COMMISSIONERS COURT Aransas County, Texas

C.H. "Burt" Mills Jr., County Judge

Jack Chaney Commissioner, Pct 1-1A

Leslie Casterline Commissioner, Pct 2



Pat Rousseau Commissioner, Pct 3

Wendy Laubach Commissioner, Pct 4

AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that a **Regular Meeting** of the above named Commissioners Court *V.T.C.A Government Code, Section 551.001(4)*, will be held on the <u>8th</u> day of <u>AUGUST, 2022</u> at <u>9:00 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM IN THE ARANSAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 2840 HWY. 35 N., ROCKPORT, TEXAS.</u> Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need assistance should contact the County Judge's office at 361-790-0100 two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. To watch the meeting, visit: here https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTxprR-CFvaZfapOVcLeDWQ/live The following subjects will be discussed:

- I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGES
- II. INVOCATION
- III. DECLARE QUORUM
- IV. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

At this time, comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter that is not on the Agenda. To address the Commissioners, please sign the Public Participation Form located at https://actxgov.seamlessdocs.com/w/ccpublicparticipation or sign the Public Participation Form located on the table outside of the County Courtroom and deliver to the County Clerk before the meeting begins. Citizens who wish to speak on a matter included in this Agenda will be invited to speak when that particular matter is being deliberated by the Commissioners Court. Each member of the public who appears before the Commissioners Court shall be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes to make his/her remarks. Please note, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Commissioners may not discuss or take action on any item, which has not been posted on the Agenda.

V. PRESENTATIONS

Presentations are scheduled in advance of the meeting and limited to fifteen (15) minutes unless other arrangements have been made with the Court.

1. Presentation of the <u>2021 Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Historical Commission to the Aransas County Historical Commission in recognition of its outstanding preservation work accomplishments.</u> This annual award recognizes Aransas County Historical Commission appointees for managing well-rounded history and preservation-related programs that enrich Texas communities – Dave Hattman/Betty Stiles

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

All Consent Agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the Commissioners Court and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Commissioner or the County Judge so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

- 2. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Minutes from the August 1, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Commissioners Court Carrie Arrington/Judge Mills
- 3. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of the Commissioners' Court <u>a certificate from the Texas Association of Elections Administrators and the Election Center certifying Julie Gifford, Assistant Elections Administration, has completed the required recertification coursework to remain the 136th Certified Registered Election Official in the State of Texas Kevin Stroud/Judge Mills</u>
- 4. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of the Commissioners' Court <u>a certificate from the Texas Association of Elections Administrators certifying Kevin Stroud, Elections Administration, as the 185th Certified Registered Election Official in the State of Texas Kevin Stroud/Judge Mills</u>

VII. COUNTY REPORTS

- 5. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Order No. <u>O-19-2022</u>, an Order of the County of Aransas, Texas, <u>Prohibiting Outdoor Burning for a period of up to an additional 30 days</u> due to the existence of conditions that have created a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning Judge Mills
- 6. Discuss, approve, or disapprove <u>2nd Quarter 2022 Report for the Texas Maritime Museum</u> Justin Parkoff/Judge Mills

VIII. COUNTY ELECTIONS

- 7. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Order No. <u>O-17-2022</u>, ordering the General Election to be held November 8, 2022 for the purpose of electing county and precinct officers and providing notice of the election Kevin Stroud/Judge Mills
- 8. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Order No. <u>O-18-2022</u>, an Order of Appointment of Judges and Alternates, for a one-year term to begin September 1, 2022 Kevin Stroud/Judge Mills

IX. <u>COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN</u>

9. Discuss, approve, or disapprove <u>preliminary closure of approximately One Hundred and Sixty (160) linear feet of Rattlesnake Point Road situated adjacent to the Redfish Shores Planned Urban Development (PUD)</u> – David Reid/Judge Mills

X. <u>CONTRACTS</u>, AGREEMENTS, GRANT, AND LEASES

- 10. Discuss, approve or disapprove the <u>Purchase of Two (2) Ver-Mac Signs for \$36,400.00</u> to be funded with grant funds received through the American Rescue Plan Act and authorizing County Judge to sign all necessary documents Jacky Cockerham/Judge Mills
- 11. Discuss, approve, or disapprove <u>committing \$6,764.00</u> to the Coastal Bend Council of Governments toward the cost of the Professional Services of Cobb-Fendley to serve as a <u>consultant for the Coastal Bend Council of Governments</u> responsible for completing and submitting a grant application to the <u>National Telecommunication and Information Administration</u> of the U.S. Department of Commerce for participation in the <u>Middle Mile Grant Program</u> with the goal to expand and extend middle mile infrastructure to reduce the cost of internet access and to promote broadband connectivity; which grant program will award selected entities funding for up to Seventy Percent (70%) of an eligible project in an amount between \$5,000,000.00 and \$100,000,000.00. Judge Mills
- 12. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the purchase of a Wacker Neuson double-drum roller from Texas First Rental, LLC through the BuyBoard, a cooperative purchasing group, for the amount of \$17,600.00, and authorize County Judge to execute necessary documents Katherine Comeaux/Judge Mills
- 13. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the purchase of a 2022 New Holland Cab Tractor from Equipment Depot through the BuyBoard, a cooperative purchasing group, for the amount of \$53,530.00 and authorize County Judge to execute necessary documents Katherine Comeaux/Judge Mills
- 14. Discuss, approve, or disapprove <u>Resolution No. R-18-2022</u>, a Resolution of Aransas County, Texas certifying that the <u>County has made a grant to Aransas County Council on Aging</u>, an organization that provides home-delivered meals to homebound persons in the County who are elderly and/or have a disability, <u>and certifying that the County has approved the organization's accounting system or fiscal agent Debbie Thompson/Judge Mills</u>
- 15. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the <u>Amendment to the Harbor Oaks Village Shopping Center Lease Agreement</u> which acknowledges that <u>ILS Rockport, LLC has purchased the property and assumed the Lease</u>, incorporates changes previously approved by the Commissioners Court, and sets forth the dates for the third extended lease term Amanda Oster/Judge Mills

XI. PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE

- 16. Discuss, approve, or disapprove a <u>Request the Approval and Adoption of a New Employee Handbook Policy regarding Mental Health Leave for Peace Officers</u> Linda Doane/Judge Mills
- 17. Discuss, approve, or disapprove a <u>Request for Policy Revision to the Employee Handbook's Vacation Leave Policy</u>—Linda Doane/Judge Mills

- 18. Discuss, approve, or disapprove a <u>Request for Policy Revision to the Employee Handbook Provision regarding Emergency, Bereavement, and Funeral Leave</u>. Linda Doane/Judge Mills
- 19. Discuss, approve, or disapprove a proposed <u>Employee Handbook Policy Revision to include the specific Vesting Requirements for the County's Retirement System to reduce the vesting period from ten (10) years to eight (8) years, and to approve other changes intended to clarify language and organize information Linda Doane/Judge Mills</u>
- 20. Discuss, approve, or disapprove a proposed <u>Policy Revision to the Employee Handbook regarding Military Leave</u> Linda Doane/Judge Mills
- 21. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the <u>July 2022 Indigent Health Care Report</u> Alma Cartwright/Judge Mills
- 22. Discuss and receive information from the <u>public concerning any budget issues</u>, including the <u>possibility of changing the current allocation of Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) funds for the year 2023</u> and schedule the 2023 Budget Public Hearing for August 22, 2022 at 8:45am Commissioner Laubach/Jacky Cockerham/Judge Mills
- 23. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>2023 Salary for District Court Reporters</u> as set out in the 2023 District Wide District Court Budget (previously submitted to the Commissioners Court) District Judges
- 24. Discuss, approve or disapprove a <u>Proposal to Publish Delinquent Taxpayers' Names</u> Linebarger Goggan Blair Sampson, LLP/Judge Mills
- 25. Discuss, approve, or disapprove <u>Budget Line Item Transfers</u> Jacky Cockerham/Judge Mills
- 26. Discuss, approve, or disapprove <u>Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities</u> Jacky Cockerham/Judge Mills

XII. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEADS—NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

At this time, County Commissioners will report/update on all committee assignments which may include the following: Aransas Pathways Steering Committee; County Storm Water Advisory Committee; Coastal Bend Council of Governments; Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries; Coastal Resiliency Committee; Disaster Recovery Officials; Economic Development; Live Oak Tree Committee; Navigation District; Personnel Committee; Rural Rail District; and Rockport Community Park/Swimming Pool Committee. Elected Officials & Department Heads reports include but are not limited to the following: Airport Advisory Board Updates; County Auditor—

• Read Fee Reports of County & Precinct Offices.

XIII. REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST-NO ACTION

At this time, Commissioners Court will hear reports/updates from Commissioners or County Staff about items of community interest including (1) expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; (2) information regarding holiday schedules; (3) an honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen; (4) a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the Court; (5) information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the Commissioners Court that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a Commissioner or an official or employee of the County; and (6) announcements involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the County that has arisen after the posting of the agenda.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby affirmed that this **NOTICE OF MEETING and AGENDA** was duly posted at the Aransas County Courthouse at least seventy-two (72) hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting on enclosed bulletin boards outside of the Courthouse that are readily accessible to the general public twenty-four (24) hours each day and also on the Aransas County website, in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and Texas Government Code §551.043.

Tracy Orr Smith, Executive Assistant

Aransas County Judge's Office

Tel: 361-790-0100

