

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

PUBLIC MEETING - NOVEMBER 26, 2018

On the 26th day of November, 2018, there was a Public Meeting 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; **Brian Olsen**, Commissioner, Precinct 3; **Betty Stiles**, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and **Valerie K. Amason**, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were **Jerry Brundrett**, County Surveyor; **Linda Garcia Haynes**, Executive Assistant to the County Judge; **David Reid**, Road Administrator/Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Collin Jackson**, IT Director; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager; **Jacky Cockerham**; Assistant County Auditor; **Roman Cortez**, Chief Jailer Deputy Sheriff;

Long-Term Recovery: **Randall Freeze**, Long Term Recovery Specialist;

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

Deer Run Lane residents: **James A. & Bette A. Mayfield; Peter R. M. & Mavolyne S. Burnett; Ashley J. Hopkins; James A. McGhee; Juan A. & Thelma T. Galnarez; Harold J. & Camille M. Krech; Kellie Purselley; Lawrence A. & Margaret S. Shockley; Van D. & Pat C. Johnson; Christopher & Dion Krupa; Terri A. & Scott L. MacDonald; Mike Armbruster;**

Local Residents: **June Gregory; Pam Stranahan;**

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:

ITEM FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

1. To consider the proposed improvement and assessment of cost of bringing Deer Run Lane up to current County roadway standards. All citizens of Aransas County, especially those who own property abutting Deer Run Lane are encouraged to attend and participate.

Van Johnson: Thank you for the opportunity to hear us, I'm one of 11 property owners on Deer Run Lane and we need a road, badly. I've lived there for 24 years and being a private road we have had to maintain it ourselves, bringing in this material twice a year probably costs about \$1,000 each time and when the weather is dry it holds up pretty well, but when we get these rains we are subject to Club Lake. Club Lake accepts a lot of drainage and when it overfills it comes across our properties and right across our road, the materials we bring in get washed out and we start all over again. This has been going on a couple of years and we've been talking to Mr. Chaney and Mr. Reid, they've told us what we need and in order to make this happen we have to have 100% participation and give up our easement. Verbally, we have 100% participation so we are ready to go forward with this project. Mr. Reid has worked diligently with us to lay out a design and we have finally come to terms that we can all accept, we know what he wants to do, we are all

in agreement, and we are ready to go on this project if you folks can help us out.

Judge Mills: That's great that everyone is in agreement, David do you have anything to add to this?

David Reid: The transportation code allows you to do this and assess part or all of the costs, we've done this type of project a few other times and our policy has been one-third is to be paid by the County and two-thirds by the property owners. I have an estimate of the construction costs at a total of \$131,000, so two-thirds is \$87,000 and we can assess them at a time period of what we normally have been doing is three years if that works for the property owners and you can discuss that, we need to nail that down. The statute allows us to charge interest after two years, but I think what we have been doing is tying that interest to the time of paying it out, so if we go one year or three years, we don't charge interest until after that time.

Commissioner Casterline: David, haven't we done some of them for more than three years?

David Reid: Not that I'm aware of, but maybe. There's nothing in the law that restrict the time period.

Commissioner Chaney: I think we did Adolfo for five.

David Reid: That may be true, but that was before my time.

Van Johnson: We would be interested in discussing that.

Judge Mills: Yeah, that's something to discuss and get it hammered down.

Commissioner Chaney: I just want to say, I think we have had three conversations or maybe two meetings and a few conversations out there, but this has been the most receptive

group that I have had the pleasure of dealing with, thank you very much.

David Reid: One other thing, this is a private road with a dedicated access easement and that has to be transferred to the County before any of this can work and I've explained that to the property owners and I think everybody is in agreement with that.

Commissioner Casterline: Is it a sixty foot right-of-way?

David Reid: Yes.

Commissioner Chaney: I think this will solve a lot of the drainage problems in that area.

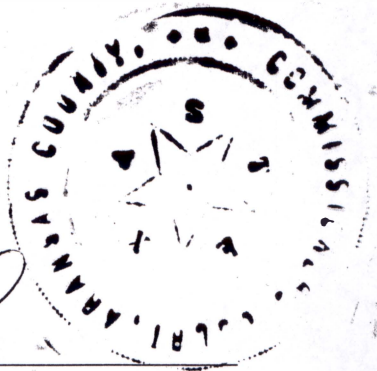
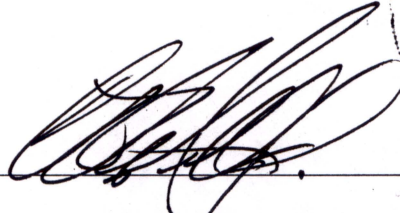
Commissioner Casterline: David, are you going to bring back the final, whatever we need?

Judge Mills: Do we need another public hearing?

David Reid: No, we don't need another public hearing, we do have an item on the agenda for Commissioners' Court for a vote and make this a valid process.

Judge Mills: Alright, so we'll take care of this in the next meeting.

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 8:53 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Chaney.



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



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