

MINUTES OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - JUNE 25, 2018

On the 25th day of June, 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 **Kristen Barnebey**, County Attorney; **Alma Cartwright**, Treasurer; **Pam Heard**, District Clerk; **Suzy Wallace**, County Auditor; **Bill Mills**, Sheriff; **Linda Garcia Haynes**, Executive Assistant to the County Judge; **Latisha Murphy**, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge; **Ralena "Misty" Kimbrough**, Collections Specialist; **David Reid**, Road Administrator/Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Jacky Cockerham**, Assistant County Auditor; **Tana Taylor**, Assistant County Auditor; **Collin Jackson**, IT Director; **Linda Doane**, Human Resources Director; **Rene Butler**, Maintenance Supervisor; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **Valerie Gonzalez**, Environmental Health Director; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager; **John Gutierrez**, Chief Deputy Sheriff; **Gavin Harrison**, Training Coordinator for the Sheriff's Office; **Lee Zapata**, Communications Director; **Michele Bennett**, Elections Administrator;

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

City of Rockport Council Members: **Pat Rios**, Mayor;

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

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

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.

**PRESENTATIONS**

There were none.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve:

1. Minutes from the Regular Meeting of June 11, 2018.
2. Official Public Bond Continuation Certificate for Elizabeth Guerra, Aransas County Human Resources Assistant.
3. Acknowledging receipt of and recording in the minutes of Commissioners Court a Certificate of Attendance presented to Alma Cartwright, Aransas County Treasurer, from the County Treasurers' Association of Texas for completion of 20 hours of educational instruction during the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual County Treasurers' Continuing Education Seminar, April 16-19, 2018, San Marcos, TX.

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4. Acknowledging receipt of and recording in the minutes of Commissioners Court a Certificate of Attendance presented to Alma Cartwright, Aransas County Treasurer, from the County Treasurers' Association of Texas for completion of 5 hours of instruction specific to the statutory requirements of the Texas Government Code Chapter 2256.008 of the Public Funds Investment Act during the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual County Treasurers' Continuing Education Seminar, April 16-19, 2018, San Marcos, TX.
5. Acknowledging receipt of and recording in the minutes of Commissioners Court a Certificate of Attendance presented to Sue Pash, Aransas County Deputy Treasurer, from the County Treasurers' Association of Texas for completion of 20 hours of educational instruction during the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual County Treasurers' Continuing Education Seminar, April 16-19, 2018, San Marcos, TX.
6. Acknowledging receipt of and recording in the minutes of Commissioners Court a Certificate of Attendance presented to Sue Pash, Aransas County Deputy Treasurer, from the County Treasurers' Association of Texas for completion of 5 hours of instruction specific to the statutory requirements of the Texas Government Code Chapter 2256.008 of the Public Funds Investment Act during the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual County Treasurers' Continuing Education Seminar, April 16-19, 2018, San Marcos, TX.
7. Acknowledging receipt of and recording in the minutes of Commissioners Court a Certificate of Course Completion in the Paternity Opportunity Program, certifying that Gayle T. Otto

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of the Aransas County Clerk's Office has completed training on Acknowledgement of Paternity (AOP) on June 12, 2018.

8. Acknowledging receipt of and recording in the minutes of Commissioners Court a Certificate of Course Completion certifying that Christy Gibson of the Aransas County Clerk's Office has completed course training on Acknowledgement of Paternity Recertification (AOP) issued June 15, 2018.
9. Collections proposal to change current on-line records search company from Lexis Nexis "Accurint" to Thomson Reuters "Cloud" and presentation of updated Collections performance and numbers.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

**CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS & LEASES**

10. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve accepting bid received from Victoria Communication Services, Inc./Motorola Solutions for replacement of radio equipment damaged in Hurricane Harvey.  
Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.
11. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve accepting bid from Broadcast Microwave Services, Inc. on Mobile Terminals and awarding contract, allowing replacement to go forward with installation being done by Victoria Communication Services, Inc..  
Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

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12. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve the revision on the Tower Project that resulted from report on soil samples done at site - This is a follow-up of discussion in court from June 11, 2018.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

13. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to TABLE ProTech Mechanical, Inc. Equipment Proposal and Assured Maintenance Agreement.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE

14. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve the May 2018 Treasurer's Report.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

15. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve 2017 Fiscal Year Comprehensive Financial Audit of Aransas County as presented by Byer & Co.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

16. 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.

17. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by

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Commissioner Olsen to approve Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

18. General Discussion of the 2019 Budget with elected officials and department heads.

**Judge Mills:** I want to thank the departments who gave back and the ones who did not ask for more than what you had last year, we appreciate it, thank you.

**Commissioner Olsen:** Great Budget Reports, everyone knows where we stand as a County with lower revenues for next year and as we go further into the budget process bear with us as we may have to lower more expenses, hopefully not touching payrolls as in reducing bodies, but we will definitely be reducing expenses but you've made it easy for us in not going over expenses, so thank you for that.

**REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS &**

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

**Sheriff Mills:** I did miss something in item #10 that I think that is significant on the radios, when I went in the line item on my two proposals warranties the cost of the radio units, mobile and the portable terminals, while they have warranties on them right now in 4 or 5 years that will run out, there was a 41% difference in the radio cost and down the road replacements and repairs will be 41% more in radio costs.

**Suzy:** We have a new employee, Ermalinda Alvarado, who joined us last Monday and now we are fully staffed.

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*No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 9:30 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline.*

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



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