

MINUTES OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

PUBLIC HEARING - MAY 9, 2016

On the 25th day of April, 2016, there was a Public Hearing 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 **Alma Cartwright**, County Treasurer; **Lynn Doane**, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge; **Collin Jackson**, IT Director; **David Reid**, Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **James Jackson**, Environmental Health Director;

Members of Local City Government, Community Groups and other Interested Parties present were **Brian Olsen**, Unopposed Candidate for Precinct 3 Commissioner in upcoming 2016 General Election; **Sandy Gregory Bridges**, candidate for appointment to the 2016 Aransas County Historical Commission; **Tom Callan**, Director at Large, Aransas County Groundwater Conservation District.

The Meeting was convened at **8:45 a.m.** at which time a quorum was declared by Judge Mills, WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had and done to wit:

ITEM FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

James Jackson, Environmental Health Director, joined by his employee, Valerie Gonzales, were present for Public Comments on

the proposed Order Regarding the Regulation of Food Establishments including food service establishments, retail food stores, mobile food units, temporary food establishments, and roadside food vendors.

Judge Mills stated that changes to the current regulations include the addition of mobile food units and roadside food vendors to the list of businesses required to obtain permitting. Mr. Jackson said the biggest change taking place is that we will require food handler training inside the unincorporated county along with pre-master certification. Commissioner Smith asked Mr. Jackson if he patterned the Order after ones adopted in other counties and he replied that this was a state model.

Commissioner Chaney asked if there were time limits on Non-Profit vendors. Mr. Jackson stated there are no time limits but they still had to meet state standards and also that they are not required to purchase a permit.

There was discussion on the effects of these changes on our food vendors in the local Market Day's events. Ms. Gonzales explained that all of these vendors have annual permits, so they are in compliance.

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 9:53 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline.

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

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