

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - APRIL 16, 2012

On the 16th day of April, 2012, 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; Russel Cole, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and Peggy L. Friebele, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were Richard Bianchi, County Attorney; Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; Suzy Wallace, Assistant County Auditor; David Reid, Drainage Engineer; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; Bill Mills, Sheriff; Pam Heard, District Clerk; David Vyoral, Road Administrator; James Jackson, Director of Environmental Health; Virginia Easton-Smith, Agricultural Extension Agent; and Richard Thompson, 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

Virginia Easton-Smith, Agricultural Extension Agent, made a presentation on the Master Gardener Volunteer Hours. The 2011 volunteer hours had a monetary value of \$133,158.00.

ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 9, 2012.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

THE AQUARIUM AT ROCKPORT HARBOR

The Court asked how many visitors The Aquarium had thus far in 2012 and was told over 8,000 with 4,900 visiting in March alone. Commissioner Chaney requested a report on volunteer hours provided at The Aquarium. Mr. Thompson stated information on the number of visitors and volunteer hours would be added to the next report. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve The Aquarium at Rockport Harbor first quarter 2012 hotel occupancy tax funds expended.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

RESOLUTION - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve proposed performance statement amendment request and Resolution #R-03-2012 authorizing submission of same to Texas

Department of Agriculture (TDA) to modify existing contract performance statement for Texas Community Development Block Grant (TXCDBG) Contract #710019.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Resolution inserted)

RESOLUTION - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve proposed performance statement amendment request and Resolution #R-04-2012 authorizing submission of same to Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) to modify existing contract performance statement for Texas Community Development Block Grant (TXCDBG) Contract #710205.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Resolution inserted)

CEDAR BAYOU PROJECT - CIAP PLAN

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve moving Stormwater Management CIAP Plan for FY 09-10 allocation into Cedar Bayou Project.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

CEDAR BAYOU PROJECT - CIAP PLAN

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve moving planning, assistance and administration CIAP Plan FY 08 & 09-10 allocation into Cedar Bayou Project.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve adoption of Aransas County Stormwater Management Plan based on recommendation of Stormwater Management Advisory Committee.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Plan inserted)

TERMS OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT - CHANGE

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve changing terms of Commissioners' Court meetings for the remainder of 2012 to the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve and authorize County Judge to sign a letter to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) stipulating the County's preference of prospective regional anchors for the proposed Regional Healthcare Partnership (RHP) and confirming Aransas County being included in Region 4.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Letter inserted)

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Judge Mills presented for recording in the Commissioners' Court Minutes Commissioners Education Certificate of Completion in 2011 from the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas for County Commissioner Charles Smith.

(Certificate inserted)

OFFICIAL BOND

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve public official bond for Meredith N. Yarnell, JP#2 Court Clerk.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Bond inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

There were no budget line item transfers presented by County Auditor Kirk.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline 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

Judge Mills introduced Pat Rousseau the new Deputy Treasurer - Human Resources.

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

There were none.

PRESS QUESTIONS

There were none.

The Court entered into closed session at 9:44 a. m. as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to discuss real estate negotiations, including Tiger Field; 551.072 to discuss and review current litigation issues; and resumed Open Meeting at 10:01 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve up to \$2,000.00 in additional legal expense to facilitate the possible use of Tiger Field for youth activities. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

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

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

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