

MINUTES OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

PUBLIC HEARING - AUGUST 19, 2019

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

Other County Officers present were **Jeri Cox**, County Tax Assessor-Collector; **Alma Cartwright**, Treasurer; **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;

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

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:

ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

1. Public comments on the 2019 Tax increase used to fund the 2020 Budget.

Judge Mills: Does anybody want to talk about the budget?

Commissioner Laubach: What are the changes about (Referring to a sheet that the Auditor handed out for Preliminary Budget Changes made after Preliminary Budget posted to Website)? What is the effect of these budget changes, just to move money out of reserves and into...

Judge Mills: Yes.

Jacky Cockerham: Judge, this public hearing is for the tax rate, the budget is at 9:00 a.m.

Judge Mills: The Proposed Tax Rate is .451453 per \$100 value.

Commissioner Laubach: And that's the same number as we discussed last week?

Judge Mills: Right. Last year's tax rate was .479115, the effective rate is .415315, and the roll back rate is .451453.

Commissioner Laubach: So we are still where we were last week, which is the rate goes down from last year...

Commissioner Smith: 2.7 cents.

Commissioner Laubach: But not enough to get us back to where we were the year before, values are up so revenues will be increased somewhat, but not enough to trigger the rollback and that causes us to dip a bit into the reserves, but not much.

Judge Mills: Yes.

There was no public comments on the tax increase.

2. Announce date and time to adopt 2019 Tax Rate.

Judge Mills: The next hearing will be on August 22, 2019
at 8:45 a.m.

*No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 8:50 a.m. on a motion made by
Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith.*


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



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