

ORIGINAL

MINUTES OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

On the 22nd day of September, 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; Pat Rousseau, HR Director; Kristen Blanford, Assistant County Attorney; Jeri D. Cox, Tax Assessor/Collector; Collin Jackson, IT Director; John Strothman, Project Manager; Bill Mills, Sheriff; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; and David Reid, Drainage Engineer.

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.

ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2014, and the Public Hearing of September 18, 2014. Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COURT ORDER - SHERIFF AND CONSTABLE FEES

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Commissioners' Court Order #0-25-2014 setting fees for Sheriff and Constable services for 2015.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Order inserted)

ELECTED OFFICIALS' SALARIES - 2015

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to adopt elected officials' salaries for 2015.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Schedule inserted)

2015 COUNTY BUDGET - ADOPTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to adopt the 2015 County Budget. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

RATIFY PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve ratification of the property tax increase reflected in the 2015 budget. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

ADOPTING PROPOSED TAX RATE

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the property tax rate increase by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.384669 which is effectively a 5.48 percent increase in the tax rate with the following break-out: \$0.050634 for county debt - interest & sinking; \$0.259938 for county M&O general fund; \$0.058266 for road and bridge/flood control (82.71% road & bridge M&O and 17.29% flood M&O); \$0.015831 for flood debt - interest and sinking for a total 2014 tax rate of \$0.384669. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

2014 TAX ROLL AND 2014 TAX LEVY

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the 2014 tax roll and 2014 tax levy. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

RESOLUTION - 2014 TAX ROLL AND TAX LEVY

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Resolution #R12-2014 for the Tax Roll and Tax Levy. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

(Resolution inserted)

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS - 2014-2015 TAX ASSESSMENT/COLLECTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve 2014-2015 Tax Assessment/Collection Interlocal Agreements to be signed by County Judge when approved and submitted by local tax entities. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

RESOLUTION - SUPPORTING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Resolution #R14-2014 supporting Proposition One Constitutional Amendment for State Highway Fund. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

(Resolution inserted)

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AGREEMENT - TRI COUNTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve and authorize County Judge to sign an Emergency Medical Service Agreement with Tri County Emergency Medical Services Inc. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

(Agreement inserted)

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT - JAIL SERVICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve and authorize County Judge to sign an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for Jail Services with the City of Rockport. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

(Agreement inserted)

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT - JAIL SERVICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve and authorize County Judge to sign an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for Jail Services with the Town of Fulton. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

(Agreement inserted)

BIDS - DRAINAGE STRUCTURES

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize advertising for bids for the construction of three (3) drainage structures crossing Farm to Market 1781 and State Highway 35. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

CONTRACT - SHORELINE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Smith to award MAC, Inc. (low bidder \$1,570,228.50) a contract for construction of the Live Oak Peninsula Shoreline Enhancement Project and authorize County Judge to sign the same subject to Aransas County Navigation District approval.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Contract inserted)

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIONS

Director of Environmental Health Jackson reported Coastal Bend Home Builders did not follow the permit they were issued when they built the house at #1 Scallop Lane. It is in a hazard zone and is 7.2" below permit. The consensus of the Court was to reevaluate the current process of issuing permits for new construction and consider a larger fine in the future for violations.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve actions of Environmental Health Department to be taken in response to violations of the Aransas County Floodplain Management and Watershed Protection Order regarding property located at #1 Scallop Lane; \$1,800.00 fine and notice in deed records.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

OVERTIME PAY - CIVIL PROCESS/WARRANTS CLERK

Sheriff Mills stated he has money in his budget to pay overtime to the Civil Process/Warrants Clerk but it is budgeted for his officers. In order to pay overtime to a clerk, he must get Court approval. He estimates it will take fifty-five (55) hours to complete this task caused by conversion to Odyssey.

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve request of Sheriff to authorize overtime pay for Sheila Gordon, Civil Process/Warrants Clerk.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

ELECTION AND ALTERNATE JUDGES - REMAINDER OF TERM

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve appointment of Election Judges and Alternates for the remainder of the 2014-2015 term.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(List inserted)

UNITED HEALTHCARE RENEWAL

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve and authorize County Judge to sign 2015 United Healthcare renewal notice and benefit confirmation and County Choice Silver United Healthcare member contact designation form.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Forms inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles 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 Stiles 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 Chaney thanked the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce and all others involved with the Hummingbird Festival.

County Treasurer Cartwright reported the last distribution of commodities was done last week. She has not heard from Victoria County on the status of the County joining them.

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

There were none.

PRESS QUESTIONS

Norma Martinez with The Rockport Pilot asked if the County had a process for informing new builders of the permitting requirements. None other than the subdivision ordinance a new builder should review prior to construction.

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The Court did not hold closed session.  
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No further business presenting, the Court adjourned on a motion made by Commissioner Smith duly seconded by Commissioner Stiles.

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

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