

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - AUGUST 13, 2018

On the 13th day of August, 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 **Jerry Brundrett**, County Surveyor; **Alma Cartwright**, Treasurer; **Pam Heard**, District Clerk; **Suzy Wallace**, County Auditor; **Bill Mills**, Sheriff; **Latisha Murphy**, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge; **David Reid**, Road Administrator/Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Jacky Cockerham**, Assistant County Auditor; **Russ Walker**, IT Tech; **Linda Doane**, Human Resources Director; **Rene Butler**, Facilities Maintenance Director; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **Valerie Gonzalez**, Environmental Health Director; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager; **Michele Bennett**, Elections Administrator;

Long-Term Recovery: **Randall Freeze**, Long-Term Recovery Specialist;

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

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

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

Proposed plan for the District Clerk's Technology Fund, *Texas Government Code, Chapter 51.035, Subchapter D*, to fund the preservation and restoration of the district Clerk's records as set out in Item No. 2 below.

Pam Heard: Basically, this is our public hearing that we have to do every year, this statute says in order for me to charge this fee that we have to have the Commissioners Court to approve it. It's the same plan as in years past, I have to preserve my historical records, anything from 1950 and before, so in order to collect that money we have this \$10.00 fee. It's usually about \$2,000 a year that we collect and it's very expensive to have the books redone so, if we didn't charge this fee then it would be up to the Commissioner Court to budget it and it would have to come from the general fund, so it's sort of a win/win, the people who use the system are the ones who are paying \$10.00 in their court costs and that's usually about \$270.00, so this is a fee to help me restore my records.

Judge Mills: Thank you.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

1. Minutes from the Workshop Meetings of July 31, 2018 to August 02, 2018 and the Regular Meeting of August 6, 2018.
2. The District Court Technology Fund and Fee of \$10.00, 2019 for the preservation and restoration of the District Clerk's Records pursuant to *Texas Government Code Sec. 51.305* and request approval of funding a records management expenditure in an amount up to \$22,535.00 and appropriate budget line item transfer from reserves.
3. Resolution #R-11-18 authorizing publication of delinquent taxpayers' names.
4. Order #O-06-18, Appointment of the 2018 - 2019 Election Judges and Alternates.
5. Accepting \$100 in Gift Cards from H.E.B. to be used to purchase bottled water, fruit and healthy snacks for the Aransas County Employee Health Fair.
6. A maximum of 160 hours of unused vacation leave to roll over into the next year for Emergency Essential Employees that were required to work in the current year during a Presidential declared emergency.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COUNTY REPORTS

7. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve and recognize accepting a

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donation made to the Aransas County Training Department in the amount of \$2,800 from the Aransas County Sheriffs Special Project Committee to be used for Training and Materials outside of the School District.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve and recognize accepting a donation made to the Aransas County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$1,000 from UB, LLC to be used for Training and Materials.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COUNTY ROADS

9. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve a variance and approval of the Final plat of Lots 23-R & 25-R, Copano Ridge Subdivision, Unit 4.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

10. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to TABLE proposed traffic design changes for Griffith Street near the intersection of Griffith St. and Market St.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS & GRANTS

11. Motion was made by Judge Mills and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve and authorize the County Judge to sign an administrative services contract with GrantWorks Inc. for disaster Recovery Management Services for Aransas County. Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

12. Motion was made by Judge Mills and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to TABLE approval for the County Judge to sign ProTech Mechanical, Inc. Controls System Agreement and Maintenance Agreement.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE

13. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve report receipt of the 2017 General Tax Fund Levy from Aransas County Tax Assessor and record the 8% of the Gross Revenue Tax Levy (GRTL) for the Aransas County Indigent Health Care Program Fiscal Year September 01, 2018 - August 31, 2019.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

14. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve allocating \$10,000 from the General Fund to cover the cost of the upcoming November 06 2018 General Election.

It is so ordered.

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15. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Budget Line Item Transfers of which there were none.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

17. Discuss and take action on 2018 Tax Rate.

Judge Mills suggested that the Court go with the Effective Rate.

Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve going with the Effective Tax Rate.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

18. If necessary, take record vote on proposed 2018 Tax Rate and Schedule Two Public Hearings on proposed tax increase.

No action taken on this item.

19. Discussion and possible action on 2019 Budget.

Judge Mills asked Suzy if there was any action that the court needed to take today.

Suzy responded: We have the 9:00 a.m. public hearing scheduled for August 20th to accept the budget and since

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you are electing to use the Effective Tax Rate, we don't have any other tax hearings scheduled.

Commissioner Chaney: So we need to wait until the next meeting to adopt the budget?

Suzy: We have that scheduled for the 27th.

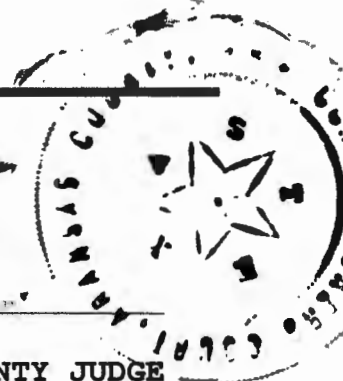
REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS &

DEPARTMENT HEADS WHEREIN NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

Alma: We gave out 130 fans, so far, out of the 200.

Judge Mills: Good job, and that's just another example of how H.E.B. joined in this program.

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



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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Valerie K. Amason", written over a horizontal line.

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