

MINUTES OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - APRIL 24, 2017

On the 24th day of April, 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; **Lezlie Kirk**, County Auditor; **Bill Mills**, Sheriff; **Lynn Doane**, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge; **Suzy Wallace**; 1st Assistant County Auditor; **Michelle Ganem**; Chief Deputy County Treasurer; **Melissa Bolt**, Chief Deputy District Clerk; **Collin Jackson**, IT Director; **Pat Rousseau**, Human Resources Director; **Valerie Gonzalez**, Interim Environmental Health Director; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager; **Diana Espinoza**, Drainage Engineer; **David Reid**, Road Administrator/Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Rene Butler**, Maintenance Director; and **Iris Sanchez**, Library Director;

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

Luis Puron, Executive Director of the Rockport Center for the Arts;

Christopher Mace, President of the Rockport Aquarium 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

There were none.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

1. Minutes from the Commissioners' Court Regular Meeting of April 10, 2017.
2. Three Public Official Bonds on Kristen Barnebey for District Attorney, County Attorney, and County Attorney with Felony Responsibilities.
3. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the Minutes of Commissioners' Court Certificate of Completion for AOP (Acknowledgment of Paternity) Recertification for Valerie K. Amason, County Clerk.
4. Proclamation #P-03-2017 designating the month of May, 2017 as "Elder Abuse Prevention Month".

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COUNTY REPORTS

5. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the Big Bear Roofing quote for new roof at the Library.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.
6. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the HOT Funds Report for the Rockport Center for the Arts.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.
7. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve HOT Funds Report for the Aquarium at Rockport Harbor.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

COUNTY ROADS

8. Declaration of ballot results for proposed road improvements and assessment for South Lake Drive neighborhood with a majority of property owners voting in favor of improvements.
9. Declaration of ballot results for proposed road improvements and assessment for Lara Garza Road neighborhood with a majority of property owners voting in favor of improvements.

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE

10. Motion was made by Judge Mills and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve the revision of the Reporting for Duty schedule for the Human Resources Director.

Question.

Commissioner Stiles voted in favor of the motion and Commissioner's Chaney and Casterline voted against. Motion was passed. It is so ordered.

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

Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

12. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline 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

Betty Stiles reported that there will be a ribbon cutting for the new Copano Bay Bridge on May 1, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. on the South side. We invited Blake Fahrenthold who is planning to attend; Senator Kolkhurst said she could not make it, but would send a representative; and as of yet I have not heard back from Jeannie Morrison.

Jerry Brundrett stated that he is overwhelmed with the presentations made today by Rockport Center for the Arts and the Aquarium at Rockport Harbor. I think we are so blessed to have these kinds of programs, including the Historical Society, Pathways and others. I am so thrilled with the volunteers that are willing to donate their time and make the quality of our

lives so much better in this community. I just want to thank them for all they do.

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 9:38 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen.

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

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