

MINUTES OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

PUBLIC HEARING - JANUARY 28, 2019

On the 28th day of January, 2019, there was a Public Hearing of the Commissioners' Court in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 2840 Hwy 35 N, 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; **Wendy Laubach**, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and **Valerie K. Amason**, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were **Jerry Brundrett**, County Surveyor; **Kristen Barnebey**, County District Attorney; **Suzy Wallace**, County Auditor; **Latisha Murphy**, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge; **David Reid**, Road Administrator/Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Jackie Cockerham**, First Assistant County Auditor Auditor; **Collin Jackson**, IT Director; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager; Members of Local City Government, Community Groups and other Interested Parties present:

Citizens: Betty Stiles; Alan Barnard; Carol Norton; Tanya Kulhanek; Rosemary Corey; Sandy Swanson; Jackie Shaw;

Mike Probst, Editor and Publisher of the Rockport Pilot Newspaper;

The Meeting was convened at **8:45 a.m.** at which time a quorum was declared by Judge Mills, WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had and done to wit:

ITEM FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

1. To consider the proposed improvement and assessment of cost of bringing Conlin Drive and Joseph Lane up to current County roadway standards. All citizens of Aransas County, especially those who own property abutting Conlin Drive and Joseph Lane are encouraged to attend and participate.

David Reid: This is something we've talked about before and this is the public hearing that we need to get this done. The next step would be to distribute ballots and let them actually vote on it and see if they want to proceed with this. I've done a new cost estimate for this road and I'm coming up with almost \$184,000 total cost, so that would be \$122,500 to the property owners assessed over a given period of years to be decided by the court. Interest by law can start after 2 years, although we've kind of tied that to the amount of years that we've given them to pay it off. One of the things that has to be decided is how to distribute the amount of assessment, generally these lots are all about the same size so I would suggest that each lot gets a vote and that comes to about \$3,300 per lot. We could make the assessment period anywhere from two to five years.

Betty Stiles: I would recommend that we do a five year pay-out with no interest because there are fewer people to spread the wealth. I'd like to suggest that so Tanya and Carol, if you think that's a good thing?

Carol Norton & Tanya Kulhanek: Would they do individual lots?

Betty Stiles: Yes, individual lots, is that ok?

Carol Norton & Tanya Kulhanek: Yes.

Commissioner Laubach: That's what I've also heard from my Precinct 4 residents, they would prefer the five years if we don't mind giving it to them.

Commissioner Casterline: That's pretty much what we've done on the last few that we have done.

Judge Mills: Yes, we've done that.

Commissioner Chaney: David, are we going to do some major drainage issues through that area?

David Reid: Yes, we are certainly going to try to take care of the drainage.

Commissioner Chaney: Are we going to re-route it in any way?

David Reid: Possibly, we are going to look at that, it may be that we can try to take all or part of it back to Eighth Street, there is a drainage problem there and I don't that this road will necessarily fix that issue, it will certainly give you a hard surface to drive on, so you'll get out. We'll do the best we can, we had a lot of rain last year, the ponds were all full, and I think if we come into that kind of rain again, which we will sooner or later, there's going to be some problems. We will try to raise that road up the best we can.

Commissioner Chaney: What kind of road are you going to build there?

David Reid: They already started one of the cul-de-sacs and the entry is a curb and gutter, so we'll probably go back with that.

Commissioner Laubach: I think at one time you were thinking about trying to run under Palmetto so that the drainage could go down Eighth, is that still a possibility?

David Reid: Yes, we are still going to do that, hopefully this week.

Commissioner Chaney: Is Parks and Wildlife working with you pretty well on that?

David Reid: Yes. I guess that's all I have.

Rosemary Corey: I spoke with some of the owners on South Lake, how does that break up into the properties?

David Reid: I don't have the exact design so I can't tell you how that will affect the properties, but we will make it work so that they can get into the property one way or the other. Raising the road might make it a little hard so that's one thing that we are going to have to look at.

Commissioner Laubach: You might look at what they are doing on South Lake because they had that same issue, if the road is higher they have to grade, the neighbors have been talking about that so you could get some information there.

David Reid: Right, now South Lake is a little bit tougher because it's so congested, I think it will be easier to do this other property. But yes, same kind of issues.

Rosemary Corey: There are quite a few folks getting ready to build homes, so we are waiting to see what happens.

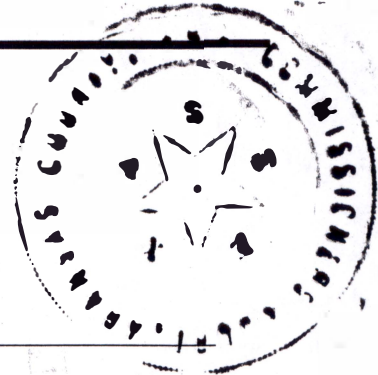
David Reid: Right.

Judge Mills: Are there any other questions or discussion about this? Ok, if not we will continue on.

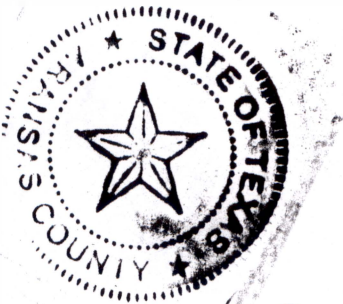
Sandy Swanson: I'm Sandy Swanson, this is Jackie Shaw, we've been involved in the sale of these lots over the last, almost ten years, and I really think it's time to get these roads paved.

Judge Mills: Alright, thank you. We'll continue on with this procedure at this time, so do I have a motion?

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 8:52 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen.



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



VALERIE K. AMASON,
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
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