

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - SEPTEMBER 23, 2013

On the 23rd day of September, 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; Charles Smith, Commissioner, Precinct 3; Betty Stiles, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and Peggy L. Friebele, County Clerk. Other County Officers present were Richard Bianchi, County Attorney; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; David Vyoral, Road Administrator; David Reid, Drainage Engineer; Bill Mills, Sheriff; and Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor.

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.

PRESENTATIONS

Sheriff Mills gave a presentation on the inspection certificate of compliance of the jail from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

(Report inserted)

ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the minutes the Regular Meeting of September 9, 2013, and Workshop Meeting of September 11, 2013.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

ORDER SETTING SHERIFF AND CONSTABLES FEES

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Commissioners' Court Order #0-27-2013 setting fees for Sheriff and Constable services.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Order inserted)

RULES AND REGULATIONS - HISTORY CENTER

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Friends of the History Center for Aransas County Rules and Regulations for the operations of the History Center.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Rules inserted)

BIDS - UPPER TULE CREEK

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to award bid for the upper Tule Creek Stormwater Improvement Project to JJ Fox Construction (only bidder) in the amount of \$389,700.00 (40% match).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

DRAINAGE EASEMENT ALIGNMENT - POINCIANA WATERSHED

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve drainage easement alignment for Poinciana watershed.

Attorney David Klein from Corpus Christi, representing landowner Bill Bell, told the Court his client has not seen the plan the Court approved. His client had an alternative plan for the drainage that would move the easement onto the Rouquette property. He suggested it would be better for the easement to be there since this property is for sale and has fewer trees.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

ROCKPORT-FULTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - HOT FUNDS REQUEST

Commissioner Smith stated he needed to abstain from this item since he is on the Chamber Board.

Motion was made by Judge Mills and there was no second on motion to approve Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce request of up to \$7,000.00 in HOT funds to help sponsor the Annual Seafair Festival in October, 2013.

The motion died for lack of a second.

WEST TULE CREEK - BRIDGE AND KIOSK PROPOSAL

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve and authorize County Judge to sign an agreement accepting the proposal from York Pedestrian Bridge, Inc. To construct a pedestrian bridge at West Tule Creek as a part of the bridge and kiosk at West Tule Creek Project (Aransas Pathways Project 011).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Proposal inserted)

2014 COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve and authorize County Judge to sign the 2014 Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) Certification of Board Approval of CSBG budget for subrecipient Aransas County Assistance Department.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

(Grant inserted)

PUBLIC OFFICIAL BONDS

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve public official bonds on Lezlie M. Kirk, County Auditor.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

(Bond inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Judge Mills to approve budget line item transfers as presented by County Auditor Kirk.

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

County Treasurer Cartwright reported receipt of a thank you note from the Texas Maritime Museum for the printer they received.

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

There were none.

PRESS QUESTIONS

There were none.

The Court entered into closed session at 9:36 a. m. as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to discuss current litigation issues; and 551.072 to discuss real estate negotiations in connection with a drainage easement through Bailey Ranch; and resumed Open Meeting at 10:04 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:

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

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

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