

# MINUTES OF THE

## COMMISSIONERS' COURT

## REGULAR MEETING - NOVEMBER 24, 2014

On the 24th day of November, 2014, there was a Regular Meeting of the Commissioner' Court in the Courthouse, Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, with the following members present: 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; Pat Rousseau, HR Director; Kristen Blanford, County Attorney; Collin Jackson, IT Director; Pam Heard, District Clerk; Bill Mills, Sheriff; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; Gene Johnson, Airport Manager; David Vyoral, Road Administrator; and David Reid, Drainage Engineer.

The Meeting was convened at 9:00 a.m. at which time a quorum was declared by County Judge Pro Tem Smith, WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had and done to wit:

#### CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were none.

### PRESENTATION

There were none.

## ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

## <u>MINUTES</u>

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 10, 2014 and Special Meetings of November 17, 2014 and November 20, 2014.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

#### FRIENDS OF THE HISTORY CENTER - THIRD QUARTER REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the Friends of the History Center Third Quarter 2014 Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds Expended.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

#### AIRPORT MANAGER - APPOINTMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve salary (Grade 24) and appointment of new Aransas County Airport Manager, Michael Geer, effective December 1, 2014. Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

## TCDRS RETIREMENT PLAN - 2015 CONTRIBUTION RATE

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve 2015 contribution rate of 8.5% for TCDRS Retirement Plan.

Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

(Rates inserted)

## EARLY VOTING CLERKS - DECEMBER 6, 2014 SPECIAL ELECTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve appointment of Deputy Early Voting Clerks for the December 6, 2014 Special Election.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(List inserted)

## CONSOLIDATION OF PRECINCTS - DECEMBER 6, 2014 ELECTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve consolidation of all precincts for the upcoming Special Election to be held December 6, 2014.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

## PROCLAMATION - HONORABLE JOEL B. JOHNSON DAY

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Proclamation #P-11-2014 proclaiming December 5, 2014 as "Honorable Joel B. Johnson Day in Aransas County."

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Proclamation inserted)

## INVOICE - TYLER TECHNOLOGIES

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to table approval of payment of Tyler Technologies invoices for conversion and maintenance to bring account current.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

#### 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 Casterline 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

HR Director Rousseau reminded the Court the Treasurer's Office is doing a "blessings" tree for Christmas and handed out gift tags to be used.

Commissioner Smith reported Judge Mills is on vacation and Commissioner Chaney is in the hospital.

### REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Commissioner Stiles reported the Road and Bridge Department delivered dirt left over from a Pathways project to the Airport so their new sign will be elevated. The sign should be up by year end.

#### PRESS QUESTIONS

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There were no press question.

The Court entered into closed session at 9:30 a.m. 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 9:54 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 Casterline duly seconded by Commissioner Stiles.

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CHARLES SMITH, COUNTY JUDGE PRO TEM

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