



MINUTES

Aransas County Commissioners Court

8:30 AM – Monday, November 8, 2021

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met in **Regular Session** on Monday, November 8, 2021, at 8:30 AM, in the Aransas County Courthouse, 2840 Hwy 35 N, Rockport, Texas.

Present: **C. H. "Burt" Mills, Jr.**, County Judge
Leslie Casterline, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Jack Chaney, Commissioner Precinct 1-1A
Pat Rousseau, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Wendy Laubach, Commissioner, Precinct 4

Absent:

I. Call to Order & Pledges

The meeting convened at 8:30 AM. Live Oak Elementary kindergarteners were scheduled to lead our pledges but they did not receive the time change for the meeting so, in the interim, Judge Mills jumped ahead to the two scheduled presentations listed below (section VI. Presentations) with the plan of circling back on the agenda upon the children's arrival.

At approximately 9:00 AM, kindergarteners from Live Oak Elementary School led our 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 (given immediately after the Call to Order)

1. Frank Reilly, Attorney at Law, Allison, Bass & Magee LLP, gave a presentation regarding Aransas County's existing political boundaries (based on population data extracted from the 2020 Census) and its two legally-available options regarding redistricting.
2. David Reid, Aransas County Engineer, gave a presentation showing the top fifteen problem drainage areas in the county, the method for rating those potential drainage projects, the correlating scores for each potential project, and his recommendation to the court for selecting the drainage projects on which to move forward.

The rating method considered: flood impact, water quality, habitat, complexity, and opportunity. Based on the data, Reid recommended seven drainage projects as priority projects. Those recommended projects, in priority order, are: Bahia Bay,

Upper Tule, Southeast Lamar, Racine, Club Lake, Holiday Beach East, and Southcentral Lamar.

VII. Items for Deliberation and/or Action –

Consent Agenda:

3. Minutes from the October 25, 2021 Regular Meeting
4. Donation of \$500.00 to the Aransas County Library from the Women’s Club of Aransas County

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

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

County Reports:

5. Mark Uhr, Pearl Point developer and co-owner, gave an Annual Report for Rockport Harvey Housing, LLC (which now includes Pearl Point Phase II).

Motion by Commissioner Chaney to approve the Annual Report of Rockport Harvey Housing, LLC, for the Pearl Point Development, as required by the Chapter 381 Economic Development Agreement between Aransas County and Rockport Harvey Housing, LLC, dated October 29, 2018; seconded by Commissioner Casterline.

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

6. Selection of Redistricting Option via Order

Motion by Commissioner Rousseau to approve the issuance of Order #O-13-2021 to retain the County’s existing political boundaries; seconded by Commissioner Chaney.

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

County Roads:

7. Conceptual Plan for new single-family home subdivision presented by Kat Comeaux

Motion by Commissioner Rousseau to approve Conceptual Plan proposed by Metropol, LLC, to re-plat 2582-R FM 1069 and 2502-2560 FM 1069 into a new subdivision for single-family home development; seconded by Commissioner Laubach.

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

Environmental Health:

8. 2022 Mosquito Control Chemicals

Motion by Commissioner Rousseau to approve authorizing the Environmental Health Department to seek bids for 2022 Mosquito Control Chemicals; seconded by Commissioner Laubach.

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

9. 2022 Brush Grinding Services

Motion by Commissioner Chaney to approve authorizing the Environmental Health Department to seek bids for 2022 Brush Grinding Services; seconded by Commissioner Rousseau.

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

10. Regulations for the Cutting of Live Oak Trees in Aransas County

Motion by Commissioner Rousseau to approve Order #O-14-2021 repealing Ordinance 1-2010 and replacing it with the issuance of an Order from the Aransas County Commissioners Court entitled "Regulations for the Cutting of Live Oak Trees in the Unincorporated Areas of Aransas County" which establishes protections for live oak trees, creates the Aransas County Tree Committee and sets forth County requirements and procedures, enforcement, violations, penalties, mitigation guidelines and fee schedule; seconded by Judge Mills.

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

Contracts, Agreements, Grants & Leases:

11. Interlocal with Regional Public Defender's Office

Motion by Commissioner Casterline to approve the FY2022/23 Interlocal Agreement with the Regional Public Defender's Office for Capital Criminal Cases; seconded by Commissioner Chaney.

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

12. TxDOT Airport Rescue Plan Act Grant Agreement

Motion by Commissioner Casterline to approve authorizing County Judge to sign the Texas Department of Transportation Airport Rescue Plan Act Grant Agreement wherein the Aransas County Airport is eligible to receive up to \$32,000 in reimbursement for operational expenses; seconded by Commissioner Rousseau.

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

13. 2022 Intoxilyzer Program Interlocal with San Patricio County

Motion by Commissioner Casterline to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Aransas County and San Patricio County for San Patricio County to continue to provide a Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Certified Technical Supervisor for the Aransas County Intoxilyzer Program for the Calendar Year of 2022 for \$11,300.00; seconded by Commissioner Chaney.

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

Planning & Budget Office:

14. October 2021 Indigent Health Care Report

Motion by Commissioner Laubach to approve the October 2021 Indigent Health Care Report; seconded by Commissioner Rousseau.

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

15. Eligible Organizations for Juror Donations

Amended Motion (amended to include Children’s Coalition) by Commissioner Rousseau to approve a list of organizations eligible to receive donations when jurors choose to donate juror reimbursement funds as authorized by Section 61.003 of the Government Code; seconded by Commissioner Casterline.

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

16. Issue RFPs for Archiving Records – District Clerk’s Office

Motion by Commissioner Rousseau to approve a request to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for archiving services to archive records for the District Clerk’s Office with such services being paid with funding received through the American Rescue Plan Act; seconded by Commissioner Casterline.

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

17. Issue RFPs for Archiving Records – County Clerk’s Office

Motion by Commissioner Casterline to approve a request to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for archiving services to archive records for the County Clerk’s Office with such services being paid with funding received through the American Rescue Plan Act; seconded by Commissioner Chaney.

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

18. Declare certain HVAC as surplus

Motion by Commissioner Chaney to approve a request to declare certain Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) equipment owned by Aransas County to be at end-of-life, surplus, and authorize the equipment to be sold or salvaged as recyclable scrap metal; seconded by Commissioner Chaney.

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

19. Proposed Handbook Revision – Education Incentives (revision)

Motion by Commissioner Chaney to approve 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 Laubach.

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

20. Proposed Handbook Revision – Health Insurance for Retired Employees (revision)

Motion by Commissioner Casterline to approve 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.

21. Proposed Handbook Revision – Public Safety Quarantine Leave (new)

Motion by Commissioner Casterline to approve the Proposed Revision to the Aransas County Employee Handbook that would Re-number the Section Entitled "Emergency Leave" and Create a New Section for a Policy Entitled "Public Safety Quarantine Leave"; seconded by Commissioner Rousseau.

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

22. Nationwide Form Update

Motion by Commissioner Casterline to approve authorizing County Judge to sign the Nationwide Plan Sponsor Fast Pay Update Form; seconded by Commissioner Rousseau.

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

23. Budget Line Item Transfers and Amendments

Motion by Commissioner Casterline to approve Budget Line Item Transfers and Amendments; seconded by Commissioner Rousseau. (There were none.)

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

24. Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities

Motion by Commissioner Casterline to approve Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities; seconded by Commissioner Rousseau. (All normal.)

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

VIII. Reports from Commissioners, Elected Officials & Department Heads – No action will be taken – There were none.

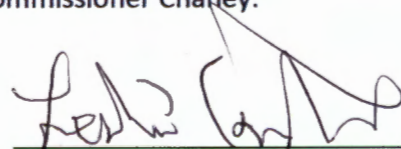
IX. Adjournment into Closed Session

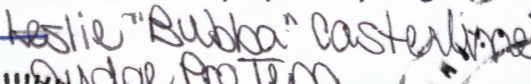
On a motion duly made by Commissioner Rousseau and seconded by Commissioner Laubach, the Court adjourned into Closed Session at 9:47 AM.


X. Return into Open Session – The Court returned into Open Session at 10:06 AM.

XI. Adjournment

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 10:07 AM on a motion duly made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney.


C. H. "Burt" Mills, Jr., County Judge


Leslie "Bubba" Casterline
Judge Pro Tem


Carrie Arrington, Ex-Officio Clerk
of the Commissioners Court

