

MINUTES OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - JUNE 26, 2017

On the 26th day of June, 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 **Kristen Barnebey**, County Attorney; **Alma Cartwright**, Treasurer; **Pam Heard**, District Clerk; **Jeri Cox**, Tax Assessor-Collector; **Suzy Wallace**, Interim County Auditor; **Bill Mills**, Sheriff; **Linda Garcia**, Executive Assistant to the County Judge; **David Reid**, Road Administrator/Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Jacky Cockerham**, Assistant County Auditor; **Collin Jackson**, IT Director; **Pat Rousseau**, Human Resources Director; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager; **John Gutierrez**, Chief Deputy Sheriff; **Sue Pash**, Deputy Treasurer; **Rene Butler**, Maintenance Director; and **Ronell Burke**, Chief Animal Control Officer;

Members of Local City Government, Community Groups present:

City of Rockport Council Members: **Barbara Gurtner**, Ward 4;

Mayor of Fulton: **Jimmy Kendrick**

Another Chance RFT volunteers: Tana Neel; Jerry Neel; Jen Joslin; Tom Estes; Joy Dias; Richard Dias; Cathy McMullen; and Katherine Harlan

Editor and Publisher of the Rockport Pilot Newspaper: Mike Probst

Area Residents: Bob Mosier; Roy Sarver; Sharline M. Thomas; Fred Warren; Susan Warren; Harold Ashley

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

1. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Minutes from the Commissioners' Court Regular Meeting of June 12, 2107.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.
2. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve Joint Proclamation #P-05-2017 in Official Recognition of Harold Ashley.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

3. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Proclamation #P-06-2017 in Official Recognition of Dr. Fred Warren.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

4. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Proclamation #P-07-2017 in Official Recognition of Another Chance RFT. The court also presented Tana Neel, Leader of the 501c(3) organization, with the keys and title to a used jail van donated by the County. Tana thanked the Animal Control officers and all who support their cause.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COUNTY ROADS

5. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve 40 Unit RV Park on Block 1, Lot 1 of Bracy Acres Subdivision in Lamar.

Question. Motion carried with Commissioner Chaney abstaining.

It is so ordered.

6. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve preliminary approval for abandoning an unnamed road near Rattlesnake Point and approval for a utility easement.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

7. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve authorizing the Road & Bridge to advertise bids for the construction of Palm Harbor Drainage Improvements.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve a policy for Construction Maintenance of County Roadways.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE

9. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline 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, 2018. 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 Casterline to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

11. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline 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 Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve Accounts Payable.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

13. General Discussion of the 2018 Budget with Elected Officials and Department Heads.

Judge Mills: Well, we have gone through the first round of the budget process and it seems a lot of departments are asking for more help, I just don't know where the money is going to come from.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS &

DEPARTMENT HEADS WHEREIN NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

Commissioner Stiles: I'd like to ask Mike Geer if he has heard anything further on our hangars, as far as going out for bids.

Mike responded, well the bid has already gone out, I have not heard back from anybody on the results of that yet, but we'll probably be able to get started with construction middle of July. The only thing we are waiting on right now is FAA approval for the materials we want to use for the foundation. TXDOT has their list of materials and FAA has their list of materials. This decision is made in Washington DC, not at the local FAA

headquarters in Fort Worth, we are waiting on that before we can put any material down. **Commissioner Stiles** asked, the meeting for the bids to be opened is when? **Mike** responded that has already happened, the bids all go through TXDOT and then once they close it we get the list of vendors.

Sheriff Mills: Last Tuesday we met with officials from ICE in Houston and they presented a letter of acceptance for Aransas County to participate in the 287(g) program which would require us to send an employee or two to go be trained in their software and their database. They cover all expenses for screening people already in custody in Aransas County. So for all the hype and talk you've heard in the paper and elsewhere, we are not enforcing immigration law, we are only obtaining this training to speed up the screening process in Aransas County.

Pat Rousseau: We will not be getting our Renewal Rates, actually I received an e-mail for our Health Insurance plans for the new plan year which starts October 1st and runs through September 30th, of 2018, so be here on that first court in July, because that will definitely be on the agenda. Quincy Quinlan who is over the Health Employee Benefits pool, gave a presentation that was very educational and interesting, but scary, in April, just talking about how health insurance rates are going up, as you remember, perhaps last year, we had a decrease of four percent. This year I believe we are on line for a small increase. We will also be getting another surplus dividend check back, but I don't think it will be for \$202,000 like last year, but we will take what we can get, a refund check in any denomination is better than paying. So we will have that ready for you to consider the

first meeting in July, because the deadline to let TAC know on what we decide is in the end of July.

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 9:25 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline.

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

VALERIE K. AMASON,

EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT