

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR MEETING - JANUARY 27, 2014

On the 27th day of January, 2014, 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; Jack Chaney, Commissioner, Precinct 1; Leslie "Bubba" Casterline, Commissioner, Precinct 2; 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; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; David Vyoral, Road Administrator; Bill Mills, Sheriff; James Jackson, Director of Environmental Health; Pam Heard, District Clerk; John Strothman, Project Manager; and Pat Rousseau, Human Resources Director. 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

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

Human Resources Director Pat Rousseau gave a presentation on data from the Texas Association of Counties Risk Management Pool that summarized workers compensation claims and expenses for the period covering January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2013.

(Report inserted)

ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 13th, 2014.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

MARITIME MUSEUM - 4TH QUARTER 2013 HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX FUNDS

EXPENDED REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the Texas Maritime Museum Fourth Quarter 2013 hotel occupancy tax funds expended report.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

CENTER FOR THE ARTS - 4TH QUARTER 2013 HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX FUNDS
EXPENDED REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the Rockport Center for the Arts Fourth Quarter 2013 hotel occupancy tax funds expended report.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

ROCKPORT-FULTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - 4TH QUARTER 2013 HOTEL
OCCUPANCY TAX FUNDS EXPENDED REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce Arts Fourth Quarter 2013 hotel occupancy tax funds expended report.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

RESOLUTION - "RESTORE ACT"

Motion was made by Judge Mills and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Resolution #R02-2014 supporting "Restore Act" implementation in Texas.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

(Resolution inserted)

PAVILION AT TULE MARSH - AGREEMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve and authorize County Judge to sign an agreement with BJ Park & Recreation Products representing Poligon, Inc. for supply of a pavilion at Tule marsh.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

(Agreement inserted)

REDUCED SPEED LIMIT - SEASIDE LOOP

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve reducing the speed limit from 35 mph to 30 mph at Seaside Loop in Lamar.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

SPEED SIGNS - LEO MILLER ROAD

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to authorize placement of 35 mph signs on Leo Miller Road.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

TERMS OF COURT - STATUTORY COUNTY COURT

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to set the terms of court for the County Court at Law to two (2) terms - January to June and July to December.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

EARLY VOTING LOCATION

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve moving the early voting location to the Rockport Volunteer Fire Department (North Ann Street entrance).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

BIDS - 2014 ROAD MATERIALS

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to award bids for 2014 road materials to low bidders.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Bids inserted)

"SHARE THE ROAD" SIGNS

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve allowing the installation of non-regulatory "Share the Road" signs along the County right-of-way as requested by Pathways.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

CEDAR BAYOU/VINSON SLOUGH RESTORATION PROJECT - MITIGATION

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to award sole project consultant bid to Belaire Engineering, Inc. to conduct mitigation activities specified in USACE permit and mitigation plan for the Cedar Bayou/Vinson Slough Restoration Project in Aransas County, Texas, and authorize County Judge to negotiate contract.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PHASE I ENGINEERING - CEDAR BAYOU/VINSON SLOUGH RESTORATION PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Cedar Bayou/Vinson Slough

Restoration Project scope of work for bidding and construction Phase Addendum 1 Engineering Services for Coast & Harbor Engineering.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

2014 MOSQUITO CONTROL CHEMICALS

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve allowing Environmental Health to go out for 2014 mosquito control chemicals.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

DONATION - ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the Aransas County Assistance Department accepting, on February 11, 2014, a donation from the Food Bank of Corpus Christi, in association with H.E.B. and the "Share Your Christmas Campaign", in the amount of \$6,846.94, to be applied to the purchase of food.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

RELEASE PLEDGED COLLATERAL - AMERICAN BANK

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the release of pledged collateral by American Bank (the depository bank) on two (2) municipal bonds that mature on February 15, 2014, and the approval of two (2) new pledges of municipal bonds, and authorize the County Treasurer, Alma Cartwright, to sign all necessary releases, agreements and confirmations.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PUBLIC OFFICIAL BONDS

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve public official bond continuation certificate on Melissa Rogers, Deputy District Clerk and bond rider for Pattie V. Rousseau, Human Resources Director.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Bonds inserted)

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION OF TRAINING

Judge Mills acknowledged receipt of and presented for recording in minutes of Commissioners' Court certification of completion of training during the calendar year 2013 from Texas Veterans Commission for David M. Kuertz, Aransas County Veterans County Service Officer.

(Certificate inserted)

CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION OF TRAINING

Judge Mills acknowledged receipt of and presented for recording in minutes of Commissioners' Court certificates to County & District Clerk's Association of Texas for Pam Heard, District Clerk, and Peggy L. Friebele, County Clerk.

(Certificates inserted)

COUNTY TREASURER'S 4TH QUARTER 2013 INVESTMENT REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve County Treasurer's 4th Quarter 2013 Investment Report.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

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

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the accounts payable presented by County Auditor.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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

Judge Mills reported that Collin Jackson is the new IT Director.

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

There were none.

PRESS QUESTIONS

Norma Martinez with The Rockport Pilot asked that she be allowed to ask her questions after closed session.

The Court entered into closed session at 9:51 a. m. as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.072 to discuss real estate negotiations, including Pathways Projects; and to discuss and review with legal counsel contemplated litigation as described in agenda item #25 above and other matters covered by the attorney client privilege as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071; and resumed Open Meeting at 11:05 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:

POINCIANA WATERSHED DRAINAGE EASEMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to table approval of the Poinciana watershed drainage easement alignment and acquisition between Weeping Willow and FM 1069 because the cost is too high.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

LETTER REGARDING A QUO WARRANTO LAWSUIT - DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to ask State Representative Jeanie Morrison to request an Attorney General opinion on whether the Commissioners' Court is required to fill a vacancy in the office of County Attorney.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PRESS QUESTIONS

Ms. Martinez asked if the request for the Attorney General would be for "a" commissioners' court or the Aransas County Commissioners' Court and was told specific court.

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned on a motion made by Commissioner Stiles duly seconded by Commissioner Casterline.

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

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