

MINUTES FOR THE  
COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
REGULAR MEETING-AUGUST 26, 2013

On the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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, County Judge; Jack Chaney, Commissioner, Precinct 1; Leslie "Bubba" Casterline, Commissioner, Precinct 2; Charles Smith, Commissioner, Precinct 3; and Betty Stiles, Commissioner, Precinct 4.

Other County Officers present were Joy Dias, Chief Deputy for the County Clerk; Alma Cartwright, Treasurer; Lezlie Kirk, Auditor; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; Richard Bianchi, County Attorney; Jeri Cox, Tax Assessor-Collector ; Pam Heard, District Clerk, Gene Johnson, Airport Manager, Richard Thompson, Project Manager.

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

Per Commissioner Chaney, the agenda has a wrong date for The Budget Workshops. There was not a meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup>. It is corrected to the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve minutes from the Budget Workshop Meetings of August 7 & 8, 2013, the Regular Meeting of August 12, 2013, and Public Hearing of August 19, 2013.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Minutes Inserted)

RESOLUTION #R19-2013 AIRPORT MASTER PLAN

Mr. Gene Johnson spoke. Our cost to do this is \$20,000. It is a 90-10 share with TXDOT. Commissioner Stiles said she understood the Airport Advisory Board suggests we postpone this action for a year or more. Mr Johnson said the money is available now and he would not be sure if we waited, that we could get the money.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Resolution #R19-2013 to proceed with a Master Plan for the Aransas County Airport and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents related to said Master Plan Study. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

**Resolution Inserted**

**ELECTED OFFICIALS' SALARIES 2014**

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve adopting/setting Elected Officials' Salaries for 2014. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

**2014 BUDGET**

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve adopting the 2014 County Budget. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

**EFFECTIVE TAX RATE-2014**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve adopting and to apply the Effective Tax Rate of \$0.375276 per \$100 value for the 2013 Tax Rate as follows:

0.052576 for COUNTY AD VALOREM INTEREST & SINKING  
0.000900 for MOSQUITO CONTROL  
0.245596 for COUNTY M&O GENERAL FUND  
0.060053 for ROAD & BRIDGE/FLOOD CONTROL: 81.52% to ROAD & BRIDGE M&O & 18.48% to FLOOD M&O.  
0.016151 for FLOOD CONTROL INTEREST & SINKING

Question. Motion carried unanimously  
It is so ordered.

**2013 TAX ROLL AND LEVY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the 2013 Tax Roll and 2013 Tax Levy. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

**RESOLUTION #R20-2013 TAX ROLL AND LEVY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Resolution #R20-2013 for the 2013 Tax Roll and 2013 Tax Levy.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

(Resolution Inserted)

**NAVIGATION TAX RATE LEVY 2013**

Keith Barrett, Harbor Master was asked by Commissioner Stiles about the bulk heading at Cove Harbor. Mr. Barrett indicated they are only in the engineering phase of this project. It is not in the 2014 Budget. Commissioner Smith asked how they are funding this project. Mr. Tommy Moore assured the court it will be funded legally when and if it comes to the funding.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the Aransas County Navigation District (ACND) Tax Rate Levy for 2013.  
Question. Motion did not carry unanimously. Commissioner Smith voted no.  
It is so ordered.

(Letter and Budget Inserted)

**QUARTERLY REPORT FOR FRIENDS OF THE HISTORY CENTER**

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve The Friends of the History Center for Aransas County Second Quarter 2013 Report.  
Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

(Report Inserted)

**MEALS ON WHEELS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Resolution #R21-2013 authorizing County Grant for Home-Delivered Meals Program (Council on Aging "Meals on Wheels").  
Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

(Resolution Inserted)

**RELEASE OF DRIVERS' RECORDS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve and authorize the County Judge to sign an agreement for Release of Drivers Records to

Governmental Entities with the Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Agreement Inserted)

**EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL**

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Employee Health Insurance Renewal Confirmation/Adoption Agreement and Certificate of Resolution #R22-2013 for the premium only plan with an effective date of October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Agreement and Resolution Inserted)

**LEASE AGREEMENT CITY OF ARANSAS PASS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve and authorize County Judge to sign a lease agreement with The City of Aransas Pass for property situated at the north end of Conn Brown Harbor for an approved Aransas Pathways Venue (AP) 036 Fowler Lake Kayak Launch)

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Agreement Inserted)

**PAINTINGS FROM AQUARIUM EDUCATION CENTER**

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Declaring as surplus two (2) paintings from the Aquarium Education Center for inclusion in an upcoming auction to be conducted by the Aquarium at Rockport Harbor, Inc to benefit the ongoing operations and maintenance of the Aquarium Education Center.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Insert)

**FORRES MEADOWS AUCTIONEER CONTRACT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve and authorize County Judge to sign a contract with Forres Meadows Auctioneer, Inc., DBA Texasbid.com for disposal of surplus County Property.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Contract Inserted)

**SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR AUCTION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded Commissioner Smith to approve Declaring

County Auditor's list of Property as surplus to be sold at Public Auction.  
Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

(List Inserted)

**HARLEY DAVISON MOTORCYCLE**

Sheriff Mills gave an estimate of 4 to \$5,000 value of the motorcycle  
Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve declaring a 1970 Harley Davison Motorcycle (VIN #5A25600H0 Texas L. P 3NP626 awarded in Cause #A-13-0097 CV-B) as surplus and available for disposal by Sheriff's Office.  
Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

**U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the Distribution of \$103,429.00 of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Refuge Revenue Sharing Act annual payments to Local Governments for lands under their Administration for Fiscal Year 2012 received in 2013.  
Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

(Graph Inserted)

**COUNTY AIRPORT STAGING AREA FOR AEP**

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve and Authorize County Judge to sign a License Agreement- Temporary Staging Area with AEP Texas Central Company (AEP) to use certain locations on Aransas County Airport land as temporary staging area in order to provide continued electrical service in an emergency.  
Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

(Agreement Inserted)

**BOND**

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Public Official Bond Continuation Certificate for Joyce Reyes, Deputy District Clerk.  
Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

(Bond Inserted)

**CONTINUING EDUCATION**

Report receipt of and Record in minutes of Commissioners' Court, Certificate of completion

from V.G. Young Institute of County Government/Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service for Leslie E. Casterline, County Commissioner Precinct 2, to the 79<sup>th</sup> annual South Texas County Judges' and Commissioners' Association Conference held June 10-13 2013, in Corpus Christi TX.

(Certificate Inserted)

**BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Budget Line Item Transfers.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Transfers inserted)

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Accounts Payable.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

**REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS & AND DEPT HEADS**

Alma Cartwright reminded everyone of open enrollment on this coming Tuesday and Wednesday.

Commissioner Chaney was happy to say the Copano Bay Drainage project was now completed.

**REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

There were none.

**PRESS QUESTIONS**

There were none.

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned on a motion made by Commissioner Smith and 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