



MINUTES

Aransas County Commissioners Court

9:00 AM – Monday, October 25, 2021

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met in **Regular Session** on Monday, October 25, 2021, at 9:00 AM, in the Aransas County Courthouse, 2840 Hwy 35 N, Rockport, Texas.

Present: **Leslie Casterline**, Commissioner, Precinct 2, serving as County Judge Pro Tem
Jack Chaney, Commissioner Precinct 1-1A
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, followed by pledges to the American and Texas flags.

II. **The Invocation** was given by County Surveyor Jerry Brundrett.

III. **Roll Call** was taken.

IV. **A Quorum was declared**, and the following proceedings were had and done, to wit:

V. **Citizens to be Heard** - There were none.

VI. Presentations

1. Misty Kimbrough, Collections Specialist, gave a presentation on collections for Aransas County Court at Law.

VII. Proclamations

2. Proclamation #P-16-2021 recognizing Aransas County contract employee Russell Balcomb for his public service with the Aransas Pathways Program.
3. Proclamation #P-17-2021 recognizing October 2021 as Youth Justice Month in Aransas County.

VIII. Items for Deliberation and/or Action –

Consent Agenda:

4. Minutes from the October 11, 2021 Regular Meeting.
5. Donation of \$100.00 from Thomas & Alice Myers to Aransas County Animal Control.
6. Donation from Sarah Haskins, owner of Salty Dog Pet Resort, of 25 gently used Karanda dog beds with an approximate value of \$500.00.

7. Donation of \$50.00 from Noreen and Ettore Settembre to Aransas County Animal Control.
8. Certificate of Completion certifying Zach Westlake participated in the 21st Annual Texas District Court Alliance (TDCA) Workshop.
9. Certificate of Completion certifying Melissa Bolt participated in the 21st Annual Texas District Court Alliance (TDCA) Workshop.
10. Certificate of Completion certifying Pam Heard participated in the 21st Annual Texas District Court Alliance (TDCA) Workshop.

Motion by Commissioner Rousseau to approve the Consent Items; seconded by Commissioner Laubach.

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

County Reports:

11. Maritime Museum 3rd Quarter 2021 Report from Executive Director Justin Parkoff.

Motion by Commissioner Rousseau to approve the 3rd Quarter 2021 Report for the Maritime Museum; seconded by Commissioner Laubach.

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

12. Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce 3rd Quarter Report from President/CEO Diane Probst and Vice President of Marketing & Promotion Sandy Jumper.

Amended Motion (amended to correct the agenda's 4th quarter reference) by Commissioner Rousseau to approve the 3rd Quarter 2021 Report for the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce; seconded by Commissioner Chaney.

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

13. Friends of the History Center 3rd Quarter Report from President Pam Stranahan.

Motion by Commissioner Chaney to approve the 3rd Quarter 2021 Report for the Friends of the History Center; seconded by Commissioner Rousseau.

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

County Roads:

14. Advertising for 2022 Road Materials Bid

Motion by Commissioner Rousseau to approve advertising for 2022 Road Materials Bid; seconded by Commissioner Laubach.

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

Contracts, Agreements, Grants & Leases:

15. Amendment to Mott MacDonald Engineering Services Contract

Motion by Commissioner Chaney to approve First Amendment to Agreement between Aransas County and Mott MacDonald for Engineering Services, which Contract was executed on July 21, 2020, to Revise the Scope of the Agreement for Additional Construction Oversight Services for the Cedar Bayou/Vinson Slough Re-

Opening Project and to Adjust the total Cost of the Agreement to Reflect the Fees for these Additional Services in an Increased Amount Not to Exceed \$69,122.54 and Authorize the County Judge to Execute the Necessary Documents; seconded by Commissioner Laubach.

Vote: Motion carried 3-1 (Rousseau dissenting); it was so ordered.

16. Adoption of Resolution #R-26-2021 to participate in Texas Opioid Settlement

Motion by Commissioner Rousseau to approve Resolution #R-26-2021, a Resolution to Elect to Participate with the State of Texas and Other Political Subdivisions in the Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council and Settlement Allocation Term Sheet; to Elect to Participate in the Texas Opioid Settlement Agreements Secured by the Texas Attorney General; to Authorize the County Judge to Execute Necessary Settlement Documents; to Provide for Repealer and Severability; to Confirm Compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act; and to Establish an Effective Date; seconded by Commissioner Chaney.

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

17. Agreement with Tyler Technologies (re: SB 41)

Motion by Commissioner Rousseau to approve an Agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc. to provide services necessary to implement changes required by a new Texas law (Senate Bill 41) relating to the consolidation, allocation, classification, and repeal of certain civil court costs, which services will include software updates to Odyssey and training for County staff for a cost not to exceed \$15,750.00, and authorize the County Judge to execute necessary documents; seconded by Commissioner Laubach.

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

Planning & Budget Office:

18. September 2021 Monthly Treasurer's Report

Motion by Commissioner Laubach to approve the September 2021 Monthly Treasurer's Report; seconded by Commissioner Rousseau.

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

19. 3rd Quarter Treasurer's Investment Report

Motion by Commissioner Laubach to approve the 3rd Quarter Treasurer's Investment Report; seconded by Commissioner Chaney.

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

20. Proposed Revision to Employee Handbook – Education Incentives

Motion by Commissioner Chaney to discuss then table the Proposed Revision to the Aransas County Employee Handbook regarding Education Incentives for County Employees as recommended by the County Benefit Committee and the County Handbook Committee; seconded by Commissioner Rousseau.

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

21. Proposed Revision to Employee Handbook – Health Insurance for Retired Employees

Motion by Commissioner Chaney to discuss then table the Proposed Revision to the Aransas County Employee Handbook regarding Health Insurance for Retired Employees as recommended by the County Benefit Committee and the County Handbook Committee; seconded by Commissioner Rousseau.

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

22. Proposed Revision to Employee Handbook – Public Safety Quarantine Leave

Motion by Commissioner Laubach to discuss then table the Proposed Revision to the Aransas County Employee Handbook regarding that would Renumber the Section Entitled “Emergency Leave” and Create a New Section for a Policy Entitled “Public Safety Quarantine Leave”; seconded by Commissioner Chaney.

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

23. Budget Line Item Transfers and Amendments

Motion by Commissioner Rousseau to approve Budget Line Item Transfers and Amendments; seconded by Commissioner Laubach.

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

24. Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities

Motion by Commissioner Rousseau to approve Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities; seconded by Commissioner Laubach.

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

IX. Reports from Commissioners, Elected Officials & Department Heads – No action will be taken –

Commissioner Chaney:

- There were two more reports of projectiles in his precinct.
- Live Oak Elementary kindergarteners will be leading the pledges for us at our next regular meeting.

Auditor Jacky Cockerham:

- Referenced the fee report she send out ahead of the meeting, noting that our fee totals have increased in most of the areas.

IT Director Collin Jackson:

- As of yesterday, when dialing phone numbers, you now have to use all 10 digits—even if you are dialing within the same area code.

X. Adjournment

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 11:28 AM on a motion duly made by Commissioner Laubach and seconded by Commissioner Laubach.

Leslie Casterline

Leslie Casterline, County Judge Pro Tem

Carrie Arrington

Carrie Arrington, Ex-Officio Clerk
of the Commissioners Court

