

MINUTES OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - JANUARY 23, 2012

On the 23rd day of January, 2012, 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; Russel Cole, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and Peggy L. Friebele, County Clerk. Other County Officers present were Richard Bianchi, County Attorney; Patrick Flanigan, District Attorney; James Jackson, Environmental Health; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; David Vyoral, Road Administrator; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; James Jackson, Director of Environmental Health; David Reid, Drainage Engineer; Justin Cook, IT Director; Bill Mills, Sheriff; and 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.

PRESENTATION - MARY LUCILLE JACKSON

Judge Mills read a Resolution from the State of Texas (No. 11R264) and the Honorable Todd Hunter, District 32 State Representative, in tribute to Mary Lucille Jackson's life and extending sincere sympathy to the members of her family; to her daughters, Kelly Biar and her husband, Scott, and Mandy Ahr; to her grandchildren, Andrew, Jeremy, Carina, and Braden Biar and Oliver Snyder; to her brothers, N. F. Jackson, Jr., John Jackson, and Robert Jackson; to her brother-in-law, Eric Humphries; to her sister-in-law, Debbie Jackson; and to her other relatives and friends.

(Resolution inserted)

PRESENTATION - FORFEITURE PROCEEDS

District Attorney Patrick Flanigan presented Aransas County's portion of forfeiture proceeds for drug treatment and prevention. Although not required by law, Flanigan presented a \$4,500.00 check to be used for drug treatment and prevention and recommended Charlie's Place.

PRESENTATION - FORFEITURE & HOT CHECK BUDGETS FOR 2012

District Attorney Patrick Flanigan presented the forfeiture and hot check budgets for 2012.

(Budget inserted)

Commissioner Chaney suggested a workshop be held on the Court's role in forfeiture funds. Flanigan agreed with the idea and

recommended the County Auditor be included in the workshop. He stated all his forfeiture funds go through the County Auditor in San Patricio County.

ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Cole and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 9, 2012.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

BIDS - 2012 ROAD MATERIALS

Road Administrator Vyoral told the Court all the bids were high this year, particularly the pipe which was 47% higher.

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to award bids for 2012 road materials.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Bids inserted)

ROCKPORT ART ASSOCIATION - REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Cole and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the Rockport Art Association, Inc. Fourth Quarter 2011 hotel occupancy tax funds expended.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

TEXAS MARITIME MUSEUM - REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve the Texas Maritime Museum Fourth Quarter 2011 hotel occupancy tax funds expended.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

ARANSAS COUNTY'S FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITY STATEMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the adoption of Aransas County's Fair Housing Activity Statement - Texas Work Group prepared in conjunction with the disaster recovery program, round 2.2, funding cycle.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Statement inserted)

CONTRACT - ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve and authorize County Judge to sign the administrative management services contract between Aransas County and GrantWorks, inc. for the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Contract Number 711215.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Contract inserted)

CONTRACT - WEST TULE CREEK

Motion was made by Commissioner Cole and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve and authorize County Judge to sign the Naismith Engineering, Inc. Contract with Fox Construction for the West Tule Creek Water Quality Enhancement Project.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Contract inserted)

2011 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT LIST

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve adding Channel "A" at the Union Pacific Railroad Drainage Improvements Project to the 2011 capital improvements project list.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PART-TIME TECHNICIAN - IT DEPARTMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve request of IT Director to hire a part-time technician.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS BOND

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve public official bond continuation certificate on Melissa Rogers, Deputy District Clerk.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Bond inserted)

DISPOSAL OF STRUCTURE(S) 301 N MAGNOLIA

Commissioner Chaney informed the Court the Aransas County Historical Society does not want this house torn down.

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to declare the structure located at 301 N. Magnolia Street, Rockport, Texas surplus authorize County Judge to negotiate its disposal.

Question. Motion carried with Judge Mills abstaining.

It is so ordered.

DUMPSTERS - LIVESTOCK SHOW

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve supplying two (2) dumpsters for the Aransas - San Patricio Livestock Show.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PRECINCT 4 POLLING PLACE

Motion was made by Judge Mills and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to authorize County Clerk to apply to Justice Department for permission to move Precinct 4 Polling Place from Fulton 4-5 Learning Center to new AgriLife Building.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

REDISTRICTING

Judge Mills acknowledged receipt of a letter of preclearance issued by the Department of Justice on January 6, 2012 for the 2010 submission of new Commissioners' Court, Justice of the Peace and Election Precincts and the submission documents for recording in the Commissioners' Court Minutes.

(Preclearance inserted)

2011 GOLD LEADERSHIP CIRCLE AWARD

Judge Mills acknowledged receipt of a 2011 Gold Leadership Circle Award earned by Aransas County the second year in a row and awarded by the Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle Program for recording in the Commissioners' Court Minutes.

(Award inserted)

2011 SAFETY AWARD

Judge Mills acknowledged receipt of a notice from the Texas Association of Counties of congratulations to Aransas County for successfully completing the 2011 Safety Award Criteria for recording in the Commissioners' Court Minutes.

(Award inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

No budget line item transfers were presented; County Auditor Kirk was not present at the meeting.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve the accounts payable presented by Assistant County Auditor including two (2) additional bills not shown on run sheet.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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

FEE REPORT

Linda Garcia, Executive Assistant to the County Judge, read the fee reports received from Justice of the Peace, Precincts 1 and 2, District Clerk, County Clerk and Sheriff for the month of December 2011.

(Reports inserted)

Judge Mills introduced Richard Thompson, the Pathways Project Manager; County Attorney Bianchi corrected Judge Mills pointing out that Mr. Thompson is the Countywide Project Manager.

Sheriff Mills reported he has received two (2) new vehicles purchased for Stonegarden. This is the last year for these grants.

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

There were none.

PRESS QUESTIONS

There were none.

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The Court did not hold closed session.

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

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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