

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR MEETING - AUGUST 31, 2011

On the 31st day of August, 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; 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 P. Bianchi, County Attorney; Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; Bill Mills, Sheriff; David Vyoral, Road Administrator; James Jackson, Director of Environmental Health; Pam Heard, District Clerk; Gene Johnson, Airport Manager; David Reid, Drainage Engineer; Patrick Daly, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2; Patrick Flanigan, District Attorney; Jeri D. Cox, Tax Assessor-Collector; and Collin Jackson, Assistant 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 Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 2, 2011, Budget Workshop of August 4, 2011, Regular Meeting of August 8, 2011, Emergency Meeting of August 10, 2011, Public Hearing/Special Meeting of August 15, 2011, Special Meeting of August 19, 2011, and Public Hearing/Special Meeting of August 22, 2011.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

RETIREMENT - JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 2

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to accept letter from Patrick J. Daly, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, of his retirement effective midnight, August 31, 2011.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Letter inserted)

LIBRARY DONATION - USE

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve request of Library Director to use \$500.00 donation from Castaways for juvenile and young adult books.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

ROCKPORT-FULTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - HOTEL TAX

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Cole to accept Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce second quarter 2011 hotel occupancy tax funds expended.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

Diane Probst, Director of the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce told the Court she would be requesting additional hotel-motel tax funds for advertising in the slow months - November and December.

MARITIME MUSEUM - HOTEL-MOTEL TAX FUNDS

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Texas Maritime Museum request for an additional \$65,000.00 in hotel-motel tax funds for assistance in completing the education center.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Presentation inserted)

PRESENTATION - FRIENDS OF THE POOL

Commissioner Chaney reported the Aquatic Center is having financial problems. He has been going to the pool to see if it is being used and suggested to the Pool Committee that the focus needs changing. Pat Hopper, Director of the Friends of the Pool, spoke to the Court regarding their efforts to raise funds to help with the pool. She stated their effort will be pro tourist since the ACISD will no longer be using the pool.

(Friends of the Pool Update inserted)

Commissioner Smith asked if the problem with funding is keeping the pool open during the winter months. City Manager Tom Blazek stated it costs \$40,000.00 because of heating the pool, life guards, and other costs. The pool is open Tuesday through Saturday.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve additional \$20,000.00 contribution to the swimming pool to help offset the loss of Aransas County Independent School Contribution for this year only.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Aquatic Center intergovernmental inserted)

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to table approval of the 2012 intergovernmental cooperation agreements between Aransas County and the City of Rockport for animal control and dispatching services; Aquatic Center intergovernmental agreement was approved in the previous agenda item.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

NOTICE OF SALE

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to table authorization to publication of notice of sale of fractional interest in Lot 15, Block 386, Manning Subdivision and authorize County Judge to sell same at public auction.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

AUTHORIZED OFFICER

Motion was made by Commissioner Cole and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve adding Judge Mills as an "authorized officer" to the governmental client agreement for Aransas County, Texas with Wells Fargo Securities, LLC. Previously approved at a special meeting on August 19, 2011.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' SALARIES - 2012

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve adopting elected officials' salaries for 2012.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Salaries inserted)

2012 COUNTY BUDGET

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve adopting 2012 county budget.

Question. Motion carried with Commissioner Chaney voting "no."

It is so ordered.

EFFECTIVE TAX RATE FOR 2011

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve adopting the effective tax rate of \$0.37025 per \$100.00 value for the 2011 tax rate as per breakdown of rates

inserted below.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Breakdown inserted)

2011 TAX ROLL AND 2011 TAX LEVY

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve 2011 tax roll and 2011 tax levy.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

RESOLUTION - 2011 TAX ROLL AND 2011 TAX LEVY

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Resolution #R30-2011 for the 2011 tax roll and 2011 tax levy.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Resolution inserted)

2011-2012 TAX ASSESSMENT/COLLECTION INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve 2011-2012 tax assessment/collection interlocal agreements to be signed by County Judge when approved and submitted by taxing entities.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Agreements inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Cole 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 Casterline to approve the accounts payable.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COMMUNITY REPORTS

Judge Mills reported receipt of another Cedar Bayou donation bringing the total donations to five (5) so far.

PRESS QUESTIONS

Norma Martinez, Managing Editor of the Rockport Pilot, clarified the effective tax rate includes all rates.

The Court did not hold closed session.

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