

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR MEETING - JULY 27, 2011

On the 27th day of July, 2011, there was a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' 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; Russel Cole, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and Peggy L. Friebele, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were Richard P. Bianchi, County Attorney; Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; Dee Oliver, County Treasurer; Alma Cartwright, Chief Deputy County Treasurer; Bill Mills, Sheriff; David Vyoral, Road Administrator; James Jackson, Director of Environmental Health; Pam Heard, District Clerk; Gene Johnson, Airport Manager; Jeri D. Cox, Tax Assessor-Collector; and Justin Cook, IT Director.

The Meeting was convened at 2:00 p.m. at which time a quorum was declared by Judge Mills, WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had and done to wit:

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

None.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 11, 2011 and Special Meeting of July 13, 2011.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

LEASE - AIRPORT PROPERTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve lease with Williams Brothers for approximately one acre on airport property south of John Wendell Road.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Lease agreement inserted)

CLOSING COSTS - 301 N. Magnolia

Motion was made by Commissioner Cole and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve increasing the amount of closing costs for the purchase of the property at 301 N. Magnolia by an additional \$734.53.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS - CEDAR BAYOU PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve accepting tax deductible donations payable to Aransas County for the Cedar Bayou Project.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

Judge Mills reported the Corps of Engineers permit was mailed to Aransas County on Monday.

RESOLUTION - COUNTY TREASURER

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Resolution #R25-2011 authorizing signatures on bank accounts and electronic banking services (Alma Cartwright and Lezlie Kirk) with American Bank effective August 1, 2011.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Resolution inserted)

RESOLUTION - SAFE DEPOSIT BOX

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Resolution #R26-2011 authorizing signatures (Alma Cartwright, Peggy Friebele, Joy Dias) on American Bank safe deposit box effective August 1, 2011.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Resolution inserted)

JUROR REFUNDS

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize County Judge to sign letter to appoint Alma Cartwright as responsible person authorized to sign and request juror refunds from the State effective August 1, 2011.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATIONAL TRAINING

Judge Mills presented for recording in Commissioners' Court Minutes certificates of educational training from the V. G. Young Institute of County Government to the 77th Annual South Texas County Judges and Commissioners' Association Conference.

June 6-9, 2011, for Judge Burt Mills and Commissioner Jack Chaney.

(Certificates inserted)

PUBLIC OFFICIAL BOND

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve public official bond continuation certificate on Danielle Littleton, J.P.#2 Court Clerk. Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Bond inserted)

TREASURER'S QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve County Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ending June 30, 2011.

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 all 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 Smith and seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve the accounts payable including a bill in the amount of \$396.96 for Gulf Coast Paper and \$2,000.00 out of hotel-motel tax for the Lamar Fire Department (approved last year for La Mardi Gras advertising).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PRELIMINARY 2012 BUDGET

County Auditor Kirk presented a new proposed 2012 budget with a table of contents and a budget summary of the 2012 General Fund. Commissioner Smith stated the increase in fringe benefits needs to be looked at. Health care costs are up 22%. Commissioner Smith asked County Treasurer Oliver what can be done to address

this problem. Ms. Oliver stated the County could go out for bids to see if there are any lower priced insurance companies offering the same benefits the County currently has. It has been several years since this has been done. Discussion was also had regarding the jail commissary funds. Sheriff Mills informed Ms. Kirk there is an Attorney General opinion stating these funds do not go to the General Fund. Commissioner Casterline stated the expenses should go with the income; if the commissary is getting the income, they should also be paying the costs. Commissioner Smith also asked Ms. Kirk how much income should be budgeted in jail transportation; she stated \$60,000.00 to \$70,000.00.

(Summary inserted)

2011 EFFECTIVE & ROLLBACK TAX RATES

Tax Assessor-Collector Cox presented the notice that will be published in the Rockport Pilot on August 3, 2011. The 2011 effective tax rate is \$0.37025. Any rate over the 2011 effective tax rate requires two (2) public hearings. This is an increase from the 2010 rate of \$0.359783. The 2011 rollback rate is \$0.415033.

(Notice inserted)

COMMUNITY REPORTS

Judge Mills thanked Dee Oliver for her service to the County and Lynn and Bobby Edwards for all their work on the Cedar Bayou Project.

PRESS QUESTIONS

There were no press questions.

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

C. H. "BURT" MILLS, JR., COUNTY JUDGE

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