

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - NOVEMBER 8, 2010

On the 8th day of November, 2010, there was an 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; Howard Murph, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and June Gregory, Chief Deputy, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were Richard P. Bianchi, County Attorney; Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; David Vyoral, Road Administrator; Dee Oliver, County Treasurer; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; Gene Johnson, Airport Manager; David Reid, Drainage Engineer; Justin Cook, Assistant IT Director; Iris Sanchez,, County Library Director and James Jackson, Environmental Health Director.

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.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 27, 2010 after corrections are made and the minutes of the Special Meeting of October 29, 2010.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

LIBRARY GRANT

Motion was made by Commissioner Murph and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve request of Library to apply for a grant of \$700.00 from Christina B. Woll Memorial Fund to be used for children's books.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Judy Sanders spoke to the Court about the development of a community garden site for families who would benefit the most from having garden space. Ms. Sanders had already done research on the internet suggested guide lines and bylaws pertaining to such a project. She showed the Court a proposed drawing of space needed for each family to grow some their own food. At present, she is researching for location for such a project and asked for the Courts permission to continue studying the need for a Community Garden.

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize the study by Judy Sanders how many households in Aransas County would be interested in a free garden spot (aka Community Garden).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT - DISASTER RECOVERY

Betty Collier from GrantWorks talked to the Court about the South Rockport Regional Drainage Improvement Project. This project affects the streets of Pearl, Ann and Bronte, which are in both city and county boundaries. This project has already been turned in but she needed to come before the Court to present clarification in the verbiage of the agreement. the Court on a motion by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith voted to approve the intergovernmental agreement between Aransas County and the City of Rockport related to the disaster recovery supplemental round 2 phase 1 application.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Agreement inserted)

ECOTOURISM/HISTORICAL PROJECT

De McLallen, Chairman of the Aransas Pathways Committee, spoke to the Court on the Aransas Pathways Project. His presentation stated the intention of the project is to develop, document resources, link sites via real and virtual pathways for visitors and residents alike to this areas natural, historical and cultural resources. Costs of this project may be accomplished from the Venue Tax and the Hotel Occupancy Tax.

(Presentations inserted)

AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE BUILDING - BIDS

Lezlie Kirk, Auditor, reported that five bids were received for the new building and all came in too high. The Court may go out for new bids later.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to reject the bids received for construction of the new Agrilife Extension Service Office building.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Bids inserted)

BIDS - LEASE ON AIRPORT PROPERTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Murph to award bid for the lease of approximately 1.860 acres on

Aransas County Airport property to Petroleum Helicopters, Inc. at a bid of \$1,300.00 per month, two year lease with one year option. PHI may come back the Court for approval on adjacent property for a parking lot.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Bid inserted)

COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT

Richard Bianchi, County Attorney, stated that the county has the contract and the grant, subject to approval pending completion of surveys.

Motion made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve and authorize County Judge to sign Coastal Management Program (CMP) Grant Agreement for funds to purchase a 9.893 acre tract at 1001 Henderson Street.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Agreement inserted)

BIDS - ROAD AND BRIDGE MATERIALS 2011

Motion was made by Commissioner Murph and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve request of Road and Bridge Department to go out for 2011 material bids.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FEES - 2011

Suggestion was made to show only county permit fees and simplify the transfer station rates. The only changes made were to increase the food service fee permit from \$320.00 to \$420.00 and not charge for a Foster Home Inspection.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Murph to approve proposed environmental health fees for 2011.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Fees inserted)

BIDS - REMOVAL OF SCRAP METALS AT TRANSFER STATION

No bids were received for the removal of scrap metals (recycling) accumulated at the Transfer Station. The County has been hauling their own metals.

INSURANCE POLICIES - TAC

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve renewal of Texas Association of Counties (TAC)

insurance policies (general liability, law enforcement liability, public officials liability, and automobile coverage).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

NAISMITH INVOICES - DRAINAGE STUDY

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Murph to authorize payment of Naismith Engineering invoices for drainage study totaling \$130,363.75 out of certificate of obligation funds allocated for the same and transfer of \$190,000.00 from courthouse land purchase line item to the drainage study line item within the county funds budget to cover said invoices.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PUBLIC OFFICIAL BOND

Motion was made by Commissioner Murph and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve public official bond continuation certificates on David J. Reid, P.E., County Drainage Engineer and John W. Mullan, Custodian.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Bonds inserted)

COUNTY TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Murph to approve County Treasurer's Report for October 2010.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

COUNTY TREASURER'S QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve County Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report for the Third Quarter 2010.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

INDIGENT HEALTH CARE EXPENDITURES

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve indigent health care expenditures for the month of October 2010.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Expenditures inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve budget line item transfers as 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 Murph to approve accounts payable.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

FEE REPORTS

County Auditor Kirk read October 2010 fee reports received from Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1; Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2; District Clerk; County Clerk; and Sheriff.

(Report inserted)

PRESS QUESTIONS

Norma Martinez asked the Court for a copy of the CMP grant agreement.

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

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

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