

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - JULY 9, 2018

On the 9th day of July, 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 **Alma Cartwright**, Treasurer; **Jeri Cox**, Tax Assessor-Collector; **Bill Mills**, Sheriff; **Diana McGinnis**, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2; **Suzy Wallace**, County Auditor; **Lora Rios**, Juvenile Case Manager; **Cheryl Smith**, JP 2 Chief Court Clerk; **Shelby Nguyen**, JP 2 Court Clerk; **Amanda Laferney**, JP 1 Chief Court Clerk; **Peggy Shaefer**, JP 1 Court Clerk; **Linda Garcia Haynes**, Executive Assistant to the County Judge; **Latisha Murphy**, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge; **David Reid**, Road Administrator/Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Jacky Cockerham**, Assistant County Auditor; **Ermalinda Alvarado**, Assistant Auditor; **Collin Jackson**, IT Director; **Linda Doane**, Human Resources Director; **Julie Gifford**, Deputy Voter Registrar; **Rene Butler**, Facilities Maintenance Director; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **Valerie Gonzalez**, Environmental Health Director; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager; **John Gutierrez**, Chief Deputy Sheriff; **Roman Cortez**, Deputy Chief/Jail Operations and Grievance Officer; **Gavin Harrison**, Training Coordinator for the Sheriff's

Office; **Rodney Cox**, Investigator, Aransas County Sheriff's Office;

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

Aransas County Medical Services, Inc.: **Patricia Arnold**, ACMSI Director; **Becky Mays**, ACMSI Benefit Chair;

City of Rockport Council Members: **Barbara Gurtner**, Ward 4;

Friends of the History Center: **Vickie Moon Merchant**, President;

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

1. Judge Mills presented Proclamation #P-03-2018, in the Official Recognition of Lora Rios, Aransas County Juvenile Case Manager.
2. Judge Mills presented Proclamation #JP-07-2018, in Official Recognition of First Responders.

(Inserts)

CONSENT ITEMS

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

3. Minutes from the Workshop Meeting of June 18, 2018 and the Regular Meeting of June 25, 2018.
4. Joint Proclamation #P-03-2018, in Official Recognition of Lora Rios, Aransas County Juvenile Case Manager.
5. Joint Proclamation #JP-07-2018, in Official Recognition of First Responders.
6. Allowing Sheriff to go out for bids for equipment and installation of fourteen (14) radar units. This is to replace units lost in Hurricane Harvey.
7. Allowing Sheriff to go out for bids to purchase two (2) Stone Garden vehicles being paid from 2017 grant funds.
8. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court, a Certificate of Participation from the V. G. Young Institute of County Government awarded to Brian Olsen, County Commissioner, Precinct 3, for successfully completing 13.00 hours of educational training and to Burt Mills, County Judge, for successfully completing 6.0 hours of educational training during the 2018 South Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association Annual Conference June 11-14, 2018 in McAllen, TX.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

COUNTY REPORTS

9. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve and acknowledge accepting donation for Aransas County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$20,000 from The Castaways Thrift Shop, Inc. to be used for Training and Materials.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

10. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve and acknowledge accepting donation for Aransas County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$710 from The 100 Club of Aransas County to be used for a Ballistic Vest.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

11. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the Quarterly Report for The Friends of the History Center.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS & GRANTS

12. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Office of the Attorney General to allow them to establish a secure

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wireless internet connection within the Aransas County Courthouse at their sole expense and responsibility.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

13. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve authorizing the County Judge to enter into and sign the Renewal Agreement with Teas Association of Counties for Employee Health Insurance for the 2018-2019 Plan Year.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

14. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve and authorize the County Judge to accept the renewal rates from Ameritas for Dental and Vision Insurance for the plan year of 2018-2019.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COUNTY EASEMENTS

15. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve two easements at the Aransas County Airport: one for AEP TEXAS, INC., the other for Time Warner Cable Texas LLC (Charter). Both easements lie within the same 15' wide (2,137 Sq. Ft.) swath of land leading to Hangar B.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE

16. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the June 2018 Indigent Healthcare Report.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

17. **Discussion on clarification of policies and procedures regarding health insurance for the current and retired employees of Aransas went into closed session.**

18. 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.

19. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

20. General discussion of the 2019 Budget with elected officials and department heads. Suzy Wallace, County Auditor, announced that the first round of the process of updating the budget was completed June 18 and 19th, and that the second round will take place July 31 - August 2, 2018. There was no other discussion on the budget process.

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REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS &

DEPARTMENT HEADS WHEREIN NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

Suzy Wallace read the fee report, all County Offices were up on fees compared to last year's numbers.

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

REGARDING WHICH NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

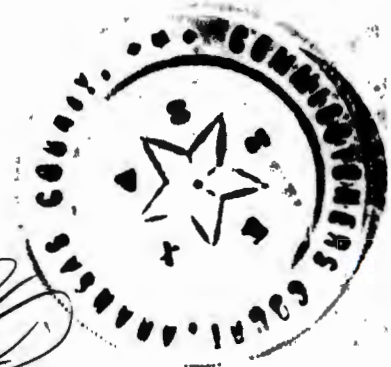
There were none.

The Court entered into closed session at 9:31 a.m. to discuss and review potential litigation issues and other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1)(a); and to discuss real estate negotiations, including Pathways Projects pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072; and resumed Open Meeting at 9:49 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:

17. No Action Taken.

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No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 9:50 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline.



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



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