

ORIGINAL

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR MEETING - JANUARY 11, 2016

On the 11th day of January, 2016, 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 **Jerry Brundrett**, County Surveyor; **Kristen Barnebey**, County Attorney; **Timilu Latham**, Chief Deputy Treasurer; **Pam Heard**, District Clerk; **Lezlie Kirk**, County Auditor; **Linda Garcia**, Executive Assistant to the County Judge; **Collin Jackson**, IT Director; **Pat Rousseau**, Human Resources Director; **Carrie Arrington**, Office & Contracts Manager for the County Attorney's Office; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **David Reid**, Drainage Engineer; **James Jackson**, Environmental Health Director; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager; **Ronell Burke**, Chief Animal Control Officer; **Brian Olsen**, Unopposed Candidate for Precinct 3 Commissioner in upcoming Primary and General 2016 Elections; and **Thea Edmundson**, County Resident.

The Meeting was convened at 9:00 a.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

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

1. Minutes from the Regular Commissioners' Court Meeting of December 28, 2015 and Special Meeting of December 31, 2015.
2. Acknowledge receipt of and record in minutes of Commissioners' Court, 2015 Commissioner's Education Certificate of Completion for Betty Stiles, County Commissioner Precinct 4.
3. Acknowledge receipt of and record in minutes of Commissioners' Court, the 2015-2016 Continuing Education Transcript of Completion and Compliance with Texas Property Tax Code Section 6.231(d) for Jeri Cox, Tax Assessor.
4. Public Official Bond Continuation on Linda Doane, Administrative Assistant, County Judge's Office.

(Inserts)

5. Set the terms of Commissioners' Court for 2016 for the second and fourth Monday of each month (except when there is a holiday, it will be held on Tuesday), and except the month of August when Commissioners' Court will meet every Monday.

6. Set terms for Justice of the Peace Courts for the calendar year 2016 at one month terms beginning the fourth Monday of each month.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

BIDS, CONTRACTS & LEASES

7. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to authorize the County Judge to sign the 2016 Intergovernmental Agreement between Aransas County and the City of Rockport for Roads/Drainage.

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to authorize Airport Manager, Michael Geer, to request public bids on replacing one 18' x 75' hangar door.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

9. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to authorize Environmental Health to seek bids for Mosquito Control Chemicals for 2016.

(Inserts)

COUNTY REPORTS

10. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to **TABLE** approval of the Chamber of Commerce Fourth Quarter 2015 Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Funds Expended.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE ITEMS

12. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the Indigent Health Care Report for December, 2015.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

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

Lezlie Kirk read the fee report.

Commissioner Smith commented that Parks and Wildlife fees collected in Justice Court, Precinct 2 were extremely low.

Jerry Brundrett asked the court if Agenda Item #7 requires platting?

Judge Mills responded, no.

**REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST REGARDING
WHEREIN NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN**

There were none.

The Court entered into closed session at 9:12 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 10:02 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:

11. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the reclassification of Project Manager to a Pay Group 25. Position previously assigned to a Pay Group 24, but added responsibilities of position and market comparison require a higher pay group.

Motion carried with three Commissioners voting for and

Commissioner Casterline voting against.

It is so ordered.

PRESS QUESTIONS

Norma Martinez, Managing Editor for the Rockport Pilot:

Regarding Item #11, who voted against the motion?

Judge Mills responded, Commissioner Casterline.

*No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 10:03 a.m. on a motion made by
Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline.*

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

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