

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - OCTOBER 13, 2014

On the 13th day of October, 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 Richard Bianchi, County Attorney; Kristen Blanford, Assistant County Attorney; Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; David Reid, Drainage Engineer; Pat Rousseau, Human Resources Director; Pam Heard, District Clerk; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; Gene Johnson, Airport Manager; Bill Mills, Sheriff; James Jackson, Director of Environmental Health; Collin Jackson, IT Director; David Vyoral, Road Administrator; and John Strothman, Project Manager.

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

There were none.

ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 22, 2014.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

GRANT - CEDAR BAYOU MAINTENANCE FUND

Pete Geren with the Sid Richardson Foundation appeared before the Court to present a grant in the amount of \$1 million. Mr. Geren thanked the Court for their tireless efforts in opening Cedar Bayou. Mr. Jay Kleburg, Associate Director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation, also thanked the Court.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve acceptance of a Sid Richardson Foundation matching grant in the amount of \$1 million for the Cedar Bayou Maintenance Fund; money presented to the Texas Parks and Wildlife

Foundation that will administer the fund.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

DRIVER TRAINING - AIRPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve and authorize County Judge to sign a facilities use agreement with Del Mar College District to use non-essential areas of the Airport for driver training for the Regional Police Academy.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

CONTRACT - CEDAR BAYOU/VINSON SLOUGH

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve authorizing payment of invoice of RLB Contracting, Inc. For the Cedar Bayou/Vinson Slough Restoration Project.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Invoice inserted)

ROCKPORT CENTER FOR THE ARTS - REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the Rockport Center for the Arts Third Quarter 2014 hotel occupancy tax funds expended report.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

APPOINTMENT - PATHWAYS STEERING COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve appointment of Ray Kirkwood to the Aransas Pathways Steering Committee.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve declaring Aransas County owned property located at 324-R Highway 35 South, Rockport, Texas (Tripis, Lot 9), as surplus to be sold and authorizing County Judge to select broker and set sales price based on broker market study.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

MASTER PLAN - PROPOSED RV PARK

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve authorizing a Master Plan for a proposed RV park on West Moore Avenue.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Plan inserted)

BIDS - 2015 ROAD AND BRIDGE MATERIAL

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve request of Road and Bridge Department to go out for 2015 material bids.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

SEAL COATING - LAMAR FIRE STATION

After a lengthy discussion on what type drive way to put in, motion was made by Judge Mills and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to table seal coating or additional road work in the area in front of the Lamar Fire Station to allow Commissioner Stiles to contact the Fire Department to see if they are willing to participate in funding.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

REFUGIO TAFT HIGHWAY

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve upgrading an unpaved section of Refugio Taft Highway to a hard surface to the extent that available funds in the budget allow (materials used come from the State Highway Department).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND TRANSFER STATION FEES

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Environmental Health and Transfer Station fees for 2015.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Fees inserted)

BLOCK GRANT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve and authorize County Judge to sign contract No. 7214009 with the Texas Department of Agriculture for the

community development fund construction/sewer improvements under the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Contract inserted)

HOTEL/MOTEL TAX AGREEMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve and authorize County Judge to sign the 2015 Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between Aransas County and the Aquarium at Rockport Harbor, Inc., Rockport Art Association, Inc. and Texas Maritime Museum Association, Inc. For hotel-motel tax.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Agreement inserted)

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve and authorize County Judge to sign the 2015 Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between Aransas County and the City of Rockport, Town of Fulton, and Aransas County Independent School District for Juvenile Case Manager.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Agreements inserted)

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve (contingent on County Attorney approval) and authorize County Judge to sign the 2015 Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between Aransas County, City of Rockport, and Town of Fulton for Community Aquatic Park.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Agreement inserted)

SUBDIVISION REGULATION - EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to table approval of an agreement providing for subdivision regulation by the City of Rockport and the County of Aransas within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Rockport.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

AMENDMENT - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve and authorize County Judge to sign an amendment to professional services agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Amendment inserted)

BIDS - INSURANCE POLICIES

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve going out for bids for Aransas County insurance policies (General Liability, Law Enforcement Liability, Public Officials Liability, Automobile coverage, Workers' Compensation and Employment).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PUBLIC OFFICIAL BOND

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve public official continuation certificate on Russell F. Buck, Custodian.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Bond inserted)

COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2014

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve County Treasurer's report for September 2014.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

INDIGENT HEALTH CARE REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2014

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve indigent health care report for September 2014.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

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

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Transfers inserted)

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Smith 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 Stiles reported there was a great Sea Fair. Judge Mills reported going to Cedar Bayou last Friday. Mother Nature is making hourly changes. He is scheduled to go over by air today.

County Treasurer Cartwright and HR Director Rousseau reminded the Court the Health Fair will be held October 22, 2014, from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the EOC.

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

There were none.

PRESS QUESTIONS

Norma Martinez with The Rockport Pilot verified the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation will administer the grant given by the Sid Richardson Foundation.

The Court entered into closed session at 9:59 a. m. as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.072 to discuss real estate negotiations, including Pathways Projects and stormwater management projects; and 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 resumed Open Meeting at 10:27 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:

Judge Mills left during the closed session.

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

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

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