



# MINUTES

## Aransas County Commissioners Court

9:00 AM – Tuesday, December 27, 2022

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met on Tuesday, December 27, 2022, at 9:00 AM, in the Aransas County Courthouse, 2840 Hwy 35 N, Rockport, Texas.

Present: **Jack Chaney**, Commissioner Precinct 1-1A  
**Leslie Casterline**, Commissioner, Precinct 2  
**Pat Rousseau**, Commissioner, Precinct 3  
**Wendy Laubach**, Commissioner, Precinct 4

Absent: **C. H. "Burt" Mills, Jr.**, County Judge

### I. Call to Order & Pledges

The meeting convened at 9:00 AM.

### II. Invocation

### III. Roll Call was taken and Quorum was declared, and the following proceedings were had and done, to wit:

### IV. Citizens to be heard

- Jeff Hutt

### V. Presentations

1. Presentation by Texas A&M AgriLife introducing Patrick Cruz as the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension's Marine Resource Agent – Donnie Montemayor

### VI. Items for Deliberation and/or Action

- **CONSENT AGENDA**
2. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Minutes from the December 12, 2022 Regular Meeting – Carrie Arrington
  3. Discuss, approve or disapprove payment for, issuance of, and acceptance of Public Official Bonds for Ray A. Garza, County Judge Elect; Leslie "Bubba" Casterline, County Commissioner Precinct 2; Robert W. Dupnik, County Commissioner Elect Precinct 4; Richard Bianchi, Judge County Court at Law; Pam Heard, District Clerk; Misty Kimbrough, County Clerk; Alma Tamburin Cartwright, County Treasurer; Diane Dupnik, Justice of the Peace 1; Diana

Rinche-McGinnis, Justice of the Peace 2; Gavin Harrison, Constable Precinct 2; and Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor – Judge Pro Tem Casterline

4. Establish the Schedule for Regular Meetings of the Commissioners Court for 2023 – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays (or Tuesday for a Monday holiday) of each month, except for August when court will be held every Monday – Judge Pro Tem Casterline
5. Set Terms for Statutory County Court for 2023 – Two Terms – January to June and July to December – Judge Pro Tem Casterline
6. Set Terms for Justice of the Peace (JP) Courts for 2023 – One month terms beginning the fourth Monday of each month – Judge Dupnik and Judge McGinnis
7. Discuss and accept a \$1,000 donation from C.H. Burt and Penny Mills to Aransas County Animal Control – Lori Cesar

**Motion:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Laubach to accept the Consent agenda

**Vote:** Motion carried 4-0; it was so ordered

- **County Reports**

8. Discuss and accept the formal notice of retirement from Rick McLester, Aransas County’s Emergency Management Coordinator – Rick McLester

**Motion:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau

**Vote:** Motion carried 4-0; it was so ordered

- **County Roads and Floodplain**

9. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing County Staff to advertise for bids for Linden Street Drainage Improvements, Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Contract #20-065-098-C270 – David Reid

**Motion:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Laubach

**Discussion followed**

**Vote:** Motion carried 4-0; it was so ordered

10. Discuss, approve or disapprove bids received in response to the 2023 Road Materials Request for Bids – David Reid

**Motion:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Laubach

**Discussion followed**

**Vote:** Motion carried 4-0; it was so ordered

11. Discuss, approve or disapprove accepting a permanent Sixty Foot (60’) wide public road easement and right-of-way from John R. Gold, 122 Bernardy Road, for Lara Garza Road, Whispering Woods Road and Bernardy Road as depicted

on the attached Exhibit; update the County Road Map to include this easement as an unpaved public road; authorize the County Judge to execute necessary documents; and direct that conveyance documents be recorded in the office of the Aransas County Clerk – David Reid/Commissioner Chaney

**Motion:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau

**Discussion followed**

**Vote:** Motion carried 4-0; it was so ordered

12. Discuss, approve or disapprove accepting a permanent Sixty Foot (60') wide public road easement and right-of-way from Lanny A and Nanette C Phillips, 111 Lara Garza Road, for Lara Garza Road, Whispering Woods Road and Bernardy Road as depicted on the attached Exhibit; update the County Road Map to include this easement as an unpaved public road; authorize the County Judge to execute necessary documents; and direct that conveyance documents be recorded in the office of the Aransas County Clerk – David Reid/Commissioner Chaney

**Motion:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau

**Discussion followed**

**Vote:** Motion carried 4-0; it was so ordered

- **Contracts, Agreements, Grants and Leases**

13. Discuss, approve, or disapprove an Addendum to the Contract Labor Agreement between Aransas County and Randy D. Bingham, PA-C, for Inmate Health Care Services to increase the monthly cost from \$1,500 to \$2,000 – Jacky Cockerham

**Motion:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Laubach

**Discussion followed**

**Vote:** Motion carried 4-0; it was so ordered

14. Discuss, approve or disapprove awarding construction contract for Rattlesnake Point Road in the County's General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Contract #20-065-098-C270, to New Stout Excavating Group Texas LLC in the amount of \$4,330,889.49, using the base bid with Alternates 1 and 2 – David Reid

**Motion:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

**Discussion followed**

**Vote:** Motion carried 4-0; it was so ordered

15. Discuss, approve or disapprove Amendment No. 4 of the Contract for Administrative Services between Aransas County and GrantWorks, Inc., for work related to authorized projects funded by the General Land Office Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Contract No. 20-065-098-C270 to reallocate previously authorized compensation for administering the cancelled Micro-Hospital Project in the amount of \$444,765.00 to other authorized projects as set forth therein – John Strothman

**Motion:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Laubach

**Discussion followed**

**Vote:** Motion carried 4-0; it was so ordered

16. Discuss, approve or disapprove Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Aransas County, Texas, the City of Rockport, Texas, the Town of Fulton, Texas and the Aransas County Independent School District for Juvenile Case Management Services. For 2023, Aransas County's Contribution is 30% or up to \$43,000.00 plus \$7,000.00 for vehicle, for a total annual contribution not to exceed \$50,000; For 2024 and beyond, Aransas County's total annual contribution will not exceed \$43,000.00 – Commissioner Casterline

**Motion:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau

**Discussion followed**

**Vote:** Motion carried 4-0; it was so ordered

• **Planning and Budget**

17. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the November 2022 Treasurers Report – Alma Cartwright

**Motion:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau

**Vote:** Motion carried 4-0; it was so ordered

18. Discuss, approve or disapprove a donation of twenty-four (24) blankets to the Aransas County Assistance Department from the Children's Coalition of Aransas County – Alma Cartwright

**Motion:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau

**Vote:** Motion carried 4-0; it was so ordered

19. Discuss and accept or reject a payment from Kristen Barnebey in the amount of \$9,500 to be deposited into the County Attorney Asset Forfeiture Fund as Full and Complete Restitution for certain funds spent in 2019-2020 when Ms. Barnebey held the office of County Attorney –Amanda Oster

**Motion:** by Commissioner Laubach, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

**Discussion followed**

**Vote:** Motion carried 4-0; it was so ordered

20. Discuss, approve or disapprove job description for a Temporary Part Time Animal Technician position – Lori Cesar

**Motion:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Laubach

**Discussion followed**

**Vote:** Motion carried 4-0; it was so ordered

21. Discuss, approve, or disapprove authorizing the expenditure of funds from the 2022 budget for Constable of Precinct 2 from line items Fuel, Oil and Lubricants 120-555-3312 and Repairs and Maintenance 120-555-453 to reimburse the Constable for the actual cost of maintenance and fuel for his

personal vehicle of \$1,301.29 that has been used in performance of his duties as Constable 2 for November and December 2022– Gavin Harrison

**Motion:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline  
**Discussion followed**  
**Vote:** Motion carried 0-4; it was so ordered

22. Discuss, approve or disapprove a 2023 budget amendment transferring funds from the budget for Constable of Precinct 2's line items for Fuel, Oil, and Lubricants 120-555-331 and Repairs and Maintenance 120-555-453 to the line item for Travel Allowance 120-555-130, which is sometimes referred to as an Auto Allowance, to increase the Travel Allowance from \$4,800.00 annually to \$7,600 annually for the 2023 Budget – Gavin Harrison

**Motion:** Move to table this item by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney  
**Discussion followed**  
**Vote:** Motion carried 4-0; it was so ordered

23. Discuss, approve or disapprove purchasing vacation and compensatory time in excess of allowed personnel policy levels – Jacky Cockerham

**Motion:** move to table by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Laubach  
**Discussion followed**  
**Vote:** Motion Failed 2-2  
**Amended Motion:** motion to approve the item as presented and then look at this issue during budget time by Commissioner Chaney; motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline  
**Vote:** Motion Failed 2-2

24. Discuss, approve or disapprove the November 2022 Auditor's Monthly Report – Jacky Cockerham

**Motion:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau  
**Vote:** Motion carried 4-0; it was so ordered

25. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Budget Line Item Transfers – Jacky Cockerham

**Motion:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau  
**Vote:** Motion carried 4-0; it was so ordered

26. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities – Jacky Cockerham

**Motion:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Laubach  
**Discussion followed**  
**Vote:** Motion carried 4-0; it was so ordered

**VII. Reports from Commissioners, Elected Officials, and Department Heads – NO action will be taken**

VIII. Reports about items of community interest – NO action will be taken

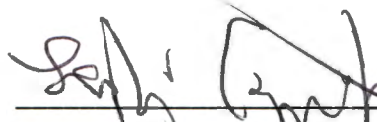
IX. Adjournment with Roll Call

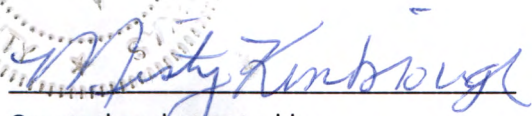
**Motion:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

**Discussion followed**

**Vote:** Motion carried 4-0; it was so ordered



  
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Leslie "Bubba" Casterline, Judge Pro Tem

  
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Created and attested by  
Misty Kimbrough, Ex-Officio Clerk  
of the Commissioners Court

2.13.23  
Date

