

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR MEETING - JULY 8, 2013

On the 8th day of July, 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; 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; David Reid, Drainage Engineer; James Jackson, Director of Environmental Health; Pam Heard, District Clerk; Bill Mills, Sheriff; 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

Pat Rousseau suggested Kathy Roberts-Douglass speak louder when she gives the Maritime Museum report to the Commissioners' Court. Also she asked if the attendance figures of the Wine Fest for the past two to three years could be included in the report.

(Public Participation Form inserted)

PRESENTATIONS

Judge Mills made a presentation on behalf of the Texas Historical Commission to Aransas County Historical Commission of 2012 Distinguished Service Award in recognition of its outstanding preservation accomplishments.

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 June 24, 2013.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

DISTRICT CLERK'S TECHNOLOGY FUND/ARCHIVE FEE

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve raising District Clerk Technology Fund/Archive fee from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per House Bill 1513 effective January 1, 2014.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

2012 FISCAL YEAR COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL AUDIT

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to table approval of 2012 fiscal year comprehensive financial audit of Aransas County as presented by Michael A. Arnold, CPA, due to Mr. Arnold's absence.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

TEXAS MARITIME MUSEUM - 2ND QUARTER REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the Texas Maritime Museum, Inc., Second Quarter 2013 Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds Expended.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

GRANT APPLICATION - CEDAR BAYOU & VINSON SLOUGH

Greg Harlan stated he would not have put this item on the agenda had he studied the complicated requirements of the application. He stated the applications requires information he does not have.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve submission of a \$1M grant application to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service requesting funding through the North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grant Program for partial funding of the Cedar Bayou and Vinson Slough Restoration Project and authorize County Judge to act on behalf of Aransas County in all matters related to the application and grant contract if the project is among those selected for funding with the caveat Judge Mills could decide whether to go forward.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Application inserted)

PROJECT CONSULTANT CONTRACT - GRANT CONNECTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve and authorize County Judge to sign project consultant contract with The Grant Connection for preparation of an application to the North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grant Program requesting funds for the Cedar Bayou and Vinson Slough Restoration Project and to administer the grant if it is selected for funding.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Contract inserted)

RULES & REGULATIONS - FRIENDS OF THE HISTORY CENTER

Project Manager Thompson stated he was premature in bringing this item before the Court. The Rules and Regulations must be approved by the Friends of the History Center first.

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to table approval Friends of the History Center for Aransas County Rules and Regulations for the operation of the History Center.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PATHWAYS - FOWLER LAKE KAYAK PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve and authorize County Judge to sign a lease agreement with the City of Aransas Pass for Pathways Fowler Lake Kayak Project.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Lease agreement inserted)

TULE CREEK WEST PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to table approval of a contract for engineering, procurement and construction of the Tule Creek West Project to all for additional information for the RFQ.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

BEE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY APPOINTMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve appointment of Chief Deputy Treasurer, Susan Woodley to the Bee Community Action Agency Rural Transit District Governing Board.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

BEE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY AMENDMENT TO SUBCONTRACT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve and authorize County Judge to sign Bee Community Action Agency Amendment No. 1 to subcontract No. 61130001565-A Community Services Block Grant.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Amendment inserted)

AGREEMENT - SPANISH WOODS WATERSHED PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve and authorize County Judge to sign Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with City of Rockport for the Spanish Woods Watershed Project with correction of FM 1781 to Loop 1781.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Agreement inserted)

CONSULTING SERVICES - TEXAS CAPITOL CONSULTING

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve and authorize County Judge to sign a two-year contract for consulting services with Texas Capitol Consulting/Richard Beck with changes recommended by County Attorney.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Contract inserted)

LATERAL TRANSFER - DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to pass on approval of lateral transfer between County Departments for Deputy District Clerk, Group/Step 12-3.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

ORDER CLOSING - MANNING ADDITION

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve order closing alleyway in Block 324, Manning Addition.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Order inserted)

PUBLIC OFFICIAL BONDS

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve public official bond and rider on Cynthia Huff, Deputy Tax Assessor-Collector; bond continuation certificate on Joyce Reyes, Deputy District Clerk; and public official bond riders on Lisa Frances Castillo, Marsha G. Ingram, Anna M. Marshall, and Bobbie J. McLester, Deputy Tax Assessor-Collectors.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Bonds inserted)

COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT - JUNE, 2013

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve County Treasurer's report for June, 2013. Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

INDIGENT HEALTH CARE REPORT - JUNE, 2013

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve indigent health care report for June 2013.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

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

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the accounts payable presented by County Auditor including additional invoice for 2013 sales tax.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

2014 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

County Auditor Kirk stated she would have revenues projected by the July 22nd meeting and would have San Patricio County District Clerk budget requests also. The budget will be a better working budget for the Court's review.

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

County Auditor Kirk read the fee reports for June 2013 received from the District Clerk, County Clerk, Sheriff, and Justices of the Peace, Precincts 1 and 2.

(Report inserted)

County Clerk Friebele reported her new Elections/Voting Assistant, Michele Bennett, is now on board.

HR Director Pat Rousseau informed the Court she should have the new health insurance renewal rates any day. She also reminded the Court of the workshop meeting on the Personnel Manual to be held on Friday, July 12, 2013. Commissioner Chaney asked for a list of the changes. County Treasurer Cartwright stated that would be really

hard to do. Ms. Rousseau said there were too many changes to list but she would provide a printed copy of the proposed manual to each Commissioner after Court.

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

There were none.

PRESS QUESTIONS

Charles Steward with The Rockport Pilot asked for a copy of the preliminary budget.

No closed session was held.

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

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

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