



# MINUTES

## Aransas County Commissioners Court

9:00 AM – Monday, October 24, 2022

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met in **Regular Session** on Monday, October 24, 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  
**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 Engineer 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** – there were none

**VI. Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes from the October 10, 2022, Regular Meeting
2. \$1,000 donation from Best Friends to Aransas County Animal Control
3. Food donation valued at \$1,350 from the Humane Society of the United States, Chewy, and People Assisting Animal Control (Corpus Christi) to Aransas County Animal Control

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

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

**VII. County Reports**

4. Resolution R-27-2022: Operation Green Light for Veterans

**Motion** by Judge Mills to approve Resolution R-27-2022, Designating November 7, 2022, through November 11, 2022, for observing "Operation Green Light for Veterans" and

encouraging citizens to honor our veterans by displaying a green light at their homes and/or businesses; seconded by Commissioner Chaney.

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

5. Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce Report

**Motion** by Commissioner Casterline to approve the 3rd Quarter 2022 Report for the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce; seconded by Commissioner Chaney.

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

6. Friends of the History Center Report

**Motion** by Commissioner Rousseau to approve 3rd Quarter 2022 Report for the Friends of the History Center; seconded by Commissioner Casterline.

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

**VIII. County Roads and Floodplain**

7. Purchase of a Vactor 2100i Vacuum Excavator

**Motion** by Commissioner Casterline to authorizing Road and Bridge to purchase a Vactor 2100i Vacuum Excavator from Doggett Freightliner of South Texas, a BuyBoard vendor, by utilizing available American Rescue Program Act (ARPA) grant funds in the amount of \$469,127.00; seconded by Commissioner Chaney.

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

**IX. Contracts, Agreements, Grants, and Leases**

8. Thomson Reuters CLEAR Proflex Contract Renewal

**Motion** by Commissioner Rousseau to approve renewing a contract with Thomson Reuters for access to CLEAR Proflex, an online investigation resource used to locate individuals and to prevent, detect, and investigate fraud, for the cost of approximately \$6,872.64 annually for the first year with a capped 5% annual increase for the following two years, for a total possible contract term of 36 months; seconded by Commissioner Casterline.

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

9. Order with AT&T

**Motion** by Commissioner Casterline to approve authorizing County Judge to sign order with AT&T to provide dedicated circuits to Road and Bridge, Environmental Health, Animal Control and the AgriLife Extension Office for a total monthly rate of \$1,800, plus any federally applicable fees; seconded by Commissioner Chaney.

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

10. Accept Letter of Recommendation from Broaddus and Associates

**Motion** by Commissioner Casterline to accept the letter of recommendation from Broaddus and Associates, Construction Manager Agent for the Aransas County Downton Anchor Project, regarding bids received and recommendation for awarding a contract for the Downtown Anchor Aransas County Community Building and Plaza, a project which is funded through a Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery program administered by the Texas General Land Office and included in Contract No. 20-065-098-C270; seconded by Commissioner Laubach.

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

11. Resolution R-28-2022 to Hire DLF Texas

**Motion** by Commissioner Casterline to approve Hiring Resolution R-28-2022, a Resolution of the Aransas County Commissioners Court selecting DLF Texas as the successful bidder for the Downtown Anchor Aransas County Community Building and Plaza Project, a project which is funded through a Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery program grant administered by the Texas General Land Office and included in Contract No. 20-065-098-C270; Awarding a Contract in the amount of \$4,308,000.00; Authorizing the County Judge to Execute Necessary Documents; Providing for Severance; and Confirming Compliance with the Open Meetings Act; seconded by Commissioner Rousseau.

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

X. **Planning and Budget Office**

12. Treasurer's Report

**Motion** by Commissioner Casterline to approve the September 2022 Treasurer's Report; seconded by Commissioner Chaney.

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

13. Treasurer's Investment Report

**Motion** by Commissioner Casterline to approve the 3rd Quarter Treasurer's Investment Report; seconded by Commissioner Chaney (who also complimented the Treasurer on the completeness and quality of her report).

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

14. Animal Control Fees

**Motion** by Commissioner Casterline to approve the fees for Aransas County Animal Control for 2023; seconded by Commissioner Chaney. When asked if there were any changes to the fees, Lori Cesar, Animal Control Director, stated that they were going to start a microchip service for a \$10 fee.

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

15. Transfer Collections Specialist position back to County Clerk Department

**Motion** by Commissioner Rousseau to approve transferring the Collection Specialist function, personnel, and 2023 budget allocation from the County Court at Law Department to the County Clerk Department, effective January 1, 2023; seconded by Commissioner Chaney.

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

16. Hire New Collections Specialist on 12/12/22

**Motion** by Commissioner Rousseau to approve hiring new Collections Specialist on December 12, 2022, to allow time for training with Misty Kimbrough, County Clerk-elect, prior to Kimbrough taking office on January 1, 2023; seconded by Commissioner Chaney.

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

17. Deputy County Clerk Position

**Motion** by Commissioner Casterline to approve posting an OPR (Official Public Records) Deputy County Clerk position on November 21, 2022, interviewing for the position the week of December 5, 2022, and offering the position on December 12, 2022 (such position to begin on January 3, 2023); seconded by Commissioner Chaney.

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

18. Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund Distribution

**Motion** by Commissioner Rousseau to approve authorizing County Auditor to Request the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund Distribution for Aransas County of \$175,609.72 for FY2022 and \$175,609.72 for FY 2023; seconded by Commissioner Casterline.

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

19. Budget Line Item Transfers

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

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

20. Accounts Payable and Payroll Liabilities

**Motion** by Commissioner Casterline to approve Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities; seconded by Commissioner Chaney. (Per Auditor Cockerham, nothing unusual this time.)

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


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

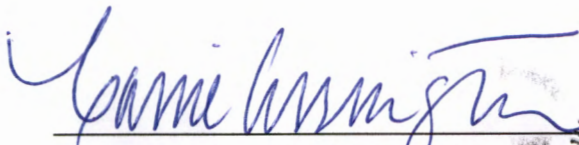
Judy Sutterfield, Helpdesk Technician for Aransas County Information Technology Department and Executive Committee Member of Keep Aransas County Beautiful, spoke on behalf of Keep Aransas County Beautiful regarding the success of the recent Vessel Turn-in Program (held September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>), which yielded the surrender of 18 vessels, 3 canoes/kayaks, and 3 separate boat trailers—all from properties within our county neighborhoods. She then acknowledged outstanding program support and assistance from the following entities:

- General Land Office – The GLO was instrumental in the setup of the program, producing flyers and releasing information to media. They also provided facilities to collect vessel oil and gas, onsite support during both days of the event, and arranged for discounted disposal of the collected vessels.
- Texas Parks and Wildlife – Provided onsite support both days. They verified that vessels were eligible for release to the program and documented those vessels for proper disposal.
- Aransas County Airport - Provided the event site. Additionally, airport staff went above and beyond with their support. They delivered, setup, and maintained a large fan unit for the two-day event. They also came by several times each day to see what additional assistance they could provide.
- City of Rockport - The City of Rockport collaborated on this event. They provided onsite support. They also advertised the event on their electronic signs.
- Aransas County Environmental Department - Provided the bulk of the support and hands-on work for the event. The department was involved in the pre-event setup, the event logistics, and provided onsite personnel throughout the entire event. It was also tasked with the work involved with the disposal of the collected vessels. Sutterfield gave special thanks to Adam Naranjo, an Aransas County Environmental Department employee, who provided exceptional event support.

**XII. Adjournment**

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 9:48 AM on a motion duly made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney.

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

  
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Carrie Arrington, Ex-Officio Clerk  
of the Commissioners Court

