

MINUTES OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - JUNE 22, 2015

On the 22nd day of June, 2015, there was a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court in the Courthouse, Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, with the following members present: C. H. "Burt" Mills, Jr., County Judge; Leslie "Bubba" Casterline, Commissioner, Precinct 2; Charles Smith, Commissioner, Precinct 3; Betty Stiles, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and Valerie K. Amason, County Clerk.

Other County Officers, Employees and Distinguished Guests present were Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; Pam Heard, District Clerk; Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; Misty Kimbrough, Collections Specialist; Timilu Latham, Chief Deputy County Treasurer; David Reid, Drainage Engineer; Kristen Barnebey, County Attorney; John Strothman, Pathways Project Manager; Pat Rousseau, Human Resources Director; Collin Jackson, IT Director; David Vyoral, Road Administrator; James Jackson, Environmental Health Officer; and C. J. Wax, City of Rockport Mayor.

The Meeting was convened at 9:00 a.m. at which time a quorum was declared by County Judge Mills, WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had and done to wit:

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Kam Wagert, asked if the Commissioners' Court could repeal a City Ordinance. The court responded with a no answer.

PRESENTATIONS

2014 Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Historical Commission to the Aransas County Historical Commission in recognition of its "2014" Outstanding Preservation Accomplishments.

Pat Rousseau, Human Resources Director, presented a five year statistics report on the Cumulative Impact for Unemployment Compensation for Aransas County employees.

(Inserts)

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the Minutes from the Regular Commissioners' Court Meeting and Public Hearing of June 8, 2015; and the Special Meeting of June 15, 2015.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

2. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Public Official Bond on Cynthia Huff and Brandy N. Geary, Deputy Tax Assessor-Collectors.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

RESOLUTIONS AND ACTION PLANS

3. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve adoption of the Anti-Nimbyism Action Plan, as required in the county's Fair Housing Activity Statement (FHAST).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

4. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Resolution R-09-2015 "Amending the County's Fair Housing Activities Statement (FHAST)".

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Resolution Inserted)

5. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Resolution R-10-2015 "To Apply for 2015-16 Texas Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Assistance under the Colonia Construction Fund".

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Resolution Inserted)

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

6. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Inter-Local Agreement with the City of Rockport regarding the "2015-16" Texas Community Development Block Grant.

Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

(Contract Inserted)

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE

7. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Extension of Rental Support in the amount of

\$687.50 per month from the Health Care Sales Tax Fund for the South Texas Family Planning and Health Corporation, a non-profit organization, for another 12 months through the end of June 2016. Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Insert)

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to table this item.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

9. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the Donation of a Bulletproof Transaction Window from the Law Offices of Michael O'Reilly to the County Attorney's Office and to Authorize the Dedication of the Window to the County Attorney's Office.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

10. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Budget Line Item Transfers, of which there were none.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

11. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Accounts Payable.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST REGARDING WHICH NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

Collin Jackson introduced his new employee Russ Walker, who moved here from Grandbury, Texas.

Commissioner Smith stated that our State Representative, Todd Hunter will be here for the next Commissioners' Court meeting on July, 13, 2015 to make a presentation to the court about the impact of new legislation concerning Texas Windstorm.

Commissioner Casterline commented that the Texas Game Wardens
Association held their annual fishing tournament and fund raiser
where he met a film crew from Animal Planet filming event on site
and they will feature this event in a segment sometime this next year.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEADS WHEREIN NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

Fee Report read by Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor.

(Insert)

The court entered into closed session at 9:28 a.m. to discuss and review potential litigation issues and other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1)(A); and to discuss real estate negotiations, including Pathways Projects pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072; and resumed Open Meeting at 9:37 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:

DRAINAGE EASEMENTS & STORMWATER ITEMS

12. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to authorize the acquisition of 0.25 acre drainage easement at 170 Deer Run Lane at a cost of approximately exceeding \$5,000.00 plus associated closing costs.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PRESS QUESTIONS

Norma Martinez, Managing Editor of the Rockport Pilot wanted to confirm, concerning agenda item #9, what the donation of the authorized dedication of the bullet proof transaction window means. Commissioner Casterline responded that it means it is going to the County Attorney's office and not to somebody else. Kristen Barnebey, County Attorney responded, yes, the window was donated to her office.

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 9:40 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Smith duly seconded by Commissioner Stiles.

C. H. "BURT" MILLS, JR., COUNTY JUDGE

VALERIE K. AMASON, COUNTY CLERK & EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT