

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

On the 27th day of May, 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; Charles Smith, Commissioner, Precinct 3; Betty Stiles, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and Peggy L. Friebele, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; David Vyoral, Road Administrator; Richard Bianchi, County Attorney; Bill Mills, Sheriff; Pam Heard, District Clerk; John Strothman, Project Manager; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; Rick McLester, Emergency Management Coordinator; and Gene Johnson, Airport Manager.

Mayor C. J. Wax and Councilmen Pat Rios and Adelaide Marlatt were also in attendance.

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

Ginger Smith-Easton and Kirsten Corda, Agricultural Extension Agents, presented a "Building a Better Texas" award as part of the cooperative extension Centennial honoring local county government for decades of cooperation and support to the Court.

(Presentation inserted)

ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of May 8, 2014 and the Regular Meeting of May 12, 2014.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

FRIENDS OF HISTORY CENTER - MAY 2014 REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the May 2014 report from The Friends of the History Center of Aransas County.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

PATHWAYS TRAIL SYSTEMS - AGREEMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to table approval of advance funding agreement for a transportation enhancement (TE) project (Aransas Pathways Trail Systems) with the Texas Department of Transportation.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

CONTRACT - WETLAND RESTORATION AT TULE LAKE

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve and authorize County Judge to sign service proposal with The Grant Connection for administrative services of the Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program (CBBEP) grant award, contract #1218 for Aransas County Wetland Restoration at Tule Lake.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Contract inserted)

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS - ARANSAS COUNTY MEDICAL SERVICES, INC.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve allocation of the remaining budgeted funds (\$56,104.00) to the Aransas County Medical Services, Inc. (ACMSI). Commissioner Stiles stated a phone bank would be held June 3, 2014 at the Paws & Taws Convention Center from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and asked all present to volunteer their time.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve declaring County Auditor's lists of property and vehicles as surplus to be sold at public auction.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Lists inserted)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL - DISASTER DEBRIS REMOVAL

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve request from Emergency Management Coordinator to go out for request for proposals for disaster debris removal, reduction disposal and other emergency services.

Emergency Management Coordinator McLester stated FEMA should cover the cost of this.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

DONATION - ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve acceptance of a donation from Patsy Durham of a 29-cubic side-by-side refrigerator/freezer for the Assistance Department.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve budget line item transfers presented by the County Auditor.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Transfers inserted)

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith 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

Commissioner Stiles reported the fund raiser for Jimmy Woods held at the Fulton Volunteer Fire Department on Sunday, May 25, 2014, brought in \$63,000.00

Judge Mills reported receipt a check in the amount of \$1,600,000.00 from the Coastal Conservation Association for the Cedar Bayou Project.

County Clerk Friebele reminded everyone the Primary Runoff is being held from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Rockport Fire Station.

Airport Manager Johnson reported there were sixty-one (61) aircraft at the Airport coming from as far away as Canada. The American Yankee Association held their annual meeting here. There were one hundred forty-five (145) persons who spent the week in the County. Commissioner Chaney complimented the Navigation District and Cities of Rockport and Fulton on the orderly conduct of the County during the recent holiday.

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

There were none.

PRESS QUESTIONS

There were no questions from the press.

The Court entered into closed session at 9:24 a. m. as authorized by *Texas Government Code Section 551.072* to discuss real estate negotiations, including Pathways Projects and stormwater management projects; and to discuss and review potential litigation issues and other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege pursuant to *Texas Government Code Section 551.071(a)* and other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege pursuant to *Texas Government Code Section 551.071(2)*; and resumed Open Meeting at 10:06 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS - ARANSAS PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve allocation of \$10,000.00 per month for the next three (3) months (not to exceed \$30,000.00) from the Waterway Restoration Fund for The Aransas Project litigation expenses in ex parte Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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

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

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