

MINUTES OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - SEPTEMBER 28, 2020

On the 28th day of September, 2020, 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 in person, via ZOOM, or via YouTube: 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 Christy Gibson, Deputy County Clerk/Executive Administrative Support.

Other County Officers present in person, via YouTube, or via Zoom, were Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; Alma Cartwright, Treasurer; Pam Heard, District Clerk; Bill Mills, Sheriff; Richard P. Bianchi, County Court At Law Judge; Tracy Orr, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge; Jacky Cockerham, County Auditor; Tana Taylor; First Assistant County Auditor; Latisha Murphy, Assistant Auditor; David Reid, County Engineer; Michael Geer, Airport Manager; John Strothman, Pathways Project Manager; Rene Butler, Facilities Director; Collin Jackson, IT Director; Linda Doane, Human Resources Director; Carrie Arrington, Office & Contracts Manager, County District Attorney's Office; Kevin Stroud, Elections Coordinator; Lori Cesar, Animal Control Director; Misty Kimbrough, Collections Specialist;

Long-Term Recovery Specialists: William Whitson; Kim Foutz;

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

Texas A&M Agrilife Extension - Aransas County: Ginger Easton Smith, Extension Agent; Megan Kunkel Glidden, Extension Agent;

Aransas County Citizens: Amanda Oster, County/District Attorney, Elect; Pat Rousseau, Commissioner, Pct. 3, Elect; Jane Moore; Andi Brewington; Faith Purtell; Joshua Ratetson; Kaitlyn Carruth; Kayla Ramos;

Tetra Tech/Northeast Operations: Gina Behnfeldt, Vice President, Economic Development Services;

Texas General Land Office: Randall Lee Freeze, Program Specialist & Legislative Liaison;

The Rockport Pilot Newspaper: Mike Probst, Editor and Publisher;

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:

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Video Presentation from the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension for National 4-H Week - Proclamation #P-7-2020.
2. Presentation recognizing the Live Oak Learning Center as a Healthy County South Texas School. (See Power Point)

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve:

3. Minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 14, 2020.
4. Official Surety Rider for Carrie Arrington, Aransas County Clerk.
5. Official Bond for Kevin Stroud, Interim Elections Administrator.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COUNTY REPORTS

6. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve acquiring AT&T Dedicated Ethernet Service for the Temporary Courthouse; to replace the rented radio tower currently in use to coincide with the transfer of rental responsibility from insurance to Aransas County.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

7. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve replacing the AT&T switched Ethernet Service in use at the Airport with an equivalent AT&T Dedicated Ethernet Service.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(See Inserts)

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, GRANTS & LEASES

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Resolution #R-38-2020, for the 2021 Indigent Defense Grant Program.  
Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.
9. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement among Aransas, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, and Victoria counties and the City of Rockport for the purpose of submitting a multi-jurisdictional Community Development Block Grant - Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) grant application to construct a fiber optic loop communication system.  
Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.
10. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the Texas Association of Counties' Workers Compensation Renewal Agreement and Questionnaire for plan year 2021.  
Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.
11. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve an amendment to the Aransas County Citizen Participation Plan for Texas General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant - Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program and COVID CARES Act Provisions.  
Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

(See Inserts)

12. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign an Affidavit of Public Notice Posting for Community Development and Revitalization of the Texas General Land Office (GLO). Aransas County will submit four Community Development Block Grant - Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) applications pursuant to Resolution #R-39-2020 to the Texas General Land Office (GLO). This Affidavit of Public Notice will be posted on the County's website and the bulletin board in the main lobby of the Aransas County Courthouse from October 5, 2020 to October 18, 2020.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

13. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Resolution #R-39-2020, a Resolution authorizing the submission of a Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) application to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) and authorizing the County Judge to act as the County's Executive Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the County's participation in the CDBG-MIT Program, contingent upon any comments that may be received during the 14 day comment period ending October 18, 2020.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(See Inserts)

14. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign Project Contract with CML Security, LLC for the repair and upgrade of the proprietary security system at Aransas County Detention Center.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

15. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Laubach to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign an Engineering/Architectural/Surveyor Services Agreement with Hanson Professional Services, Inc. for Aransas County's RCA Parking and Public Facilities Improvement Project, part of Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR), awarded to the County through General Land Office (GLO) Contract No. 20-065-098-C270, covering damages sustained from Hurricane Harvey.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

16. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign Amendment 1 to TxDOT CSJ No: 2016ROCKP (a Federally-assisted Airport Development Agreement approved by Commissioners Court on December 12, 2019) to allow an expansion of that grant project under the CARES Act funded at 100% (no match).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(See Inserts)

17. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Resolution #R-40-2020, to document Commissioners' Court support for and acceptance of a Financial Assistance Grant from Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for Repair and reconstruction of Airport Apron Drain/Sinkhole Repair Project (caused by Hurricane Harvey).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COUNTY ELECTIONS

18. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve amendment to Order #O-12-2020, appointment of the 2020-2021 election judges and alternates.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

19. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court, the Aransas County Election Committee's appointment of Kevin Stroud to Interim Elections Administrator effective September 14, 2020 [Tabled 8/31/2020] [Tabled 09/14/2020].

COUNTY ROADS & FLOODPLAIN

20. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve entering into an agreement with GrantWorks, Inc. for project delivery services for the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund (CTIF) grant program.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(See Inserts)

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE

21. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve August 2020 County Treasurer's Report.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

22. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Laubach to approve bids for Aransas County Bank Depository.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

23. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve new job description to be effective January 1, 2021 for the Office of the County Attorney as follows: Assistant County Attorney I - pay group 28, Assistant County Attorney - Civil - pay group 31, Senior Assistant County Attorney - pay group 32, Criminal Investigator - pay group 22, Office Manager & Civil Paralegal - pay group 19, and Receptionist - pay group 9. No new monies.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

24. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve authorizing the County Attorney Elect to begin posting the job openings, with an effective start date of January 1, 2021, and interviewing potential candidates.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(See Inserts)



25. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Budget Line Item Transfers and Amendments.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

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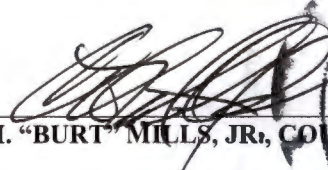
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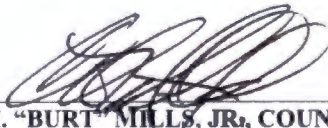
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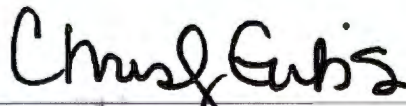
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