

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

AGENDA

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, 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 & 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 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.

V. PRESENTATIONS:

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

1. PRESENTATION OF HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN BY LOCKWOOD, ANDREWS & NEWNAM, INC. (LAN)

VI. ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION:

CONSENT ITEMS

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 REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 9, 2015 AND SPECIAL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2015 – VALERIE AMASON/JUDGE MILLS**
- 2. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE PUBLIC OFFICIAL BOND RIDER ON JOY MARIE DIAS, ARANSAS COUNTY ASSISTANT ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR – JUDGE MILLS**
- 3. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE RESOLUTION R-20-2015 TO MAKE WILDLIFE HAZARD ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ARANSAS COUNTY AIRPORT – MIKE GEER/JUDGE MILLS**
- 4. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE THE SOLICITATION OF A PROPOSAL FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR PLANNING SERVICES TO SUBMIT A FEMA GRANT APPLICATION TO OBTAIN HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING GRANT FUNDS THROUGH THE TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AND TO DEVELOP A COUNTY-WIDE HAZARD MITIGATION ACTION PLAN TO INCLUDE UNINCORPORATED ARANSAS COUNTY, THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, AND TOWN OF FULTON – LAN/JUDGE MILLS**

BIDS, CONTRACTS, & LEASES

- 5. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN TWO DOCUMENTS FROM TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES: (1) 2016 UNITED HEALTHCARE RENEWAL NOTICE AND BENEFIT CONFIRMATION FORM AND (2) COUNTY CHOICE SILVER UNITED HEALTHCARE MEMBER CONTACT DESIGNATION FORM. PAT ROUSSEAU/JUDGE BURT MILLS**

6. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN THE 2016 INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN ARANSAS COUNTY AND THE CITY OF ROCKPORT FOR RESTAURANT HEALTH INSPECTIONS– JAMES JACKSON/JUDGE MILLS
7. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN THE 2016 INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN ARANSAS COUNTY AND THE CITY OF ROCKPORT FOR ROADS/DRAINAGE – DAVID VYORAL/JUDGE MILLS
8. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN THE 2016 INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN ARANSAS COUNTY AND THE CITY OF ROCKPORT AND THE TOWN OF FULTON FOR DISPATCHING SERVICES – SHERIFF MILLS/JUDGE MILLS

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE ITEMS

9. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE REQUEST TO INSTALL AN ARANSAS COUNTY PAYMENT DROP BOX WITH THE PURCHASE PRICE OF \$1,910.00 AND INSTALLATION PRICE OF \$1,977.56 FOR A TOTAL OF \$3,887.56 – MISTY KIMBROUGH/JUDGE MILLS
10. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE 2016 FEE SCHEDULE FOR ANIMAL CONTROL, TRANSFER STATION, AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH – JAMES JACKSON/JUDGE MILLS
11. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS – LEZLIE KIRK/JUDGE MILLS
12. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – LEZLIE KIRK/JUDGE MILLS

VII. 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 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 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) an honorary or salutory 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. 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.

X. CLOSED SESSION:

1. COMMISSIONERS’ COURT WILL MEET IN CLOSED SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071 TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL 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, STORMWATER 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

XI. OPEN SESSION:

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

XII. ADJOURNMENT

DATED THIS THE 19TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 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.

Posted @ 3:50pm

FILED

AT 3:44 P. M.

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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 19th day of November, 2015, and said Notice remained so posted continuously for at least seventy-two (72) hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting.

Valerie K. Amason

COUNTY CLERK, ARANSAS COUNTY, TEXAS

FILED

AT 8:10 A. M.

NOV 23 2015

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

ORIGINAL

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR MEETING - NOVEMBER 23, 2015

On the 23rd day of November, 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; **Charles Smith**, Commissioner, Precinct 3; **Betty Stiles**, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and **Valerie K. Amason**, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were **Jerry Brundrett**, County Surveyor; **Kristen Barnebey**, County Attorney; **Alma Cartwright**, County Treasurer; **Bill Mills**, Sheriff; **Lezlie Kirk**, County Auditor; **Jacky Cockerham**, Assistant County Auditor; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **James Jackson**, Environmental Health Director; **David Reid**, Drainage Engineer; **Pat Rousseau**, Human Resources Director; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager; **John Gutierrez**, Chief Deputy for the Sheriff's Office; **Misty Kimbrough**, Collections Specialist; **Rick McLester**, Emergency Management Coordinator; **C. J. Wax**, City of Rockport Mayor; **Barbara Gurtner**, City of Rockport Council Member; **Brian Olsen**, **David R. De Jesus**, and **Thea Edmundson**, Local Residents.

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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

Cathy L. Meek, CFM, LRA, CRS, Project Manager representing (LAN) Lockwood, Andrews & Newman, Inc. presented the Aransas County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan, explaining the steps to qualify for Grant Program dollars. She stated that FEMA's objective is to mitigate potential hazards and reduce risks. The creation of a new Stand-Alone Plan for Aransas County will take the place of the Initial Plan of 2005, which expires in 2017. A copy of the power point is attached.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

1. Minutes from the Regular Commissioners' Court Meeting of November 9, 2015 and Special Meeting of November 16, 2015.

2. Public Official Bond Rider on Joy Marie Dias, Assistant Elections Administrator.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

CONSENT ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

3. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to **TABLE** Resolution R-20-2015 to make

(Inserts)

Wildlife Hazard Assessment Improvements to the Aransas County Airport.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

4. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Solicitation of a proposal for Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for planning services to submit a FEMA Grant Application to obtain Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant Funds through The Texas Division of Emergency Management, and to develop a County-Wide Hazard Mitigation Action Plan to include Unincorporated Aransas County, The City of Rockport, and Town of Fulton.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

BIDS, CONTRACTS & LEASES

5. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to authorize the County Judge to sign two documents from Texas Association of Counties: (1) 2016 United Healthcare Renewal Notice and Benefit Confirmation Form and (2) County Choice Silver United Healthcare Member Contact Designation Form.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

6. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by

(Inserts)

Commissioner Chaney to authorize the County Judge to sign the 2016 Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between Aransas County and The City of Rockport for Restaurant Health Inspections.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

7. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to **TABLE** authorizing the County Judge to sign the 2016 Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between Aransas County and The City of Rockport for Roads/Drainage.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to **TABLE** authorizing the County Judge to sign the 2016 Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between Aransas County, The City of Rockport and the Town of Fulton for Dispatching Services.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE ITEMS

9. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve request by Misty Kimbrough, Collections Specialist to install an Aransas County Drop Box with a purchase price of \$1,910 and installation cost of

(Inserts)

\$1,977.56 for a total of \$3,887.56, stipulating that this box will not be used for tax property payments.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

10. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve 2016 Fee Schedule for Animal Control as presented.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to **TABLE** the 2016 Fee Schedule for the Transfer Station.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the 2016 Fee Schedule for Environmental Health.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

11. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Budget Line Item Transfers.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

12. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Accounts Payable.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

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

Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor, read the monthly fee report.

Judge Mills asked Mr. Jackson, Environmental Health Director, why there are no fees reported for Animal Control in the month of October. Response: He does not know at this time, but will find out after court.

Commissioner Smith commented that according to this report positive admission was generated for the month of September and now we are back to being under budget again.

Jeri Cox stated while attending a conference, she learned that the Attorney General is implementing a new state law putting a flag on vehicle registration for individuals who have not paid their child support payments. She also learned that a new gun law is going to effect in January where licensed concealed gun owners can openly carry and Government Offices without courtrooms cannot put up a sign asking people not to bring a gun in their office. She suggested that our Sheriff's office hold a security workshop for employees in these situations.

Sheriff Mills updated the court on the improvement of one of his deputies after she sustained an injury to her right cheek just below the jawbone while handling a juvenile.

(Insert)

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

There were none.

PRESS QUESTIONS

Norma Martinez, Managing Editor for the Rockport Pilot, asked for clarification on the dispatching services agreement. Is this paid monthly or quarterly? Judge Mills replied, monthly. She also asked, when the City approved a salary increase for dispatchers back in June, was the County not involved in this process? Judge Mills replied no.


The Court did not enter into closed session.

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 10:20 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline.



Valerie K. Amason

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


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

