

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**

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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 **23rd day of NOVEMBER, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. 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 & 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 sign the Public Participation Form located on the table outside of the County 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.*

**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.*

1. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **Minutes** from the November 9, 2020 Regular Meeting – Carrie Arrington/Judge Mills
2. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **Minutes** from the November 12, 2020 Special Meeting – Carrie Arrington/Judge Mills

- **COUNTY REPORTS**

3. Discuss, and approve or disapprove the **3rd Quarterly 2020 Report** for the Aransas County Historical Commission – Fulton Mansion State Historical Site – Allen Lea/Judge Mills

- **COUNTY ROADS & FLOODPLAIN**

4. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **allowing Aransas County Road & Bridge staff to apply to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program to pursue funds for purchasing permitting software and public outreach activities** – Katherine Comeaux/David Reid/Judge Mills

- **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

5. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **authorizing Environmental Health to seek bids for 2021 Mosquito Control Chemicals** – Valerie Gonzalez/Judge Mills

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

6. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **authorizing County Judge to sign Equipment Request Form with Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) to add one (1) additional Registration and Title System (RTS) workstation for County Tax Assessor-Collector during the annual open enrollment period (November 1-30)** – Anna Marshall/Judge Mills
7. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **authorizing County Judge to sign Interlocal Agreement with Regional Public Defender Office-Local Government Corporation (RPDO-LGC), who provide legal defense services to indigent capital murder defendants for Aransas County** – Judge Mills
8. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **authorizing County Judge to sign a professional services contract between Cobb Fendley and Aransas County in an amount not to exceed \$372,000 to perform a comprehensive evaluation and study for a future fiber optic network** – William Whitson/Judge Mills

- **PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE**

9. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **October 2020 Treasurer's Report** – Alma Cartwright/Judge Mills
10. **Presentation and discussion on a plan of finance for county tax notes** – Robert Henderson/David Mendez/Judge Mills
11. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **proposal to require 30 days' written notice to the public of the terms of and parties to any proposed bond issue, tax note, or any other borrowing** before bringing the agreement to a vote of the Commissioners Court at any regular or special meeting, without prejudice to the Commissioners Court's right to discuss such a potential agreement in the meantime – Commissioner Laubach
12. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **proposal to require 30 days' written notice to the public of the terms of and parties to any proposed tax abatement or agreement under Section 381 of the Texas Local Government Code** before bringing the agreement to a vote of the Commissioners Court at any regular or special meeting, without prejudice to the Commissioners Court's right to discuss such a potential agreement in the meantime – Commissioner Laubach

13. **Acknowledge receipt of and record in minutes of Commissioners Court the Aransas County Election Committee's appointment of Kevin Stroud to Elections Administrator effective November 19, 2020 at a Group/Step of 17-4** – Linda Doane/Judge Mills
14. Discuss, and approve or disapprove a **new full-time Election Coordinator position effective December 1, 2020 at an pay Group/Step 11-2 to replace the temporary Elections Coordinator position (currently being paid from the CARES Act Grant that expires November 30, 2020)**. An increase in voter registration and mail-in ballots has created a need for a full-time permanent position - [Tabled 08/31/2020] [Tabled 09/14/2020] – Kevin Stroud/Linda Doane/Judge Mills
15. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **changing the JP1 part-time Court Clerk to a full-time Civil Court Clerk at a pay Group 11** – Judge Dupnik/Judge Mills
16. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **changing the County Attorney Elect's following job position's Group pay scale**, due to qualifications of applicants, as stated: Senior Attorney from Group 32 to Group 31 and Civil Attorney from Group 31 to Group 33 – no new monies – Linda Doane/Amanda Oster/Judge Mills
17. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **the County Clerk's office redistribution of duties to ensure cross-training of staff and provide opportunities for advancement with the following revised job descriptions and pay groups**: Chief Deputy Clerk – Courts & Administration from Group/ Step 16-4 to Group/Step 17-3; Deputy County Clerk – Criminal & Civil Courts from Group 12 to Group 14; Deputy County Clerk – Probate & Guardianship Courts from Group 12 to Group 14; Chief Deputy County Clerk – Vital Statistics & Official Public Records from Group/Step 16-6 to 17-4; Senior Deputy County Clerk – Vital Statistics & Official Public Records from Group/Step 12-2 to 15-1; and Deputy County Clerk – Vital Statistics & Official Public Records from Group 12 to Group 14 – no new monies – Carrie Arrington/Linda Doane/Judge Mills
18. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **Budget Line Item Transfers and Amendments** – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Mills
19. 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 salutary 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 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**

#### **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.

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COUNTY CLERK, ARANSAS COUNTY, TEXAS  
Tel: 361-790-0122 Fax: 361-790-0119

**FILED**  
AT 4:26 P.M.

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**CARRIE ARRINGTON**  
COUNTY CLERK, ARANSAS CO., TEXAS

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