

MINUTES OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - JANUARY 14, 2013

On the 14th day of January, 2013, there was a Regular Meeting of the Commissioner' 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 Peggy L. Friebele, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were Richard Bianchi, County Attorney; Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; David Reid, Drainage Engineer; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; David Vyoral, Road Administrator; Bill Mills, Sheriff; Pam Heard, District Clerk; James Jackson, Director of Environmental Health; Justin Cook, IT Director; and Richard Thompson, Project Manager.

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

Lynn Spencer, representing the San Patricio Economic Development Council, introduced herself to the Court. She is the Development Director.

(Participation form inserted)

PRESENTATIONS

Jim Paxton gave a presentation and update on current efforts and activities in both San Patricio and Nueces Rural Rail Districts that will impact Aransas County. He said Randy Hunter was to be a new member; however, Judge Mills informed Paxton the Court could not take action on Mr. Hunter's appointment at this meeting.

(Presentation inserted)

In the absence of District Attorney Patrick Flanigan, Judge Mills presented the District Attorney forfeiture fund and check fund budgets for 2013 and a check in the amount of \$600.00 to Aransas County.

(Budgets inserted)

ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 27, 2012.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

2013 TERMS - JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS

In accordance with Section 27.051, Texas Government Code, motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to set the terms of the Justice of the Peace Courts for the calendar year 2013 at one month terms beginning the fourth Monday of each month.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

TEXAS MARITIME MUSEUM - HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to table approval of the Texas Maritime Museum, Inc. fourth quarter 2012 hotel occupancy tax funds expended.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

THE ROCKPORT CENTER FOR THE ARTS - HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the Rockport Center for the Arts fourth quarter 2012 hotel occupancy tax funds expended.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

RE-APPOINTMENT - SAN PATRICIO RURAL RAIL DISTRICT

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve re-appointment of Jim Paxton as Aransas County's representative to the San Patricio Rural Rail District for a two-year term to end December 31, 2014.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

SMALL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT - ARANSAS PATHWAYS

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve staff recommendation for best low bid on trail, plumbing and amenity construction at Ivy Lane birding site (Aransas Pathways Project 008) and authorize County Judge to sign a small construction contract with recommended bidder John Gimler.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Contract inserted)

SMALL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT - ARANSAS PATHWAYS

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner

Chaney to approve staff recommendation for best low bid on water well service at the Linda S. Castro Nature Sanctuary (Aransas Pathways Project 023) and authorize County Judge to sign a small construction contract with recommended bidder Carter Water Well Drilling.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Contract inserted)

SMALL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT - ARANSAS PATHWAYS

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve staff recommendation for best low bid on electrical service at the Linda S. Castro Nature Sanctuary (Aransas Pathways Project 023) and authorize County Judge to sign a small construction contract with recommended bidder B&R Electric.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Contract inserted)

RESOLUTION - TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve issuing Resolution #R-01-2013 pledging 25% match of construction costs and 15% of total construction costs deposit with Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) for Administrative oversight on State Transportation Enhancement Grant application, previously authorized by Commissioners' Court on November 13, 2012, and submitted to TXDOT on November 16, 2012. Commissioner Smith clarified the County will only be paying if the grant is received.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Resolution inserted)

LIVE OAK PENINSULA SHORELINE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve seeking bids for Live Oak Peninsula Shoreline Enhancement Project - Little Bay, subject to intergovernmental agreement with Aransas County Navigation District (ACND).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

HOWARD MURPH MEMORIAL PARK - HOURS

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to table approval of limiting hours of operation for the Howard Murph Memorial Park for further study.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

INDIGENT HEALTHCARE SOLUTIONS - MOU

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve and authorize County Judge to sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Aransas County and Indigent Healthcare Solutions (IHS) for a two-year extension of the software agreement.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(MOU inserted)

LETTER OF CREDIT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to table approval of a letter of credit for TCEQ in the amount of \$10,200.00 to clarify purpose.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PUBLIC OFFICIAL BOND

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve public official bond on Anna M. Marshall, Deputy Tax Assessor-Collector.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Bond inserted)

CORRECTED COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT - NOVEMBER, 2012

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve corrected County Treasurer's report for November, 2012.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT - DECEMBER, 2012

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve County Treasurer's report for December, 2012.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

INDIGENT HEALTH CARE REPORT - DECEMBER, 2012

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve indigent health care report for November, 2012.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

There were no budget line item transfers presented by County Auditor Kirk.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the accounts payable presented by County Auditor plus unemployment to TAC and supplemental insurance bills not received prior to bill close out.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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

County Clerk Friebele, at the suggestion of Commissioner Chaney, showed the Court a sample of the jams she receives every morning on her copy machine. The jams are occurring during the day also no matter what they do to the paper.

Both the District Clerk and County Treasurer also stated their copy machines are not working properly either.

County Treasurer Cartwright reported there was a total of 760 pounds lost during the last Weight Watcher's County Program. She invited everyone to join the new program.

County Auditor Kirk read the fee reports for December 2012 received from the District Clerk, County Clerk, Sheriff, and Justices of the Peace, Precincts 1 and 2.

(Report inserted)

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

There were none.

PRESS QUESTIONS

Norma Martinez with The Rockport Pilot stated she had no questions.

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There was no closed session.

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No further business presenting, the Court adjourned on a motion made by Commissioner Smith duly seconded by Judge Mills.

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C. H. "Burt" Mills, Jr. COUNTY JUDGE

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PEGGY L. FRIEBELE, COUNTY CLERK &  
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS' COURT