

**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

**PUBLIC HEARING WITH SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

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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 **19<sup>th</sup> day of OCTOBER, 2020 at 9:00AM 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:

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. DECLARE QUORUM**

**III. PUBLIC HEARING**

1. At this time, public comments will be taken from the audience regarding four grant applications to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for Hurricane Harvey Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation Funds (CDBG-MIT). 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. 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.
2. Application details and the Citizen Participation Plan may be viewed in advance in the locations noted below for the noted projects and are posted to the County website at: [aransascountytexas.gov/PublicNotices](http://aransascountytexas.gov/PublicNotices). Application details also may be requested in-person or by mail at the following addresses below for the noted projects, via email at [CDBG-MIT@aransascounty.org](mailto:CDBG-MIT@aransascounty.org) or by phone by calling 361-790-9496. Written comments may be delivered in-person or by mail to the following addresses for the noted projects, via email at [CDBG-MIT@aransascounty.org](mailto:CDBG-MIT@aransascounty.org) or by phone by calling 361-790-9496.
3. Aransas County is applying for Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation Funds (CDBG-MIT) through the Texas General Land Office (GLO) to implement four mitigation projects across the County. The projects the County is seeking funding for are:
  1. **Fiber Optic Loop Communication System**
  2. **Newcomb Point Shoreline Preservation**
  3. **Fulton Beach Road Elevation and Beach Nourishment**
  4. **Ruby Allen Street, Drainage and Utilities**

None of the County's proposed projects will result in the displacement of persons from residences, businesses, farms or non-profit facilities.

4. An explanation of each project and the costs are demonstrated in **Attachment A**, included with this agenda. Aransas County and City of Rockport citizens can view all these projects at the Aransas County Courthouse, 2840 Highway 35 N, Rockport, TX 78382, at the lobby/entry desk.

**Fiber Optic Loop Project Only** can be viewed at the locations below:

- San Patricio County: San Patricio County Courthouse, 400 W. Sinton St., Sinton, Texas 78387 (Judge's Office) and 313 N. Rachal St, Sinton, Texas 78387 (Emergency Management & Safety Office)
- Refugio County: Refugio County Courthouse, 808 Commerce St, Refugio, Texas 78377 (Judge's Office, Room 104)
- Victoria County: Victoria County Courthouse, 115 N. Bridge St., Victoria, Texas 77901 (Room 127)
- City of Rockport: Rockport Service Center, 2751 SH 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas 78382 (lobby/entry desk)

#### IV. ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

5. Discuss, approve, or disapprove **donation of 650 gallons of bleach to Hands of Hope**, who will transport the bleach to Louisiana to assist the citizens there in Hurricane clean-up efforts. This is the same bleach Aransas County received at no cost from Formosa Plastics Corporation in April 2020 – Pat Rousseau/Judge Mills

#### V. 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 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.*

#### VI. OPEN SESSION

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

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**ARANSAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**

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

**CERTIFICATION**

**COMMISSIONERS COURT, ARANSAS COUNTY, TEXAS**

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 bulletin board in the Aransas County Courthouse, 2840 Hwy. 35 N. Rockport, Aransas County, Texas on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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COUNTY CLERK, ARANSAS COUNTY, TEXAS

Tel: 361-790-0122 Fax: 361-790-0119

**FILED**  
AT 1:42 P.M.

OCT 15 2020

CARRIE ARRINGTON  
COUNTY CLERK, ARANSAS CO., TEXAS

posted @ 1:48pm

# ATTACHMENT A

## ARANASAS COUNTY - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CDBG-MIT GRANT APPLICATIONS

Aransas County will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 19, 2020 to provide detailed information and receive public input on four grant applications to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for Hurricane Harvey Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation Funds (CDBG-MIT).

The Public Comment Period was originally established for October 5, 2020 to October 18, 2020 but has been extended through Monday, October 19, 2020.

Aransas County is applying for CDBG-MIT funds through the Texas GLO to implement four mitigation projects across the County. The projects the County is seeking funding for are:

- 1) **Fiber Optic Loop Communication System.** Aransas County, in joint partnership with Victoria County, Refugio County, San Patricio County, and the City of Rockport will apply for CDBG-MIT grant funding to install new fiber optic cable to connect emergency response facilities across the region. Installation of the cable and connection to emergency management facilities will help ensure efficient and effective communication among emergency response and recovery services in the areas in which the system is being installed. The project will meet the Urgent Need Mitigation National Objective for CDBG-MIT funds but will provide benefits to Low-Moderate Income (LMI) populations throughout the region. This project is being conducted in cooperation with Nueces County.

### **Project Funding:**

- Funding Request: \$47,362,036.59
- Match (1%): \$478,404.41
  - Aransas County - \$313,404.41
  - City of Rockport - \$100,000
  - Victoria County - \$25,000
  - Refugio County - \$15,000
  - San Patricio County - \$25,000
- Total Project Cost: \$47,840,441.00

Note: Nueces County, pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding, will provide \$25,000 to support the project and associated benefit.

- 2) **Newcomb Point Shoreline Preservation.** Aransas County is seeking funding to construct a breakwater consisting of partially emergent rock structures along the southern coast of Newcomb Point. Installation of this breakwater will help reduce severe coastal erosion along Newcomb Point which in turn provides significant protection to the

Holiday Beach neighborhood against severe erosion. The project meets the LMI Area Benefit National Objective by providing benefits to the Holiday Beach Census Defined Place which contains 54.34% LMI population.

**Project Funding:**

- Funding Request: \$6,262,470.72
- Match (1%): \$63,257.28
- Total Project Cost: \$7,782,174.00

- 3) **Fulton Beach Road Elevation and Beach Nourishment.** Aransas County intends to elevate Fulton Beach Road to raise the road to reduce flood risk. The project also will help alleviate flooding which occurs on the inland side of the road, by expanding stormwater drainage pipes which run under Fulton Beach Road. A breakwater will be constructed of partially emergent rock structures and the shoreline will be planted with cordgrasses and shoregrass. The project will meet the LMI Area Benefit National Objective for CDBG-MIT funds by providing benefits to the residents of the 54.04% LMI population Census Tract that the project is serving.

**Project Funding:**

- Funding Request: \$5,378,604.66
- Match (1%): \$54,329.34
- Total Project Cost: \$5,432,934.00

- 4) **Ruby Allen Street, Drainage, and Utilities.** Aransas County will undertake improvements to the stormwater management system servicing the Ruby Allen Street neighborhood. The project will include the construction of 2 lift stations, the installation of 6", 8" 10" and 12" force main lines to connect the lift stations with the wastewater treatment plant as well as roadway paving. The project will assist in alleviating flooding in the Ruby Allen Street neighborhood and will benefit a 3 Census Tract area containing LMI populations of 88.7%, 61.6% and 54.2%. This qualifies the project to meet the LMI Area Benefit National Objective under CDBG-MIT regulations.

**Project Funding:**

- Funding Request: \$21,360,944.88
- Match (1%): \$215,767.12
- Total Project Cost: \$21,576,712.00

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