

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR MEETING - MARCH 13, 2017

On the 3th day of January, 2017, 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; **Brian Olsen**, 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; **Pam Heard**, District Clerk; **Jeri Cox**, Tax Assessor-Collector; **Lezlie Kirk**, County Auditor; **Bill Mills**, Sheriff; **Michele Bennett**, Elections Administrator; **Linda Garcia**, Executive Assistant to the County Judge; **Lynn Doane**, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge; **Suzy Wallace**; 1st Assistant County Auditor; **David Reid**, Road Administrator/Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Michelle Ganem**; Chief Deputy County Treasurer; **Jacky Cockerham**; Assistant County Auditor; **Collin Jackson**, IT Director; **Pat Rousseau**, Human Resources Director; **Carrie Arrington**, Office & Contracts Manager for the County Attorney's Office; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **Valerie Gonzalez**, Interim Environmental Health Director; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager; **Diana Espinoza**, Drainage Engineer; **Iris Sanchez**, Library Director; **Roman Cortez**, Deputy Chief/Jail Operations and Grievance Officer; **David Klanika**, Lieutenant/Jail Administrator; **Ronell Burke**, Chief Animal Control Officer;

Members of Local City Government, Community Groups and other Interested Parties present:

De McLallen, Aransas County Appraisal District Chairman of the Board of Directors;

Mike Probst, Editor and Publisher 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

Amanda Torres, Community Planner for City of Rockport present for an Update of Aransas County Floodplain Management Plan. Amanda stated that there are four goals and objectives: 1) Protecting and using resources through regulatory standards; 2) Protect property through preventative measures; 3) Create and coordinate flood preparedness and response strategy; 4) Create and coordinate an infrastructure plan for all jurisdictions.

At the next update we will have the completed draft action plan for your review and comments so if you see anything now that needs changes please let me know.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve:

1. Minutes from the Commissioners' Court Workshop Meeting of February 14, 2017 and the Regular Meeting of February 27, 2017.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

2. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court the 2016 Certificates of Continuing Education, Investment Education and Public Funds Investment Act Education.
3. Resolution #R-07-2017 supporting HB 2690 by Representative Geanie Morrison that will allow for increased funding for the CEPRA (Coastal Erosion Protection and Response Act) Program through the dedication of a portion of the State Hotel Occupancy tax from coastal counties to the General Land Office.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COUNTY ROADS

4. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve distributing Ballots to South lake Road Neighborhood residents for a vote on proposed road improvements and assessment of cost with three years to pay.

Question. Motion carried with Commissioner Stiles abstaining.

It is so ordered.

5. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve distributing Ballots to Lara

(Inserts)

Garza Road Neighborhood residents for a vote on proposed road improvements and assessment of cost with five years to pay.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

6. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve accepting proposal from Hanson Professional Services, Inc. to design and prepare construction documents for Palm Harbor Drainage Improvements with the requirement that Kristen Barnebey, County Attorney review proposal before the Court signs it.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

7. This item went into closed session.

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve authorizing Road & Bridge to install a new stop sign at the intersection of 12th Street and Ft. Worth Street.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE

9. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Animal Control Adoption Fees of \$300 for horses and other large animals.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

10. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by

(Inserts)

Commissioner Chaney to approve the Treasurer's Report for December 2016.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

11. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the Treasurer's 4th Quarter End of Year 2016 Investment Report.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

12. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve Treasurer's Report for January 2017.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

13. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve Indigent Health Care Report for February 2017.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

14. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Resolution R-03-2017 approving Aransas County Investment Policy (yearly review).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

15. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Resolution R-04-2017 approving Investment Officers.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

(Inserts)

It is so ordered.

16. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Resolution R-05-2017 approving Broker/Deal list (adding FTN Financial).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

17. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve authorizing the County Treasurer to sign all necessary documents to establish an account with FTN Financial.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

18. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign Resolution #R-06-2017 amending authorized representatives with TexPool.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

19. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve a Budget Line Item Transfer from the General Fund to pay Aransas County's grant match for the St. Charles Bay Boat Ramp.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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

(Inserts)

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

21. 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

Lezlie Kirk read the fee report.

Pat Rousseau announced that the Discrimination and Harassment training classes, to be presented by Texas Association of Counties, previously set for February will be held March 28th and 29th and she has sent out reminders and if you have questions please let me know.

The Court entered into closed session at 9:17 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 10:26 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:

7. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve acquisition of 3.5 acres of land along N. Burton Right of Way to be used for drainage improvements at a purchase price of \$35,000.

Question. Motion carried with Judge Mills abstaining.

It is so ordered.

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 9:18 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney.

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

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