

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT
ARANSAS COUNTY, TEXAS**

AGENDA

NOTICE IS HERBY 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 **3RD** DAY OF **AUGUST, 2015** AT **9:00 A.M.** IN THE COMMISSIONERS' COURTROOM IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 301 N. LIVE OAK, ROCKPORT, TEXAS, AT WHICH TIME THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS WILL BE DISCUSSED, TO-WIT:

I. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARE QUORUM

II. PLEDGES AND INVOCATION

III. 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 on the table in front of the pews 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. 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.

IV. PRESENTATIONS:

Presentations are limited to fifteen (15) minutes unless other arrangements have been made with the Court.

V. 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, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 27, 2015
– VALERIE AMASON/JUDGE MILLS
2. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE PUBLIC OFFICIAL BLANKET BOND FOR DEPUTY TREASURERS
– JUDGE MILLS
3. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE PUBLIC OFFICIAL BOND RIDER ON JERI COX, TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR – JUDGE MILLS
4. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE PUBLIC OFFICIAL BOND RIDER ON BETTY STILES, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4 – JUDGE MILLS
5. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF KRISTEN BARNEBEY AS COUNTY & DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR ARANSAS COUNTY AND THE STATE OF TEXAS, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2015, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED IN SENATE BILL 1139 – KRISTEN BARNEBEY/JUDGE MILLS
6. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE AUTHORIZING ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT TO LOAN TWO FREEZERS FROM THE OLD COMMODITIES BUILDING TO GOOD SAMARITANS – ALMA CARTWRIGHT/JUDGE MILLS
7. REPORT RECEIPT OF AND RECORD IN COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES THE 36TH, 156TH, & 343RD JUDICIAL DISTRICTS COMMUNITY SUPERVISION AND CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT BIENNIAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 – VALERIE AMASON/JUDGE MILLS

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE

8. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE AUTHORIZING IT DEPT. TO OBTAIN CONTRACT TO INCREASE INTERNET BANDWIDTH FOR THE REMAINING 2015 FISCAL YEAR UP TO \$12,000 – COLLIN JACKSON/JUDGE MILLS
9. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE REQUEST OF SHERIFF MILLS TO USE “DETOX” FUNDS AS ALLOWED BY C.C.P. 59.06, TO AWARD AT LEAST \$25,000 TO BE DIVIDED BETWEEN TWO NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, “CHARLIES PLACE” AND “ACCESS COUNSELING” – SHERIFF MILLS/JUDGE MILLS
10. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE JOB RE-CLASSIFICATION FOR CHIEF DEPUTY/RECORDS MANAGEMENT/VITAL STATISTICS – (ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO INCLUDE SPECIFICATIONS ON CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.) (NO CHANGE IN PAY GROUP) – VALERIE AMASON/JUDGE MILLS
11. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE JOB RE-CLASSIFICATION FOR PUBLIC RECORDS INDEXING SPECIALIST (TO INCLUDE CHANGE IN JOB TITLE; ADDITIONAL JOB REQUIREMENTS AS BACKUP FOR VITAL STATISTICS; AND ADDING REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS) REQUEST TO CHANGE PAY GROUP FROM AN 11 TO A 12 BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016 TO BE INCLUDED IN THE 2016 BUDGET – VALERIE AMASON/JUDGE MILLS
12. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS – LEZLIE KIRK/JUDGE MILLS
13. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – LEZLIE KIRK/JUDGE MILLS
14. DISCUSS THE 2016 PRELIMINARY BUDGET – LEZLIE KIRK/JUDGE MILLS

DRAINAGE EASEMENTS & STORM WATER ITEMS

15. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE PETITION OF HAROLD HAYNES TO CLOSE, ABANDON, AND VACATE A 40-FOOT WIDE ROAD RECORDED IN VOL 1, PG. 24, D.R.A.C.T., LYING IN THE NORTH ONE-HALF OF LOT 2, BLOCK B, WHEELER SUBDIVISION SUBJECT TO ANY EXISTING UTILITIES THAT MAY BE IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY WITH ADEQUATE ALLOWANCES FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR – DAVID REID/COMMISSIONER CHANEY

VI. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEADS WHEREIN 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; Economic Developments; 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.”

VII. REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST REGARDING WHICH 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) a 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.”

VIII. PRESS QUESTIONS:

At this time, the Commissioners’ Court will accept questions from the press on items related to Agenda items which need clarification or further response. This item is provided as a courtesy to keep the citizens of Aransas County informed.

IX. CLOSED SESSION:

1. COMMISSIONERS' COURT WILL MEET IN CLOSED SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071 **TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL AND CURRENT LITIGATION AND OTHER MATTERS PROTECTED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE**
2. 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**
3. COMMISSIONERS' COURT WILL MEET IN CLOSED SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.07A **TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS AND OTHER ISSUES.**

X. OPEN SESSION:

COMMISSIONERS' COURT WILL RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION AND CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

XI. ADJOURNMENT

DATED THIS THE 30TH DAY OF JULY, 2015

NOTES TO THE AGENDA:

- 1) THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RETIRE INTO EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION CONCERNING ANY OF THE ITEMS LISTED ON THIS AGENDA, WHENEVER IT IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY AND LEGALLY JUSTIFIED UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT.
- 2) 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.

FILED

AT 2:06 P. M.

JUL 30 2015

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@ 2:10 P.M.*

VALERIE K. AMASON
COUNTY CLERK, ARANSAS CO., TEXAS

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 courthouse lobby of Aransas county, Texas on the 30th day of July, 2015, and said Notice remained so posted continuously for at least seventy-two (72) hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting.

FILED

AT 8:04 A. M.

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COUNTY CLERK, ARANSAS COUNTY, TEXAS

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR MEETING - AUGUST 03, 2015

On the 3rd day of August, 2015, there was a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court in the Courthouse, 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; Betty Stiles, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and Valerie K. Amason, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; Pam Heard, District Clerk; Bill Mills, Sheriff; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; Timilu Latham, Chief Deputy County Treasurer; Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; Suzy Wallace, 1st Assistant County Auditor; Tana Taylor, Internal Auditor; Linda Garcia, Executive Assistant to the County Judge; David Reid, Drainage Engineer; Dave Colmer, Senior IT Technician; David Vyoral, Road Administrator; Michael Geer, Airport Manager; James Jackson, Environmental Health Director; Pat Rousseau, Human Resources Director; Iris Sanchez, Librarian; Roman Cortez, Deputy Chief/Jail Operations and Grievance Officer; and C. J. Wax, Mayor - City of Rockport.

The Meeting was convened at 9:00 a.m. at which time a quorum was declared by County Judge Mills, WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had and done to wit:

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Unofficially after approval of Item #15 (because she did not have her public participation form turned in before the court convened), Rosemary Vieux Shoemaker of Water Walkers, spoke on the how important the City Pool was to the well-being of the senior citizens for exercise purposes.

PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve:

1. Minutes from the Regular Commissioners' Court Meeting and Workshop Meeting of July 27, 2015.
 2. Blanket Bond for Deputy County Treasures.
 3. Official Bond Rider on Jeri Cox, Tax Assessor/Collector.
 4. Official Bond Rider on Betty Stiles, Commissioner, Precinct 4.
 6. Authorizing the Assistance Department to loan two freezers from the old Commodities Building to Good Samaritans.
 7. Report Receipt of and Record in Commissioners' Court Minutes the 36th, 156th, & 343rd Judicial Districts Community Supervision and Corrections Department Biennium Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.
- Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

5. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to **pull** this item from the agenda, due to the absence of Kristen Barnebey. (Appointment of Kristen Barnebey as County & District Attorney for Aransas County and The State of Texas, effective September 1, 2015, pursuant to the authority granted in Senate Bill 1139.)

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to **Table** authorizing the IT Department to obtain a contract to Increase Internet Bandwidth for the remaining 2015 Fiscal Year up to \$12,000.00.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

9. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the request of Sheriff Mills to use "Detox" Funds as allowed by C.C.P. 59.06, to award at least \$25,000.00 to be divided between two non-profit organizations, "Charlies Place" and "Access Counseling".

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

10. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the Job Re-classification for Chief Deputy/Records Management/Vital Statistics with the addition and changes to include specifications on certification requirements (no change in pay group).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

11. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the Job Re-classification for Public Records Indexing Specialist to include adding /Vital Statistics Assistant and the Required Certifications; The request to change the Pay Group from an 11 to a 12, beginning January 1, 2016

is subject to upcoming budget hearings.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

12. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Budget Line Item Transfers, of which there were none.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

13. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Accounts Payable.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

ROADS, DRAINAGE EASEMENTS & STORMWATER ITEMS

15. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Petition of Harold Haynes to close, abandon and vacate a 40-Foot wide road recorded in Vol. 1, Pg. 24, D.R.A.C.T, lying in the north one-half of Lot 2, Block B, Wheeler Subdivision, subject to any existing utilities that may be in the right-of-way with adequate allowances for maintenance and repair.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

14. Discussion on the 2016 Preliminary Budget included:

Lezlie stated that she had met with Judge Mills and they went over some changes. Most departments were pulled and scheduled for appointments for the Budget Workshop on Wednesday. After she obtains

the Effective Rate Property Division from Jeri Cox, she can find out where the County stands. She also stated, I think I have pulled all I can from expenditures.

Sheriff Mills commented on the increase of the Federal Population in the jail, they fell under a backlog with the DPS lab, but there is a plan in place to address the problem and go forward.

Judge Mills stated that we have cut just about all we can from the budget, but we have budget workshops scheduled. We are trying to come up with some thoughts we need for private services that are necessary for county residents, without going up on taxes that much, if any. It's not going to be easy, but we are still working on it and will try do everything we can for the good of Aransas County.

The court did not enter into closed session.

**REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS &
DEPARTMENT HEADS WHEREIN NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN**

There were none.

**REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST
REGARDING WHICH NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN**

There were none.

PRESS QUESTIONS

Norma Martinez, Managing Editor of The Rockport Pilot: Was there an increase in the proposed revenue.

Lezlie: There were a few changes.

Norma: What is that new number?

Lezlie: The new number is \$14,132,726.00

Norma: What is the new number for expenditures?

Lezlie: \$14,722,787.00

Norma: Is that excluding any proposed salary increases and some capital projects? Do you still have to look at all of that?

Lezlie: Yes.

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 9:20 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Stiles duly seconded by Commissioner Casterline.



Valerie K. Amason

VALERIE K. AMASON,
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

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