

MINUTES OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - AUGUST 6, 2018

On the 6th day of August, 2018, there was a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court in the Commissioners' Courtroom in the County Courthouse, located at 2840 Highway 35 North, Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, with the following members present: **C. H. "Burt" Mills, Jr.**, County Judge; **Jack Chaney**, Commissioner, Precinct 1; **Leslie "Bubba" Casterline**, Commissioner, Precinct 2; **Brian Olsen**, Commissioner, Precinct 3; **Betty Stiles**, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and **Valerie K. Amason**, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were **Jeri Cox**, Tax Assessor-Collector; **Kristen Barnebey**, County Attorney; **Alma Cartwright**, Treasurer; **Pam Heard**, District Clerk; **Suzy Wallace**, County Auditor; **Bill Mills**, Sheriff; **Latisha Murphy**, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge; **David Reid**, Road Administrator/Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Jacky Cockerham**, Assistant County Auditor; **Linda Doane**, Human Resources Director; **Rene Butler**, Facilities Maintenance Director; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **Valerie Gonzalez**, Environmental Health Director; **Michele Bennett**, Elections Administrator; **Tana Taylor**, Assistant Auditor; **Judy Sutterfield**, IT Assistant;

Members of Local City Government, Community Groups and other Interested Parties present:

**Wendy Laubach**; Candidate Elect for Commissioner, Pct. 4;

**Mike Probst**, Editor and Publisher of the Rockport Pilot Newspaper;

**Rick and Carolyn Smith, Citizens;**

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

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

There were none.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

1. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Minutes from the Regular Meeting of July 23, 2018 and the Workshop and Special Meetings of July 27, 2018. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

**Item #2 was pulled for discussion.**

2. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve authorizing the Director of Environmental Health to begin paperwork for increasing Transfer Station capacity.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

**COUNTY ROADS**

3. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to authorize the Road & Bridge department to advertise for bids for the construction of the curb and gutter portion of the S. Lake Drive, Lakeside Drive and St. Charles Bay road construction project.

(See inserts)

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

4. Discussion on modifications to the Aransas County Right-of-Way Policy regarding disposal of abandoned water craft, motorized vehicles and recreational vehicles.

This item went into closed session.

**CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, GRANTS & LEASES**

5. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve and authorize the County Judge to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Texas Division of Emergency Management and State Operations, the Texas Emergency Management Assistance Team (TEMAT), Employer and Member along with corresponding application for Aransas County Employee.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

6. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve and authorize the County Judge to sign Amended FEMA-4332-DR-TX, Limited Debris Removal from Privately Owned Submerged Lands in Aransas County.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

7. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve and authorize the County Judge to sign Tracking Report Status for the RESTORE Bucket 1 Grant Funding for the Bay Shore Drive Erosion Mitigation and Shoreline Stabilization Project.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

**PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE**

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve July 2018 Indigent Health Care Report.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

9. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Budget Line Item Transfers of which there were none.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

10. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities of which there were none.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

11. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve a one-time Supplemental Payment of \$75,000 to Code 3 Emergency, from the County's healthcare sales tax revenue, to help defray incurred costs of providing uncompensated medical care to uninsured residents of Aransas County.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

12. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Optional Health Care Services Notification, for optional Indigent Health Care services for the fiscal year September 1, 2018 - August 31, 2019.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

13. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve, "with the stipulation that the IHC be spelled out instead of using the abbreviation in this item", a promotion for Indigent Health Care Service Clerk from 10-3 to 10-6, following completion of the 150 day Introductory Period and an Employee Performance Review. The position was budgeted at a 10-6 in the 2018 Budget and new hire was brought in at a 10-3 on March 6, 2018.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

14. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve reclassification of Airport Manager from Pay Group 26 to Pay Group 27; added responsibilities of position and market comparison require a higher pay group. No new money.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

15. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to **TABLE** hiring a JP #1 Part-Time Court Clerk at a rate of \$15 per hour for 20 hours per week.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

16. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve hiring a Part-Time Deputy Treasurer - Hotel Occupancy & Venue Clerk at a rate of \$15 per hour for 20 hours per week, plus travel allowance.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

17. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the proposed new job description for Code Enforcement Officer II. This position will upgrade the current Code Enforcement Officer due to added responsibilities. The new pay group for the Code

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Enforcement Officer II will be Pay Group 16, step will remain the same. (currently assigned to pay group 15)  
Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

18. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve hiring an additional Code Enforcement Officer in Pay Group 15.  
Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

19. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the reclassification and promotion of the Fleet Maintenance Supervisor position, Pay Group 19-14 to a Fleet Maintenance Manager, Pay Group 23-8.  
Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

20. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve paying Sheriff's Office Stipends upon completion and passing course work and submission of paperwork by employee for qualifying certifications and degrees.  
Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

21. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve paying for

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Immunizations at the Annual Aransas County Employee Health Fair for employees not covered by health insurance, an estimated cost of \$1,500 already budgeted for from the Health Care Sales tax.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

22. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve allowing the County Treasurer to spend up to \$1,200 of the Health Care Sales Tax Funds on incentives and other expenditures incurred for the Annual Aransas County Employee Health Fair in anticipation of receiving funds back from the TAC Healthy County Program.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

23. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Renewal of our Adoption Agreement and Certificate of Resolutions (#R-10-2018) for the Section 125 Premium Only Plan. This plan is offered to all eligible County Employees as a benefit to reduce their tax liability on payment of health, dental, and qualifying life insurance premiums.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)



24. No action was taken on the Proposed 2019 Budget.

25. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the Elected Officials Salaries for 2019 Budget Year with no increase. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

26. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve August 20, 2018 at 8:45 as date and time set for a Public Hearing on the 2019 Budget. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

27. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to **TABLE** possible action on 2018 Tax Rate. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

28. No action was taken on the proposed 2018 Tax Rate and Schedule Two Public Hearings on proposed tax increase.

29. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve August 27, 2018 at 9:00 as date and time set for adoption of the 2019 Budget and the 2018 Tax Rate.

(Inserts)

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

**REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS &**

**DEPARTMENT HEADS WHEREIN NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN**

**Alma:** As you know I sit on the board for Community Action Committee in Victoria, they get our CSVG & CIAP money and they come to Good Sam's once a week and help with the utility assistance, etc. and during the storm they actually came and did extra things. So once a year they do the needs assistance, it's a little bit behind schedule but it does have some interesting facts in it, if you want to take a look at them, like how many people graduate, how many did GED's, the unemployment rate, those kind of numbers, so they ask that you review those numbers.

**Judge Mills:** Shared a letter he received from Sherry Hall commending David Reid on his public service. (See attached)

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*The Court entered into closed session at 9:26 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 9:41 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit: **NO ACTION TAKEN***

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*No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 9:42 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Stiles.*

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



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

# Fw: Aransas County Road and Bridge

Thu, 08/02/2018 10:57 AM

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**To:** "Judge@AransasCounty.org" <Judge@AransasCounty.org>

**Cc:** "lgarcia@aransascounty.org" <lgarcia@aransascounty.org>

**Sent:** Thu, Aug 2, 2018 at 10:53

**Subject:** Aransas County Road and Bridge

Good Morning Judge Mills,

Please, if you would, share with the Commissioners Court..

My name is Sheri M Hall, and my husband Ronald and I live close to the northern most end of North Mccampbell Rd. 2208 N Mccampbell, to be exact.

Over the years I have had need to contact Road and Bridge for one reason or the other.

Here, of late, it has been regarding the recent flooding from rains we have received over the past 11 months or so.

I can honestly say that the individuals I have been placed in contact with, ie; David Reed and various individuals he oversees, have been wonderful.

I have been able to almost always reach Mr. Reed right off the bat, and in the event I have not, he returns my call..which, in my experience, is incredible to say the least.

I do not know Mr. Reed personally, I have never met him, but he seems to be a very knowledgeable, forthcoming, and down to earth individual.

Simple enough, he listens.

He and his crew have always addressed any issues I have brought to his attention, and I am forever thankful.

In my opinion, Aransas County is very fortunate to have such individuals dealing with the day in, day out issues that go on with little to no gratitude.

I feel that people always complain but rarely give praise where needed.

Please, if you would, convey my appreciation for the hard work Road and Bridge does, especially since Harvey..I'm sure it has been never ending for them.

Sincerely,

Sheri Hall

Aransas County Resident

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