

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR MEETING - JULY 12, 2010

On the 12th day of July, 2010, there was an Special Meeting of the Commissioner' Court in the Courthouse, Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, with the following members present: C. H. "Burt" Mills, Jr., County Judge; Leslie "Bubba" Casterline, Commissioner, Precinct 2; Charles Smith, Commissioner, Precinct 3; Howard Murph, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and Peggy L. Friebele, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were Richard P. Bianchi, County Attorney; Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; Dee Oliver, County Treasurer; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; Gene Johnson, Airport Manager; David Reid, Drainage Engineer; Pam Heard, District Clerk; Jeri D. Cox, Tax Assessor-Collector; Susan Perez, IT Director; and James Jackson, Environmental Health Director.

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:

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Murph to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 30, 2010 with one change to page 3, three invoices pending instead of two under CIAP item.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

None.

WAL-MART GRANT - LIBRARY

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve request of Library to use the \$500.00 Wal-Mart grant for children's programs.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

2009 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT PRESENTATION

Michael A. Arnold, CPA and outside auditor for the County did not have the 2009 fiscal year audit ready for presentation.

PRESENTATION - AQUARIUM EDUCATION CENTER REQUIREMENTS

Jerry Lewis, President, Aquarium of Rockport Harbor, gave an extensive report on the proposed contract/element requirements for the Aquarium. One area of concern is the elevation that will need to be raised up to seven feet (7'). This one item could result in the cost being larger than originally expected.

(Requirements inserted)

PRESENTATION - COASTAL BEND REGIONAL WATER RESCUE PROGRAM

Captain Brent Casey made a presentation on a proposed rescue organization to be called "Coastal Bend Regional Water Rescue." Captain Casey stated he was just asking for the County's blessing on the organization - not money.

(Presentation inserted)

BID - CIAP GRANT PROJECTS

County Auditor Kirk stated only one bid was received - Grant Connections.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to accept bid award for development and administration/management activities for 2007-2010 Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) grant projects.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

AMENDMENT - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve amendment No. 2 to contract No. 728011 for Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TXCDBG) between the Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA) and Aransas County.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Amendment inserted)

AMENDMENT - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve amendment No. 3 to contract No. 728025 for Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TXCDBG) between the Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA) and Aransas County.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Amendment inserted)

SURPLUS VEHICLE - ROCKPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to table approval of trading County surplus vehicle to Rockport Volunteer Fire Department.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

RADAR UNIT - DPS

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve purchase of a new radar unit for the Department of Public Safety for \$3,460.00 from DEA funds with Sheriff's approval to use DEA funds.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

VENUE TAX - RESOLUTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Murph and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to table approval of a Resolution establishing a venue tax fund, a start date for collection of venue tax, the venue tax rate, and collection procedures.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

OFFICIAL BOND

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve official public bond continuation certificate on James S. Jackson, Director of Environmental Health.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COUNTY TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve County Treasurer's Report for June 2010.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

INDIGENT HEALTH CARE EXPENDITURES

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve indigent health care expenditures for the month of June 2010.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Expenditures inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

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

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Transfers inserted)

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Murph to approve accounts payable.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

FEE REPORTS

County Auditor Kirk read June 2010 fee reports received from Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1; Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2; District Clerk; County Clerk; and Sheriff.

(Report inserted)

2010 BUDGET

County Auditor Kirk gave the Court a "first look" at the 2011 budget submitted by Department Heads. A budget workshop is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on July 20th. She has not received the ad valorem figures yet. Although the budget looks better than it did this time last year, it will still need to be trimmed down to prevent raising taxes. Ms. Kirk asked the Court to look over the budget and talked with the Department Heads prior to the workshop.

The Court entered into closed session at 10:53 a.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.072 to discuss County acquisition of 212-214 N. Live Oak, 211 N. Magnolia, and 301 N. Magnolia; and resumed Open Meeting at 11:27 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:

ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to authorize an update on the appraisal of 311 N. Magnolia.

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 Murph.

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

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