rockport Center for the Arts; **Christopher Mace**, President of the Rockport Aquarium Board of Directors; **Kathy Roberts-Douglas**, Texas Maritime Museum, CEO; **Marsha Hendrix**, Fulton Mansion, Site Manager; **Brian Olsen**, Unopposed Candidate for Precinct 3 Commissioner in upcoming 2016

General Election; and **Norma Martinez**, Managing Editor of the Rockport Pilot Newspaper.

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

Joanne Taylor, Camp Aranzazu board member, stated that they have been working on a Masterplan Development project off of FM 1781 for about ten years and they are now ready for the final stage. A bridge will be constructed to allow camping groups safe transportation from the camp area across the road to their waterfront property on the north side. This is especially exciting concerning the handicapped campers, as they will have access to kayaking and boardwalk trails through the wetlands.

Tim Richard, Sr. Project Manager at Forney Construction, offered a power point presentation, stating that the bridge was designed by Chris Barnhart, consultant to TXDOT and the concrete structure will be built by Williams Brothers Construction Company, currently working on the new causeway bridge across Copano Bay. The length of the bridge will be just short of six hundred feet with a width of fourteen feet. To avoid potential objects being thrown from the bridge onto the roadway, the section spanning FM 1781 will include a screen covering with a TXDOT approved clearance of sixteen feet six inches. Mr. Richard also stated that no columns will be placed within the eighty foot right of way, that it will take approximately six to eight weeks to complete the project, and they expect that the

roadway will only be closed to through traffic one day and one night.

COUNTY ROADS

25. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve air easement, as identified in Exhibit "B", over Loop 1781 for Camp Aranzazu's pedestrian bridge.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

26. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Resolution #R-12-2016 to allow utility companies to relocate utilities underground on 0.096 acres along Loop 1781 using their existing Right-Of-Way, as described in description Exhibit "A", to allow the construction of Camp Aranzazu's pedestrian bridge.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

1. Minutes from the Commissioners' Court Regular Meeting of April 11, 2016.
2. Proclamation #P-04-2016 declaring the month of May, 2016 to be "Elder Abuse Prevention Month".
3. Proclamation #P-05-2016 designation May 2nd - May 6th, 2016 as "Juror Appreciation Week".

(Inserts)

4. Replacing Captain Tommy Moore as Aransas County Navigation District Representative with Malcom Dieckow at Captain Moore's request on the Aransas Pathways Steering Committee.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COUNTY REPORTS

5. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the Rockport Center for the Arts Report on the expended first quarter 2016 Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Funds.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

6. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the Maritime Museum Report on the expended first quarter 2016 Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Funds.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

7. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the Rockport Aquarium Report on the expended first quarter 2016 Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Funds.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the Fulton Mansion Report on the expended first quarter 2016 Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Funds.

(Inserts)

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

BIDS, CONTRACTS & LEASES

9. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to authorize the County Judge to sign the FY 2016 System Membership Application in the Texas State Library System.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

10. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve extension of a contract with MidAmerican Energy for electricity in order to take advantage of reduced rates.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

11. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize the County Judge to sign an agreement with AEP for temporary staging of vehicles and personnel at the Aransas County Airport during emergency or disaster situations.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

12. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve small project construction agreement with John M Lee Enterprises to replace a section of boardwalk, decking and rails, at Tule Marsh East.

Question. Motion carried.

It is so ordered.

13. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize the County Judge to sign the Employer Personnel Services Agreement with Dr. Katharine McNamara, PLLC.

Question. Motion carried with Commissioner Chaney abstaining.

It is so ordered.

14. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve agreement between John D. Mercer & Associates and Aransas County for Block Grant Engineering Services, Contract #7215065.

Question. Motion carried.

It is so ordered.

15. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Rockport and Aransas County for Restaurant Health Inspection Services.

Question. Motion carried.

It is so ordered.

16. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Rockport and Aransas County for Roads/Drainage.

Question. Motion carried.

(Inserts)

It is so ordered.

17. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Rockport and Aransas County for Septic Systems.

Question. Motion carried.

It is so ordered.

18. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Rockport and Aransas County for Jail Services.

Question. Motion carried.

It is so ordered.

19. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Rockport and Aransas County for Animal Control.

Question. Motion carried.

It is so ordered.

20. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Rockport, the Town of Fulton and Aransas County for Community Aquatic & Skate Park.

Question. Motion carried.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

21. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Rockport, the Town of Fulton and Aransas County for Dispatching Services to include all expenses, not just personnel.

Question. Motion carried.

It is so ordered.

22. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Rockport, the Town of Fulton, the Aransas County Independent School District and Aransas County for Juvenile Case Manager.

Question. Motion carried.

It is so ordered.

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE ITEMS

23. There were no Budget Line Item Transfers.

24. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Accounts Payable.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COUNTY ROADS

27. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve financial change to and re-balloting of Janacek Road and Drainage Project to Subject Property Owners.

(Inserts)

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.

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

There were none.

The Court entered into closed session at 10:05 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 10:13 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:

28. No action was taken on this item: Acceptance of terms and conditions for acquiring a 0.87 acre drainage easement from the property owners at 121 Rattlesnake Point Road, Aransas County.

*No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 10:15 a.m. on a motion made by
Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline.*

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

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