

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
SPECIAL MEETING - JULY 30, 2012

On the 30th day of July, 2012, there was a 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; Jack Chaney, Commissioner, Precinct 1; 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; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; Pam Heard, District Clerk; Bill Mills, Sheriff; Gene Johnson, Airport Manager; and David Vyoral, Road Administrator.

The Meeting was convened at 10:00 a.m. at which time a quorum was declared by County Judge Mills, WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had and done to wit:

The Court entered into closed session at 9:01 a. m. as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to discuss possible litigation with Attorney General concerning release of records; and resumed Open Meeting at 10:19 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:

LITIGATION - ATTORNEY GENERAL

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Cole to authorize filing suit against Attorney General on behalf of Aransas County, the Sheriff and his Chief Deputy in order to protect the phone and text message records of the Sheriff and Chief Deputy from unlimited disclosure; the County Attorney is instructed to direct this lawsuit to the safety of law enforcement personnel and third parties who may be identified through unlimited record disclosure, but strive to uphold the purpose of the Public Information Act; further authorize the expenditure of necessary costs of suit, not to exceed \$1,000.00.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

2012-2013 HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM PROPOSALS

Judge Mills recommended the County go with Option 3 and split the increase in costs with the employees. John Debler with GSM stated there was no co-pay for preventive checkups with this option so the employees would be saving money.

Commissioner Chaney made the motion to approve Option 2A, however the motion died for lack of a second.

County Clerk Friebele asked if employees would still be paying a co-pay for regular doctor's visits and Mr. Debler stated "yes." Commissioner Smith asked why the Court had to make such a "quick" decision on the health insurance. Mr. Debler stated TAC needed their selection by tomorrow.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve Option 3 and increase employee portion by one-half of the increase in costs (\$34.50).

Question. Motion carried with Commissioner Chaney voting "no." It is so ordered.

(Options inserted)

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

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

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