

MINUTES OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - MAY 23, 2016

On the 23rd day of May, 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; **Alma Cartwright**, Treasurer; **Bill Mills**, Sheriff; **Diana McGinnis**, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2; **Linda Garcia**, Executive Assistant to the County Judge; **Lynn Doane**, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge; **Suzy Wallace**; 1st Assistant County Auditor; **Timilu Latham**; Chief Deputy County Treasurer; **Collin Jackson**, IT Director; **Pat Rousseau**, Human Resources Director; **Carrie Arrington**, Office & Contracts Manager for the County Attorney's Office; **David Reid**, Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **James Jackson**, Environmental Health Director; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager; and **Lora Rios**, Juvenile Case Manager;

Members of Local City Government, Community Groups and other Interested Parties present were **James P. Allison** Attorney with Allison, Bass & Magee, LLP; **Robert V. Henderson**, Financial Advisor with RBC Capital Markets, San Antonio, Texas; **C. J. Wax**, Mayor, City of Rockport; **Pam Stranahan**, President, **Vicky**

Merchant, Ginger Smith, Linda Garcia, Lucretia Jones and **Kam Wagert**, Friends of the History Center for Aransas County; **Brian Olsen**, Unopposed Candidate for Precinct 3 Commissioner in upcoming 2016 General Election; **Ricky McLester**, Fire Marshall; **Roy Sarver** and **Russell Cole**, Rockport Residents; and **Norma Martinez**, Managing Editor of the Rockport Pilot Newspaper;

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 Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve:

1. Minutes from the Commissioners' Court Meetings of May 9, 2016.
2. Public Official Blanket Bond on the IT Department for Commercial Crime Coverage.
3. Public Official Bond Continuation on Rick McLester, Fire Marshall.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

COUNTY REPORTS & APPOINTMENTS

4. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the First Quarter 2016 report from the Friends of the History Center for Aransas County.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS & LEASES

5. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign an E-Filing Amendment to agreement between Tyler Technologies, Inc. and Aransas County which will allow District Judges and County Court at Law Judge to attach an electronic signature to court documents.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

6. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign a Contract for Debris Management Services with CrowderGulf, LLC.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE

7. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve acceptance of a donation from

(Inserts)

Aransas County Area Go Texan (AGT), presented by Israel Ruvalcaba, in the amount of \$150 to be used specifically for GED tuition for Juvenile Indigent Students.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve acceptance of a Grant Award of 30 video cameras with mounting devices, lighting equipment, batteries and cases from the Texas Family Violence Coalition to be distributed by the Aransas County District Attorney's office to Aransas County law enforcement in the pursuit of all crime including family and domestic violence.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

9. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the automatic extension of the expiration date for one year on the Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit #1973 from Prosperity Bank to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), said extension going through June 1, 2017. The letter of credit covers financial assurance of the Aransas County Transfer Station in the amount of \$10,200.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

10. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve declaring the County Auditor's

(Inserts)

2016 lists of property and vehicles as surplus to be sold at Public Auction.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

11. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to **TABLE** adopting Fund Balance.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

12. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Budget Line Item Transfers of which there were none.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS &

DEPARTMENT HEADS WHEREIN NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

Bill Mills suggested that the approval for initiating the E-Signature application for the courts would most likely help speed up the court pen packet process for defendants waiting for a transfer out of our facility.

(Inserts)

Sheriff Mills also announced that his department hosted a training academy here in Rockport and a great turnout resulted in 530 nights booked at our hotels and an increase in business for our local restaurants. In appreciation for the boost in our economy, the Chamber of Commerce presented the Sheriff's Department with an award and a \$100.00 certificate which will roll back into the training academy. He also announced that they plan to hold another event next year.

Commissioner Chaney expressed his appreciation to David Reid and his department for their prompt response to the flooding issues during recent rains.

Commissioner Stiles stated that she and others attended the State Republican Convention and wanted everyone to know that Aransas County stepped up to the plate in both caucuses, they did a good job and it was a lot of work.

Suzy Wallace read the fee report.

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

REGARDING WHICH NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

There were none.

The Court entered into closed session at 9:28 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 10:52 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 10:53 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles.

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

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