

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR MEETING - JANUARY 26, 2011

On the 26th day of January, 2011, there was a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' 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; Howard Murph, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and June Gregory, Chief Deputy, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were Richard P. Bianchi, County Attorney; Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; James Jackson, Environmental Health Director; Alma Cartwright, Chief Deputy, County Treasurer; Bill Mills, Sheriff; Iris Sanchez, County Librarian; David Reid, Drainage Engineer; Gene Johnson, Airport Manager.

The Meeting was convened at 2:00 p.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

No citizens registered to speak before the Court.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of January 7, 2011, Regular Meeting of January 10, 2011, and Special Meetings of January 18, 2011 pending a deletion of the word "the" in the January 21, 2011 minutes.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

TERMS OF JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS

In accordance with Section 27.051, Texas Government Code, motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Murph to set the terms of the Justice of the Peace Courts for the calendar year 2011 at one month terms beginning the fourth Monday of each month.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COUNTY JUDGE PRO TEM

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Murph to approve 2011-2012 appointment of Charles Smith as County Judge Pro tem to serve as the presiding officer of the Court in all matters which require the action of the County Judge in the event of the County Judge's absence.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

LIBRARY BOARD

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Library Board members and alternates for 2011.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Appointments inserted)

LIBRARY GRANT

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve request of Library to apply for a Texas State Library & Archives Commission Texas Reads Grant of approximately \$3,000.00 for books and supplies for Teen Reads Week.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

RECYCLED ENVIRONMENTAL EROSION PROTECTION PROGRAM

Dr. Benjamin Wang of Recycled Environmental Erosion Protection gave a presentation on the use of porous barriers for erosion prevention. Benefits of using porous barriers installed along the shoreline would be low cost, durable environmentally safe. The barriers are being discussed being installed along Water Street and along Fulton Beach Road. The barriers would help disburse wave action, helping with erosion of the shoreline. At present no one is using this technology, but the company would like to set up testing areas along the shoreline of Aransas County, pending funding by grants. No action was to be taken on this presentation at this time.

(Presentation inserted)

CUSTOMIZED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Murph to table providing \$3,750.00 as Aransas County's share among the entities for the customized economic development services agreement between the Rockport-Fulton Area Chamber of Commerce and the Corpus Christi Regional Development Corporation (CCREDC).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

SHERIFF - 2010 ANNUAL REPORTS

Sheriff Mills presented his 2010 annual reports with the Court commending him for controlling costs. Judge Mills stated that this is the first time a Sheriff has given money back to the County.

(Reports inserted)

SHERIFF - BUDGETED DEPUTY POSITION

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the request of Sheriff Mills to fill a budgeted Deputy Sheriff position, resulting from a promotion within of one Deputy to CID due to a vacancy created when a transfer took an Investigator to the Detention Center Staff.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

SHERIFF - VEHICLE

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Murph to approve the request of Sheriff Mills to purchase a vehicle for the Sheriff's Office to adjust the unit count with no negative budgetary impact to Sheriff's Office or the County and approve necessary budget line item transfer for the same (Two vehicles had been lost due to accidents.)

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Transfer inserted)

AMENDED LEASE AGREEMENTS - AIRPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Murph to approve amended lease agreements with PHI, Inc. for Airport hangar and parking space.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Agreements inserted)

APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD

Motion was made by Commissioner Murph and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve appointment of Travis McDavid to the Appraisal District Board to replace Asa Yeamans.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES - BAY EDUCATION CENTER

After a short explanation of the UTMSI public lecture series by Ed Rainwater, representative of the Marine Science Advisory Board, a Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve participating with the City of Rockport in the cost of presenting the University of Texas Marine Science Institute (UTMSI) 2011 public lecture series at the Bay Education Center from H.O.T. reserves in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

LAMAR BEACH ROAD - SPEED LIMIT SIGNS

Motion was made by Commissioner Murph and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve placing four (4) 30 m.p.h. signs on Lamar Beach Road.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

LIVE OAK TREE COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve appointments of Richard Dias, John Irvin, Melvin Moore, Lynn Lee and Betty Stiles to the Live Oak Tree Committee and to appoint Commissioner Murph as Interim Chair and Secretary to serve until the Committee meets and appoints a Chair and Secretary from the listed committee.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

WINDSTORM INSPECTIONS - ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH BUILDING

Motion was made by Judge Mills and seconded by Commissioner Smith to table the motion to pay the invoice from Mark Eichstadt, P. E. for Environmental Health Building windstorm inspections and certification.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

TRANSFER STATION - BOND

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Murph to approve the Over Axle and Over Gross Weight Tolerance Permit Bond for the Transfer Station.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Permit inserted)

GOLD LEADERSHIP CIRCLE CERTIFICATE

Judge Mills acknowledged receipt of and presented for recording in Commissioners' Court Minutes a Gold Leadership Circle Certificate awarded to Aransas County by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts for excellence in financial transparency online.

(Certificate inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

The County Auditor Lezlie Kirk did not have any budget line item transfers to be approved by the Court.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Murph to approve the accounts payable including hangar repairs. Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

PRESS QUESTIONS

Norma Martinez from The Rockport Pilot questioned under what category in the H.O.T. fund that allows payment of the (UTMSI) 2011 public lecture series at the Bay Education Center. County Attorney Richard Bianchi addressed her question.

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