

MINUTES OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
REGULAR MEETING - MAY 8, 2017

On the 8th day of May, 2017, 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; **Brian Olsen**, 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; **Alma Cartwright**, Treasurer; **Pam Heard**, District Clerk; **Bill Mills**, Sheriff; **Suzy Wallace**; 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant County Auditor; **David Reid**, Road Administrator/Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Jacky Cockerham**; Assistant County Auditor; **Dave Colmer**, Senior IT Tech ; **Pat Rousseau**, Human Resources Director; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **Valerie Gonzalez**, Interim Environmental Health Director; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager; and **Iris Sanchez**, Library Director;

Members of Local City Government, Community Groups and other Interested Parties present:

City of Rockport Council Members: **C. J. Wax**, Mayor; **Barbara Gurtner**, Ward 4;

**Marsha Hendricks**, Fulton Mansion Site Manager;  
**Vickie Moon Merchant**, President - Friends of the History Center;  
**Mike Probst**, Editor/Publisher of the Rockport Pilot newspaper;

**Ray Bridges**, Civil Engineer, Vice President, and Partner, Urban Engineering; and

**Buck Nunley**, Development Manager, McCombs Properties;

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 Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve:

1. Approve Commissioners' Court Regular Meeting of April 24, 2017.
2. Approve Public Official Bond Rider on Deputy Treasurers.
3. Approve Public Official Bond Continuation on Amanda Laferney, Court Clerk, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

**COUNTY REPORTS**

4. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2016; Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner

Casterline to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2017 HOT Funds Report for the Fulton Mansion.

Question. Motions carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

5. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2017 Report for the History Center.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

**CONTRACTS, LEASES AND AGREEMENTS**

6. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve Resolution #R-09-2017 authorizing the submission of a TX DOT Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Application and authorizing the County Judge as representative in all matters pertaining to the County's participation in the grant program.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

7. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign the FY 2017 System Membership Application in the Texas State Library System.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve signing a contract with the Grant Connection to consult with County and assist with the preparation and submission of a grant application to the Texas General Land Office requesting grant funding through the

Coastal Management Program to further assess the impact of opening Cedar Bayou on recreational fisheries productivity in the adjacent habitats within the Aransas Bay complex and to administer the grant if it is selected for funding.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

9. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign the annual renewal contract with Brazos County for housing evacuation prisoners.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

10. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign an Operating Agreement between the U.S. Navy at Corpus Christi and Aransas County for use of the Aransas County Airport for Training Purposes.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

11. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the renewal of the Program Agreement with the Texas Association of Counties for the Affordable Care Act Reporting and Tracking Service (ARTS).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

12. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign the Arbitrage Rebate Compliance Services Agreement with BLX, which adds the County's two 2016 Bond Issues to the Exhibit "A".

Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

COUNTY ROADS

13. This item went into closed session.

14. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the Planned Unit Development for The Reserve at St. Charles Bay, Phase 3.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

15. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve the Final Plat for The Reserve at St. Charles, Phase 3.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE

16. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve accepting Sub-Award hazard Assistance Mitigation Program Grant DR4245.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

17. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the April 2017 Indigent Health Care Report.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

18. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the March 2017 Treasurer Report.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

19. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve the Treasurer's 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2017 Investment Report.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

20. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the Budget Line Item Transfers of which there were none.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

22. This item went into closed session.

**REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS &**

**DEPARTMENT HEADS WHEREIN NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN**

Judge Mills announced that Valerie Gonzales has been nominated and invited to attend a Criminal Environmental Law Enforcement Training Course, an all-expense paid trip.

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*The Court entered into closed session at 9:36 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 10:43 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:*

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13. Previously tabled at Commissioners' Court April 10, 2017 meeting, motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve the request from Texas Parks and Wildlife to construct new county road adjacent to Park Road 13 contingent on approval of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission's purchase of property, approximately 50 feet by 420 feet, on park road 13 between 8<sup>th</sup> street and 12<sup>th</sup> street. Question. Motion carried with Commissioner Chaney abstaining. It is so ordered.

22. No action taken on this item. (Concerning the Aransas County Auditor and Treasurer Offices).

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*No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 10:46 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline.*

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

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