

COMMISSIONERS COURT
Aransas County, Texas

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

Jack Chaney
Commissioner, Pct 1-1A

Bubba Casterline
Commissioner, Pct 2



Charles Smith
Commissioner, Pct 3

Wendy Laubach
Commissioner, Pct 4

AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the above named Commissioners Court V.T.C.A Government Code, Section 551.001(4), will be held on the **14th day of SEPTEMBER, 2020 at 9:00 AM IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM IN THE ARANSAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 2840 HWY. 35 N., ROCKPORT, TEXAS.** 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 outside the County Commissioner's 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 limited to fifteen (15) minutes unless other arrangements have been made with the Court.

1. Presentation by **William Whitson with Long Term Recovery** on Coronavirus Relief Fund and COVID-19 CARES Act Update – William Whitson/Judge Mills

VI. ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

- **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, and approve or disapprove **Minutes** from the August 31, 2020 Regular Meeting - Valerie Amason/Judge Mills

- **COUNTY REPORTS**

3. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **Friends of the History Center for Aransas County – June – August 2020 report** – Pam Stranahan/Judge Mills

- **COUNTY ELECTIONS**

4. Accept and approve **Elections Administrator Michele Carew’s resignation effective September 18, 2020** [Tabled 08-31-2020]– Michele Carew/Judge Mills
5. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **changing the current temporary Elections Coordinator position to permanent, full-time employee status**, effective December 1, 2020, same step and grade [Tabled 08-31-2020] – Michele Carew/Judge Mills

- **COUNTY ROADS**

6. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **authorizing negotiations for the acquisition of property and/or easement** in the Copano Heights watershed consistent with the County’s Regional Stormwater Management Master Plan – David Reid/Judge Mills

- **CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, GRANTS & LEASES**

7. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **County Judge to pay match funds to Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for Aransas Pathways Southern Trail Project previously approved. Match Amount is \$162,150.00 and funds come out of Pathways bonds funds** – John Strothman/Judge Mills
8. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **authorizing County Judge to sign the Texas Department of Transportation Grant for Routine Airport Maintenance Program** (TxDOT RAMP Grant) **for fiscal year 2021**, through which the Aransas County Airport will receive a 50% reimbursement for up to \$100,000 spent of eligible airport maintenance, **and designate Mike Geer as Authorized/Designated Representative** – Mike Geer/Judge Mills
9. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **authorizing County Judge to sign a Cooperative Services Agreement with Aransas County Medical Services Inc. (ACMSI)**, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, **for paving services at Enterprise Medical Complex** – David Reid/Judge Mills
10. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **authorizing County Judge to sign Interlocal Cooperation Agreements for 2020-2021 Property Tax Assessment/Collection** upon return of signed agreements by Local Taxing Entities – Jeri Cox/Judge Mills
11. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **Resolution #R-37-2020**, a Resolution of Aransas County, Texas certifying that the County has made a grant to the Aransas County Council on Aging, an organization that provides home-delivered meals to homebound persons in the County who are elderly and/or have a disability, and certifying that the County has approved the organization’s accounting system or fiscal agent - Debbie Thompson/Judge Mills
12. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **authorizing County Judge to sign enrollment form from Texas Association of Counties of their Cyber Security Training course**; this annual training is mandatory for all elected officials and employees who have access to county computers or applications under Texas Government Code § 2054.5191- Collin Jackson/Judge Mills
13. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **Order #O-18-2020** authorizing update of Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP’s Bond Counsel Engagement Agreement – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Mills

• **PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE**

14. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **August 2020 Indigent Health Care Report and the End of the Year (09/01/2019 – 08/31/2020) Indigent Health Care Report** - Alma Cartwright/Judge Mills
15. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **adopting Elected Officials Salaries, Expenses and Other Allowance for 2021** – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Mills
16. Discuss, and approve or disapprove the **Aransas County Navigation District (ACND) No New Revenue Tax Rate Levy** of \$0.049776/\$100 Valuation (\$0.036487/\$100 Valuation for M&O and \$0.013289/\$100 Valuation for I&S) – Keith Barrett/Judge Mills
17. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **consideration and action on Order #O-17-2020** authorizing the issuance of Aransas County, Texas Flood Control Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2020; authorizing certain parameters for the bonds; authorizing the redemption prior to maturity of certain outstanding obligations; authorizing the County Judge or the County Auditor to approve the amount, the interest rate, price, and terms thereof and certain other procedures and provisions related thereto; authorizing the refunding of certain outstanding obligations and the execution and delivery of an escrow deposit agreement; and enacting other provisions relating to the purposes of this order – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Mills
18. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **adopting the 2021 Budget** – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Mills
19. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **adopting the proposed Tax Rate of \$0.433543 per \$100 Value as the 2020 Tax Rate** – Jeri Cox/Judge Mills
20. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **adopting the 2020 Tax Roll and Levy** – Jeri Cox/Judge Mills
21. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **Resolution #R-36-2020 for the 2020 Tax Roll, Levy and Rate** – Jeri Cox/Judge Mills
22. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **ratifying the Property Tax Increase reflected in the 2021 Budget** – Jeri Cox/Judge Mills
23. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **Budget Line Item Transfers and Amendments** – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Mills
24. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities** – Jacky Cockerham/Alma Cartwright/Judge Mills

VII. 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.**”*

VIII. REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST--NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

"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 salutory 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."

IX. CLOSED SESSION

"Pursuant to the authority granted under Government Code, Chapter 551, the Commissioners Court may convene a closed session. The specific section or sections of Government Code, Chapter 551 that provides statutory authority may be announced."

- a. COMMISSIONERS COURT WILL MEET IN CLOSED SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071 COMMISSIONERS COURT WILL MEET IN CLOSED SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071 TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LITIGATION; RECEIVE ATTORNEY'S ADVICE ON LEGAL MATERS THAT ARE NOT RELATED TO LITIGATION; AND OTHER MATTERS PROTECTED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE.
- b. COMMISSIONERS COURT WILL MEET IN CLOSED SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.072 TO DISCUSS REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATIONS INCLUDING PATHWAYS PROJECTS, STORM WATER MANAGEMENT, COUNTY LAND AND COUNTY LEASES.
- c. COMMISSIONERS COURT WILL MEET IN CLOSED SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.07A TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS AND OTHER ISSUES.
- d. COMMISSIONERS COURT WILL MEET IN CLOSED SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.0725 TO DISCUSS A CONTRACT BEING NEGOTIATED AND THE TERMS THEREOF.
- e. COMMISSIONERS COURT WILL MEET IN CLOSED SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.087 TO DISCUSS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER.
- f. COMMISSIONERS COURT WILL MEET IN CLOSED SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 552.139 AND OTHER PROVISIONS TO DISCUSS CYBER SECURITY REPORT, STATUS AND IMPROVEMENT.

X. OPEN SESSION

Commissioners Court will reconvene into Open Session and consider action, if any, on items discussed in Closed Session.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

FILED
AT 2:40 P.M.

SEP 10 2020

VALERIE K. AMASON
COUNTY CLERK, ARANSAS CO., TEXAS

posted @ 2:45 PM

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the Notice of the above named Commissioners Court, is a true and correct copy of said Notice, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice on the window and/or bulletin board in the Aransas County Courthouse, 2840 Hwy. 35 N., Rockport, Aransas County, Texas on the ___ day of _____, 2020, and said Notice remained so posted continuously for at least seventy-two (72) hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting.