

MINUTES OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - AUGUST 19, 2019

On the 19th day of August, 2019, there was a Regular Meeting 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; **Charles Smith**, Commissioner, Precinct 3; **Wendy Laubach**, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and **Valerie K. Amason**, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were **Kristen Barnebey**, County District Attorney; **Alma Cartwright**, Treasurer; **Pam Heard**, District Clerk; **Bill Mills**, Sheriff; **Suzy Wallace**, County Auditor; **Latisha Murphy**, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge; **David Reid**, Road Administrator/Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Collin Jackson**, IT Director; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **Valerie Gonzalez**, Environmental Health Director; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager; **Rene Butler**, Maintenance Director; **Jacky Cockerham**; First Assistant County Auditor;

Long-Term Recovery: Randall Freeze, Long Term Recovery Specialist;

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

City of Rockport Council Members: **Barbara Gurtner**, Ward 4;

Aransas County Medical Services, Inc.: **Patricia Arnold**; **Al Johnson**;

Mike Probst, Editor and Publisher 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:

PUBLIC HEARING/CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

1. Public comments regarding the Proposed Aransas County 2020 Budget.

There were no public comments.

2. Public comments regarding the proposed plan for the County Clerk's Records Archive Fund, Local Government Code, Section 118.025, Subchapter E, to fund the preservation and restoration of the County Clerk's records archive as set out in Item No. 4 below.

Commissioner Smith: Judge, I think Valerie could just give us a brief description of the plan going forward.

Valerie Amason: This is for the preservation and restoration of the County Clerk's Archive Records, some of our records have been digitized but they are not in the system where people can look them up and we are hoping to get those indexed. We also have some old Probate records that the old Wills, which we have to keep forever, they are starting to deteriorate and they really need to be scanned

and preserved. We have condominium records that have never been scanned.

Commissioner Casterline: Do you have plans of doing that anytime soon?

Valerie: I don't have my records.

Judge Mills: They are in Michigan, I have to get them back here, but we have to have a place to put them.

Commissioner Smith: But going forward you're going to follow the law from the Local Government Code, Section 118.025, as is mentioned here, and it will be done in accordance with that Code?

Valerie: Yes sir.

There were no public comments.

Judge Mills: Ok, we'll have another meeting on the 26th of August, 2019, at 8:45 a.m. to adopt the budget.

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to close the public hearing.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

CONSENT ITEMS

4.. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith, before going forward with the consent items, concerning Item #4, because the law requires it, the motion will be not only to approve the County Clerk's Records Archive Fund, and

Fee of \$7.00, 2020, for the Preservation and restoration of the County Clerk's Records pursuant to Local Government Code, Section, 118.025, Subchapter E, but also to approve the Plan that's been developed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

3. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Minutes from the Regular Meeting of August 12, 2019.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COUNTY ROADS

5. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Order #O-10-2019, an Order to clarify action taken by the Commissioners Court of Aransas County, TX as recorded in the minutes of a Special Meeting on August 17, 1977. The action taken was to close and abandon an unimproved 100' wide platted roadway lying between Lot 1, Tract 17, and Lot 23, Block 4 of West Terrace Acres Subdivision, Unit 1. This order also clarifies the action to state that the North One-Half of said Street would attach to Lot 23, Block 4 and the South One-Half of said Street would attach to Lot 1, Tract 17 of said West Terrace Acres Subdivision, Unit 1.

(Insert)

Both portions of said roadway have been occupied and improved since August 1977. This Order will ratify the previous action.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE

6. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the July 2019 Treasurer's Report.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

7. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner to approve Amended Resolution #R-24-2019-A/Lone Star Investment Pool Resolution, a Resolution approving and authorizing execution of an investment agreement for participation in the Lone Star Investment POOL, designation the POOL as an agency and instrumentality, approving investment policies of the POOL, appointing authorized representatives, and designation investment officers. The amended resolution now includes the Aransas County Chief Deputy Treasurer as an additional authorized representative of the investment agreement.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to TABLE creating a new position for Public Facilities for a Maintenance Custodian (11-1) to be funded by our Insurance Company for the remainder of calendar year 2019 for the additional functions necessary to repair current damages caused by Hurricane Harvey.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

9. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the County's financial support to Code 3 Emergency and the future longevity of the emergency facility, [Tabled from 08/12/19], went into closed session.

10. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to TABLE an Interlocal Agreement between Aransas County and Aransas County Medical Services, Inc.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

12. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

13. Discussion and possible action on the 2020 Proposed Budget.

Commissioner Laubach: Could someone just give me the kindergarten version of what this Preliminary Budget change means so we can have it on the record? I see numbers but I just really don't know where they came from and why it all happened.

Suzy Wallace: As of July 29th, the amount that was going into the unreserved fund balance with was \$39,782, with the changes that we made from the last Commissioners' Court and any payroll changes, there are no other payroll changes happening at this time, but all of those..

Commissioner Laubach: What kind of changes?

Suzy Wallace: Step increases, there was an unfunded mandated change to County Court at Law, there were just few, they were basically...

Commissioner Laubach: Unfunded mandate change, State required, uh huh, so there were just a few routine things that came to your attention between the last jargon and the new one?

Suzy Wallace: Yes.

Commissioner Laubach: And that effect is, instead of going into the reserves at \$40,000 we are going to go in at about \$150,000

Suzy Wallace: \$154,474.

Commissioner Smith: Suzy, just as a matter of note, this particular thing that you passed out, it says unreserved fund balance affected, that should be the change in the unreserved fund balance. That would make it a little more understandable.

Judge Mills: Ok, any more questions? (none)

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS &
DEPARTMENT HEADS WHEREIN NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

There were none.

The Court entered into closed session at 9:13 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 9:36 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:

9. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the County's financial support to Code 3 Emergency and the future longevity of the emergency facility on a month to month basis to be approved each and every month going forward on the second meeting of every month.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 9:37 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith.



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



VALERIE K. AMASON,

EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT