

MINUTES OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
REGULAR MEETING - JUNE 24, 2013

On the 24th day of June, 2013, there was a Regular 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; Betty Stiles, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and Peggy L. Friebele, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were Richard Bianchi, County Attorney; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; Pam Heard, District Clerk; James Jackson, Director of Environmental Health; Bill Mills, Sheriff; David Vyoral, Road Administrator; David Reid, Drainage Engineer; Justin Cook, IT Director; and Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor.

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:

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 10, 2013 and Special Meeting of June 17, 2013.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

HOTEL/MOTEL TAX - EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve request from Education Foundation for up to \$5,000.00 in hotel/motel tax funds for marketing of shopping event on a reimbursement basis.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

DISASTER RECOVERY AGREEMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve entering into an agreement with Reliant Data, LLC to implement reliable disaster recovery and backup solutions for Aransas County at a cost of \$12,500.00.

After discussion regarding the length of time to implement this, Commissioner Smith amended his motion and Commissioner Chaney

seconded the amendment to approve entering into an agreement with Reliant Data, LLC to implement reliable disaster recovery and backup solutions for Aransas County at a cost of \$12,500.00 provided it is installed within sixty (60) days.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Agreement inserted)

RFP - UNIFIED COMMUNICATIONS PLATFORM

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to authorize IT Department to advertise and seek requests for proposals (RFPs) for a new unified communications platform for Aransas County.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

ORDER - OUTDOOR BURNING

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Commissioners' Court Order #0-19-2013 prohibiting outdoor burning in Aransas County.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Order inserted)

ORDER - LOCAL DISASTER AREA

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to disapprove Commissioners' Court Order #0-20-2013 declaring Aransas County a local disaster area and restricting fireworks.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

BIDS - USED GRADE ALL

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve request of Road and Bridge to seek bids for a used grade all.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PRELIMINARY CLOSING - ALLEYWAY IN MANNING ADDITION

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve preliminary closing of alleyway in Block 182, Manning Addition (Aransas Butane property).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE - REGULAR EMPLOYEES FY2014

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve FY2014 Holiday Schedule for regular Aransas County employees.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Schedule inserted)

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE - TRANSFER STATION FY2014

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve FY2014 Holiday Schedule for Transfer Station employees moving January 1, 2015 to the 2015 holidays.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Schedule inserted)

EDUCATION CERTIFICATES

Judge Mills presented for recording in the Commissioners' Court minutes Texas Association of Counties (TAC) certificates of completion (20 hours education instruction and 5 hours Public Funds Investment Act) each for Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer, and Susan Woodley, Chief Deputy Treasurer, at the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual County Treasurers' Continuing Education Seminar held May 13-16, 2013, in Austin, Texas.

(Certificates inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve 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 presented by Assistant County Auditor.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS &  
DEPARTMENT HEADS WHEREIN NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

County Treasurer Cartwright reported indigent health care expenditures are at 6.3%.

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

County Attorney Bianchi informed the Court of his status since he has declared his candidacy for County Court at Law Judge. He outlined the Court's options - take no action, replace him at any time or wait until after the November 2014 election. Both Commissioner Chaney and Commissioner Smith stated they saw no reason to go against the voters by replacing him at this time.

PRESS QUESTIONS

Norma Martinez with The Rockport Pilot asked if the agreement for disaster recovery should have been bid. The law has changed to a \$50,000.00 requirement for bidding. Road Administrator Vyoral stated professional services cannot even discuss the cost prior to reaching an agreement.

Ms. Martinez also questioned the Court's decision on the Transfer Station holidays. Commissioner Smith replied the Court wants to be consistent going forward and approve only the holidays for the next year and no the year after that.

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There was no closed session.

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

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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