

MINUTES OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
WORKSHOP MEETING - MAY 24, 2010

On the 24th day of May, 2010, there was a Workshop 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; Howard Murph, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and June Gregory, Chief Deputy, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were Richard P. Bianchi, County Attorney; Dee Oliver, County Treasurer; Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; James Jackson, Environmental Health; Bill Mills, Sheriff and Jeri D. Cox, Tax Assessor-Collector.

The Meeting was convened at 9:10 a.m. WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had and done to wit:

BUDGET - JANUARY THROUGH APRIL, 2010

Discussion was held on the budget for the months of January through April, 2010. Lezlie Kirk, Auditor, presented a Statement of Revenues - Budget VS. Actual and the report of Sources & Uses of Funds 2010 Budget. Commissioner Smith questioned Kirk about income sources, and noted that the sales tax revenue was down. Ms. Kirk stated that the sales tax income is down for this period, however, it usually goes up during the summer months. The Fines and Forfeitures listed under income are not within our control as in November and December collections are down due to the holiday season. Commissioner Chaney questioned transfers. These are not revenues, as money will be transferred from the general fund to budget items as needed. Interest income is up from what is budgeted for the year. Commissioner Smith stated that looking at the figures for income and expenditures for the first quarter of the year, the County may be looking at a shortfall of approximately \$500,000.00 for the year. Discussion was held on solutions for the shortfall such as cutting back on expenditures, personnel hiring freezes, and having workers take a day off without pay. Ms. Kirk stated that the County may need to quit funding some items. Dee Oliver, Treasurer, stated that she received a letter from the State Comptroller that the County's portion of sales tax will be up due to an error by an electrical company. Reimbursement for this error will be coming. Also, Ms. Oliver stated that the County was audited and that the County received an exemplary rating. The Court requested that the auditor prepare a report comparing three previous years collections and expenditures with the figures for 2010. The Sheriff was questioned about the opening date for the

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northbound weigh station and the status of inmates in the jail. Commissioner Chaney requested a report of expenditures and income on the weigh station.

(Reports inserted)

Jeri Cox, Tax Assessor-Collector, presented the Aransas County Monthly Levy Report for the month of April, 2010 showing a lower collection rate than last year at this time.

(Report inserted)

Other budget workshop sessions will be called to keep the Court up with the 2010 budget income and expenditures.

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

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

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