

ORIGINAL

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR MEETING - MAY 11, 2015

On the 11th day of May, 2015, 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; Betty Stiles, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and Valerie K. Amason, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were Richard Bianchi, County Court at Law Judge; Bill Mills, Sheriff; Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor;; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; Timilu Latham, Chief Deputy County Treasurer; Pam Heard, District Clerk; Lynn Doane, Administrative Assistant, County Judge's Office; David Reid, Drainage Engineer; John Strothman, Pathways Project Manager; Pat Rousseau, Human Resources Director; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; Collin Jackson, IT Director; David Vyoral, Road Administrator; Michael Geer, Airport Manager; and C. J. Wax, City of Rockport Mayor.

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

Pat Rousseau, Aransas County Human Resources Director presented data compiled from the Texas Association of Counties to Summarize the Worker's Compensation Claims and Expenses for the period of January

1, 2010 through December 31, 2014

(Insert)

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the following consent items:

1. Minutes from the Regular Commissioners' Court Meeting of April 27, 2015.
2. Appointment of Malcom Dieckow to the Storm Water Management Advisory Committee
3. Public Official Bond Continuation Certificate on Amanda Elizabeth Laferney, J.P.#1 Court Clerk.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Bond inserted)

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

4. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve The Aquarium at Rockport Harbor, Inc., First Quarter 2015 Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds Expended.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Insert)

5. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve The Friends of the History Center for Aransas County First Quarter Report for 2015.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Insert)

6. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Proclamation #P-05-2015 Designating the month of May, 2015 as "**National Preservation Month**".

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Proclamation inserted)

7. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to table this item.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the request of Airport Manager, Michael Geer for a landscaping project to create a flower/shrub garden on the north and south sides of the terminal building.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

9. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the request of Airport Manager, Michael Geer for his request to seek bids on a new Jet Fuel Truck.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

10. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Treasurer's Report for April, 2015.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

11. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the Indigent Health Care Report for April, 2015.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

12. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to table the Budget Line Item Transfer for the AgriLife Extension Request for Advertising/Legal Notices.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the \$75.00 Budget Line Item Transfer for Harry "Doc" Thomas, Constable, Precinct 1.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Approved Transfer inserted)

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

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Insert)

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

Fee Report read by **Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor.**

Commissioner Stiles stated we will be meeting with TXDOT next week and it looks like the lane closures for our new bridge will begin

Thursday or Friday depending on weather, so we should have access to the bridge this week.

Judge Mills reported the Sheriff called him over the weekend and he (Sheriff Mills) said that it may be as early as tomorrow.

The court entered into closed session at **9:37 a.m.** to discuss and review potential litigation issues and other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1)(a); and to discuss real estate negotiations, including Pathways Projects pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072; and resumed Open Meeting at **10:18 a.m.** with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:

DRAINAGE EASEMENTS & STORMWATER ITEMS

14. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Acquisition of 0.046 Acre Drainage Easement through the Old San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad Right-of-Way adjacent to South Highway 35 Business.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

(Insert)

15. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to table this item.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

16. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by

Commissioner Stiles to table this item.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

REPORT ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

None.

PRESS QUESTIONS

None.

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 10:20 a.m.
on a motion made by Commissioner Smith duly seconded by Commissioner
Stiles.

C. H. "BURT" MILLS, JR., COUNTY JUDGE

VALERIE K. AMASON, COUNTY CLERK &
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT