



# MINUTES

## Aransas County Commissioners Court

9:00 AM – Monday, March 28, 2022

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met in **Regular Session** on Monday, March 28, 2022, at 9:00 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  
**Pat Rousseau**, Commissioner, Precinct 3  
**Wendy Laubach**, Commissioner, Precinct 4

Absent: **Jack Chaney**, Commissioner Precinct 1-1A (jury duty)

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

IV. **Citizens to be Heard** – There were none.

V. **Presentations** – This particular presentation was shown as an agenda item to approve so:

**Motion** by Commissioner Casterline to approve the April 1, 2022 presentation for the Rockport Harvey Housing, LLC (Pearl Point) as required by its Chapter 381 Economic Development Agreement with Aransas County; seconded by Commissioner Laubach.

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

1. **Mark Uhr** and **Russell Cole** gave the annual report presentation for Pearl Point which reflected compliance with the terms of its Chapter 381 Economic Development Agreement—including construction commencement date, number of required apartments completed, capital investment made (which exceeded its \$35,000,000 by more than \$9,000,000), ad valorem taxes paid, county ordinances followed, and buy local preferences. Mr. Uhr pointed out that their 381 Agreement allows them to get monies back from the county and the city only. The school district, county road and flood, and navigation all still get their full proceeds, and the amount paid to the school district alone was \$124,000 last year.

### VI. Items for Deliberation and/or Action

#### Consent Agenda:

2. Minutes from the March 14, 2022 Regular Meeting

3. Acknowledge Receipt of and Record into the Minutes the District Judge's Salary Order for the County Auditor and Auditor Staff for Fiscal Year 2022.
4. Receipt of 2021 Certificate of Completion for Commissioner Chaney, Precinct 1-1A, for successfully completing the continuing education provisions of *Article 81.0025 of the Texas Local Government Code* from the County Judges and Commissioner Association of Texas
5. Donation of two (2) Boer goats, Taco and Wilbur, to Aransas County Animal Control from Mandy Knighton, which will help maintain the livestock pen.
6. Donation of 200 pounds of dog and cat food to Aransas County Animal Control from Bridget the Builder owners Cheyenne Leslie and Shauna Damron.
7. Donation of kitten supplies valued at \$70.00 donated to Aransas County Animal Control from Apple Dumpling Deli.
8. Donation of \$25 from Sylvia Greckel for Aransas County Animal Control.

**Motion** by Commissioner Casterline to approve the Consent; seconded by Commissioner Laubach.

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

#### **County Reports:**

9. Extension of Burn Ban Order #O-05-2022

**Motion** by Commissioner Rousseau to approve the extension of Burn Ban Order #O-05-2022, an Order of the County of Aransas, Texas, and Prohibiting Outdoor Burning for a Period of up to thirty (30) additional days; seconded by Commissioner Casterline.

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

#### **County Roads & Floodplain:**

10. Replat Request for the Reserve at St. Charles Bay

**Motion** by Commissioner Laubach to approve the replat of The Reserve at St. Charles Bay, Phase 3, Block 4, Lots 13-19 into The Reserve at St. Charles Bay, Phase 3, Block 4, Lots 13R -20R, a Planned Unit Subdivision; seconded by Commissioner Casterline.

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

11. Replat Request for the Reserve at St. Charles Bay

**Motion** by Commissioner Casterline to approve the replat of The Reserve at St. Charles Bay, Phase 3, Block 4, Reserve "F" into The Reserve at St. Charles Bay, Phase 3, Block 4, Lots 1R-4R, a Planned Subdivision; seconded by Commissioner Laubach.

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

12. Final Plat – Goose Island Lake Estates Subdivision

**Motion** by Commissioner Laubach to approve the Final Plat of the Goose Island Lake Estates Subdivision, Lots E-1, E-2, E-3, E-4, E-5 & E-6, a replat of the Goose Island Lake Estates Tract “E”, including variances to the Aransas County Subdivision Order on minimum lot frontage requirements; seconded by Commissioner Casterline.

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

13. Final Plat – Goose Island Lake Estates Subdivision

**Motion** by Commissioner Laubach to approve the Final Plat of the Goose Island Lake Estates Subdivision, Lots H-1, H-2, & H-3, a replat of the Goose Island Lake Estates “H”, including variances to the Aransas County Subdivision Order on minimum lot frontage requirements; seconded by Commissioner Rousseau.

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

**County Elections:**

14. Order #O-09-2021A

**Motion** by Commissioner Rousseau to approve Order #O-09-2021A, a third amendment to Order #O-09-2021, appointing the amended list of election judges for a one-year term to begin September 1, 2021.; seconded by Commissioner Laubach.

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

**Contracts, Agreements, Grants & Leases:**

15. Reallocation from TDA Contract No. 7219490

**Motion** by Commissioner Rousseau to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign form A1101 Budget Modification to reallocate \$1,800.00 from General Construction to First-Time Sewer Connections for the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Colonia Contract No. 7219490; seconded by Commissioner Casterline.

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

16. Completion Report – Colonia Contract No. 7219490

**Motion** by Commissioner Casterline to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign form A1200 Project Completion Report for the Texas Community Block Grant (TxCDBG) Colonia Contract No. 7219490; seconded by Commissioner Laubach.

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

17. Permission to Contact TFP Properties L.L.C.

**Motion** by Commissioner Laubach to grant permission to the County Judge to contact TFP Properties L.L.C., the owner of the Harbor Oaks Shopping Center, to request a Lease Extension to run from June 1, 2021, to May 31, 2022, and a second Lease Extension to run from June 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023, to ensure County Operations may continue in the current location; seconded by Commissioner Casterline.

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

**18. Request to Solicit Request for Proposals**

**Motion** by Commissioner Laubach to approve a request to solicit Request for Proposals (RFP) for Emergency and Disaster Response and Remediation Services; seconded by Commissioner Rousseau.

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

**19. Termination of TxCDBG #7219025**

**Motion** by Commissioner Laubach to approve the termination of State Contract with the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) for the County's Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) #7219025 Doughty-Mathis Colonia Sewer Improvements Grant, which will result in the repayment of \$93,092.50 in expended grant funds to TDA and will de-obligate the remaining funds and authorize the County Judge to sign the termination letter and other necessary documents; seconded by Commissioner Casterline.

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

**Planning & Budget Office:**

**20. Treasurer's Report**

**Motion** by Commissioner Rousseau to approve the February 2022 County Treasurer's Report; seconded by Commissioner Casterline.

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

**21. County Auditor's Report**

**Motion** by Commissioner Casterline to approve the February 2022 County Auditor's Monthly Report; seconded by Commissioner Laubach.

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

**22. New Job Description**

**Motion** by Commissioner Casterline to approve a new job description for Sgt. Jailer/Kitchen Supervisor; seconded by Commissioner Laubach.

**Vote:** Motion carried 3-1, with Rousseau dissenting; it was so ordered.

**23. Budget Line-Item Transfers and Amendments**

**Motion** by Commissioner Casterline to approve Budget Line-Item Transfers; seconded by Commissioner Laubach. (Per Auditor Cockerham, there were none.)

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

**24. Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities**

**Motion** by Commissioner Laubach to approve Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities; seconded by Commissioner Casterline. (Per Auditor Cockerham, includes reimbursement for Rockport Harvey Housing + the \$93,092.50 repayment per item 19.)

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


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

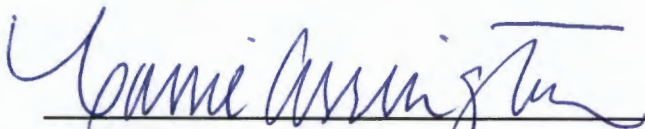
**Carrie Arrington, County Clerk:** *I just wanted to brag on my office. Last week we had a scheduled Office of Court Administration audit of our guardianship cases. We submitted our 24 active and pending cases to them prior to their visit. They scheduled a three-day audit for us, but they left less than a day-and-a-half into because everything was in excellent condition and they even talked to people in my office about possibly teaching the other counties how to manage their files. In addition to sharing that, I also wanted to give a special call-out to Christy Gibson and to Randi Stevens, my court deputies.*

**Judge Mills:** *All right, thank you and congratulations. I also would like to bring to your attention that Valerie Gonzalez, our Director of Environmental Health, did such an outstanding job after Harvey that TDEM (Texas Department of Emergency Management) asked permission that if they needed her in the future for any emergency anywhere in the state they might call her. We gave that permission and she was called last week to go to Eastland. She'll be back tomorrow but she's been there showing everybody in the State of Texas that Aransas County knows what we're doing for disasters and clean-up.*

**VIII. Adjournment**

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 9:36 AM on a motion duly made by Commissioner Rousseau and seconded by Commissioner Casterline.

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



Carrie Arrington, Ex-Officio Clerk  
of the Commissioners Court

