

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR MEETING - MAY 25, 2011

On the 25th day of May, 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; and Peggy L. Friebele, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were Richard P. Bianchi, County Attorney; Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; Dee A. Oliver, County Treasurer; Bill Mills, Sheriff; David Vyoral, Road Administrator; David Reid, Drainage Engineer; and James Jackson, Director of Environmental Health.

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

Zeke Romo with Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend thanked the Court for sponsoring six (6) local youths to the 5th Annual Texas Foster Youth and Leadership Conference; eight (8) youths from Aransas County attended. Aransas County was the only County that sponsored any of the youth. Mr. Romo presented the Court a framed certificate of appreciation.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 9, 2011 and Special Meeting of May 16, 2011.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

CANVASS BALLOTS - MAY 14, 2011 ELECTION

After canvassing the ballots, motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to adopt order confirming the results of the canvass of the May 14, 2011 Special Election.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Order inserted)

ROCKPORT CENTER FOR THE ARTS - PROPOSED BUDGET

Beverly Trifondis and John Martel with the Rockport Center for

the Arts appeared before Court to discuss their proposed budget. Ms. Trifondis discussed events held by the Center the last quarter of 2010 and the first quarter of 2011.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the Rockport Center for the Arts total proposed budget for January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 of hotel-motel funds.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Budget inserted)

CONNIE HAGAR DAY

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve designating June 14 (Connie Hagar's birthday) as Connie Hagar Day to be celebrated annually on the Saturday closest to her birthday in recognition of the contributions of the late Conger "Connie" Hagar to ornithology and the resulting popularity of birding in Aransas County.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

CONTRACTS - WESTLAW

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve two (2) contracts with Westlaw for Texas Calir Services for County Attorney's Office and authorize County Judge to sign the same.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Contracts inserted)

CABINET - COASTAL BEND TROOP SUPPORT, INC.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve one (1) additional county-owned wall mount cabinet to be donated to Coastal Bend Troop Support, Inc.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

SURPLUS PROPERTY BID

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve items for County Surplus so Texas Bid can list them for auction.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(List inserted)

COUNTY TREASURER - RETIREMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve accepting letter from Dee Oliver, County Treasurer, of her retirement effective July 31, 2011.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Letter inserted)

RELEASE OF LIEN - ATASCOSA PROPERTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to authorize County Judge to execute a release of lien on Atascosa property owned by Rebecca Roth Autry and Lynn Autry.

Question. Motion Carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Release inserted)

CONTRACT - AQUARIUM EDUCATION CENTER

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve contract for Aquarium Education Center audio-visual systems and authorize County Judge to sign the same.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Contract inserted)

MARKETING - AQUARIUM EDUCATION CENTER

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve marketing services with KRM Consulting for the Aquarium Education Center to be funded with hotel-motel tax funds rather than from venue tax as previously approved by the Court on May 16, 2011.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

CONTRACT - UNIFIRST CORPORATION

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to table approval of contract with Unifirst Corporation for uniforms.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

CONTRACT - ENGINEERING SERVICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve sewer line extension on Terry and Doughty (TCDP Contract No. 710019) contract for engineering services with Urban Engineering with amendment that no payment will be made under this contract to the contractor or subcontractor without Road Administrator approval.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Contract inserted)

CONTRACT - ENGINEERING SERVICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Colonia sewer line extension on Kossuth and Sabinal (TCDP Contract No. 710205) contract for engineering services with Urban Engineering with amendment that no payment will be made under this contract to the contractor or subcontractor without Road Administrator approval.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Contract inserted)

COUNTY CLERK - BUDGETED VACANT POSITION

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve request of County Clerk to fill a budgeted vacant position due to the upcoming retirement of June Gregory, Chief Deputy Clerk.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

EPOLLBOOKS PURCHASE

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve purchase of ePollBooks for all County precincts to be funded through HAVA grant funds, Chapter 19 funds, and the balance from the General Fund.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

AGREEMENT - FEDEX

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve agreement with Fedex for a drop-box at the Courthouse.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

BANK DEPOSITORY CONTRACT ORDER

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve bank depository contract order and collateral security agreement with American Bank requiring bank to give County notice on the same day they make a substitution of collateral.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Agreement inserted)

TRANSFER STATION - PART-TIME CASHIER

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve request of Environmental Health Director to fill a vacant budgeted part-time cashier position at the Transfer Station.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CERTIFICATE

Judge Mills presented for recording in the Commissioners' Court Minutes a certificate of completion of 2010 continuing education requirements for Leslie Casterline, County Commissioner Precinct 2 from the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas.

(Certificate inserted)

CONTINUING EDUCATION CERTIFICATE

Judge Mills presented for recording in the Commissioners' Court Minutes a certificate of completion from the V. G. Young Institute of County Government to the 30th Annual County Treasurers' Continuing Education Seminar held April 18-21, 2011 in Austin, Texas, for Dee Oliver, County Treasurer, and Alma Cartwright, Deputy County Treasurer.

(Certificate inserted)

PUBLIC OFFICIAL BOND

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve public official bond on Kristin Guerra, Deputy Tax Assessor-Collector and bond continuation certificate on Rick McLester, County Fire Marshall. Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Bonds inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney 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 Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the accounts payable including Walmart invoice.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PRESS QUESTIONS

Norma Martinez with The Rockport Pilot asked if the hotel-motel tax referenced in item 11 on the agenda concerning marketing services with KRM Consulting was addition to the 4% previously approved; Court's response was the 4% was budgeted for the Aquarium at Rockport not the Aquarium Education Center.

The Court entered into closed session at 2:51 p. m. as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to discuss real estate negotiations regarding the new Courthouse project and to discuss and review current litigation issues as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.072; and resumed Open Meeting at 2:56 p.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve purchase of 304 N. Live Oak St., Rockport, for \$19,000.00 from Rebecca Roth Autry under the terms of the unimproved property contract dated today for use with the new County courthouse project and authorize the County Judge to execute the contract and all documents necessary to finalize the purchase.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to authorize Judge Mills to execute a Motion to Non-Suit on behalf of Aransas County in Cause #CV-3205C and to take any other actions necessary to accomplish

the non-suit, after the final closing of the purchase of 304 N. Live Oak St., Rockport.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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