



MINUTES

Aransas County Commissioners Court

9:00 AM – Monday, July 25, 2022

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met in **Regular Session** on Monday, July 25, 2022, at 9:00 AM, in the Aransas County Courthouse, 2840 Hwy 35 N, Rockport, Texas.

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

Absent:

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 (after he led the singing of Happy Birthday to Judge Mills).

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

IV. Citizens to be Heard –

Scott Hime, 611 N. Fulton Beach Road, expressed concern over news that the Port of Corpus Christi is considering utilizing the Copano Red Beds in Aransas County as an alternate disposal site for brine discharge from their La Quinta Desalination Facility. Mr. Hime left a copy of a partially-executed Professional Engineering Services Contract, containing this information, between the Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County and Parsons Environmental & Infrastructure with the County Clerk who later distributed a scanned copy to the members of Commissioners Court.

V. Presentations –

1. **Janna Shoe, United Way of Greater Houston**, gave a presentation on 211 Texas and the United Way Helpline to help explain United Way's role during disasters, the State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR) process, caller requests, as well as who should enroll through 211 Texas and how to do so. *[This presentation was actually given after agenda item 19 when Ms. Shoe, who had a challenge finding the courthouse, arrived.]*

VI. Consent Agenda

2. Minutes from the July 11, 2022, Regular Meeting

3. \$60 donation from Hortencia and Kurtis Hahn to Aransas County Animal Control for supplies
4. Pallet of pet food donation from People Assisting Animals – Corpus Christi to Aransas County Animal Control

Motion by Commissioner Casterline to approve the consent items; seconded by Commissioner Chaney.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0; it was so ordered.

VII. County Reports

5. Friends of the History Center

Motion by Commissioner Laubach to approve the 2nd Quarter of 2022 Report for the Friends of the History Center; seconded by Commissioner Chaney.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0; it was so ordered.

6. Aransas County Historical Commission

Motion by Judge Mills to approve the 2nd Quarter of 2022 Report for the Aransas County Historical Commission; seconded by Commissioner Laubach.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0; it was so ordered.

VIII. County Roads and Floodplain

7. Replat – Cape Velero Drive

Motion by Commissioner Casterline to approve the replat of 1301-1399 Cape Valero Drive, or Block 8, Northpointe Marina Phase III, into Lots 1-6, Block 8, Northpointe Marina Phase III; seconded by Commissioner Chaney.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0; it was so ordered.

8. Variance - Lazy Lane (Lamar)

Motion by Commissioner Laubach to approve a variance on Aransas County's Subdivision regulations on a minimum lot size to allow the replat of 37 – 38 Lazy Lane from three lots into one lot; seconded by Commissioner Casterline.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0; it was so ordered.

IX. Contracts, Agreements, Grants, and Leases

9. Change Order - RCA Parking Lot

Motion by Commissioner Casterline to approve proposed Change Order #2 for the RCA Parking Lot Project to extend the term of the project by 37 days. This project is part of

the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR), General Land Office (GLO) Contract No. 20-065-098-C270; seconded by Commissioner Chaney.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0; it was so ordered.

10. Lease Agreement Amendment

Motion by Judge Mills to **TABLE** approving the Amendment to the Harbor Oaks Village Shopping Center Lease Agreement which acknowledges that ILS Rockport, LLC has purchased the property and assumed the Lease, incorporates changes previously approved by the Commissioners Court, and sets forth the dates for the third extended lease term; seconded by Commissioner Chaney.

Vote: Motion to **TABLE** carried 5-0; it was so ordered.

X. Planning and Budget Office

11. Treasurer’s Report

Motion by Commissioner Casterline to approve the June 2022 Treasurer’s Report; seconded by Commissioner Chaney.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0; it was so ordered.

12. Treasurer’s Investment Report

Motion by Commissioner Casterline to approve the 2nd Quarter Treasurer’s Investment Report; seconded by Commissioner Chaney.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0; it was so ordered.

13. Indigent Health Care – Optional Services

Motion by Commissioner Casterline to approve authorizing County Judge to sign the Optional Health Care Services Notification for Aransas County Indigent Health Care for optional services to be allowed for the fiscal year September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023; seconded by Commissioner Laubach.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0; it was so ordered.

XI. Planning and Budget Office

14. NOT AN ACTION ITEM: Discuss a proposed Policy Revision to the Employee Handbook Regarding Military Leave

15. NOT AN ACTION ITEM: Discuss and receive information on proposals from the public concerning any budget issues, including the possibility of changing the current allocation of Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) funds for the year 2023

16. Person to Calculate the 2022 Tax Rate

Motion by Commissioner Laubach to approve authorizing and designating Anna Marshall, Aransas County Tax Assessor/Collector as the Person to Calculate the 2022 Tax Rate; seconded by Commissioner Chaney.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0; it was so ordered.

17. **NOT AN ACTION ITEM:** Presentation of the Certification of Additional Sales and Use Tax to Pay Debt Services

18. Budget Line Item Transfers

Motion by Commissioner Casterline to approve Budget Line Item Transfers; seconded by Commissioner Chaney.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0; it was so ordered.

19. Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities

Motion by Commissioner Chaney to approve Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities; seconded by Commissioner Casterline. (All normal per First Assistant Auditor Tana Taylor.)

Vote: Motion carried 5-0; it was so ordered.

COURT RECESSED at 10:00AM (waiting for Bob Henderson's arrival);

COURT RECONVENED at 10:15AM

20. **NOT AN ACTION ITEM:** Discussion regarding the Refinancing of Tax Notes, Series 2021 (led by Bob Henderson, Managing Director, RBC Capital Markets)

COURT RECESSED at 12:00 NOON (to allow time for the sale of the bonds);

COURT RECONVENED at 1:30PM

21. Order #O-16-2022

Motion by Commissioner Casterline to approve the adoption of Order O-16-2022 to Authorize the issuance of Aransas County, Texas Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2022; levying a tax in payment thereof; approving a paying agent /registrar agreement, an official statement and an escrow deposit agreement; awarding the sale of the bonds; calling certain obligations for redemption; and authorizing other matters relating to the bonds; seconded by Commissioner Laubach.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0; it was so ordered.

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

XIII. Adjournment

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 1:37 PM on a motion duly made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney.



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



Carrie Arrington, Ex-Officio Clerk
of the Commissioners Court

