

MINUTES OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - AUGUST 22, 2016

On the 22nd day of August, 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 **Richard Bianchi**, County Court At Law Judge; **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; **David Reid**, Road Administrator/Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Suzy Wallace**; 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant County Auditor; **Timilu Latham**; Chief Deputy County Treasurer; **Collin Jackson**, IT Director; **Pat Rousseau**, Human Resources Director; **Elizabeth Guerra**, HR Assistant; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **Valerie Gonzalez**, Interim Environmental Health Director; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager; **Diana Espinoza**, Drainage Engineer; **Ronell Burke**, Chief Animal Control Officer;

Members of Local City Government, Community Groups and other Interested Parties present **Brian Olsen**, Unopposed Candidate for Precinct 3 Commissioner in upcoming 2016 General Election; 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 Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve:

1. Minutes from the Commissioners' Court Workshop Meeting of August 4, 2016 and the Regular Meeting of August 15, 2016.
  2. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners' Court 2016 Continuing Education Certificate of Completion for Betty Stiles, County Commissioner, Precinct 4.
  3. Approve Aransas County's Over Axle and Over Gross Weight Tolerance Permit Bond for the Texas Department of Transportation.
  4. Approve Resolution #R-19-2016 authorizing County Grant of \$35,000 for a Home Delivered Meals Program (Aransas County Council on Aging - "Meals on Wheels")
  5. Approve Retainer Agreement with Alllison, Bass & Magee, LLP. Question. Motion carried unanimously.
- It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

BIDS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS & LEASES

6. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve request of John D. Mercer & Associates, Inc. to seek bids for the 2016 Sanitary Improvements Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project. Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.
7. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to **TABLE** (previously Tabled on 08/08/16 & 08/15/16) Agreement between Aransas County and Christus Spohn for an emergency and primary care clinic. Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

COUNTY ROADS & BUILDINGS

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Naismith Engineering, Inc. proposal for Palm Harbor Watershed drainage improvements. Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.
9. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve construction plans for the children's center to be constructed by Coastal Plains Community MHMR at the corner of Pearl and Mimosa. Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE

10. Public names and alternates were drawn for Salary Grievance Committee in accordance with section 152.015 of the Local Government Code in the following order 1) April Stone; 2) M. Pinky Gonzalez; 3) Reynaldo P. Flores; and 4) Betty Valchar  
Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.
11. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve hiring the County/District Attorney Office's Administrative Temporary as a regular full-time Administrative Assistant (10-1), through the remainder of 2016, beginning August 29, 2016 (which is the start of the next new pay period).  
Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.
12. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve overpayment refund request from Northshore Title, Inc. in the amount of \$33,333.21 per Texas Property Tax Code Sections 31.11(2)(b).  
Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.
13. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Budget Line Item Transfers.  
Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.
14. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Accounts Payable.  
Question. Motion carried unanimously.

(Inserts)

It is so ordered.

15. Discuss and take possible action on the 2017 Proposed Budget.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve taking \$5,000 out of the Humane Society Line Item 408 in the Animal Control Budget to show budget neutral; and move \$2,500 set aside for machinery out of the CO's and re-allocate to the Maintenance Budget Line Item 453.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

16. Discussion on items to be financed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve allocating surplus road funds to repairing or paving county roads on the list once in effect and re-instating that policy.

Question. Commissioner's Smith and Stiles voted against and Judge Mills voted for.

It is so ordered.

**REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS &**

**DEPARTMENT HEADS WHEREIN NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN**

Commissioner Stiles reminded the Court that Congressman Blake Farenthold is at the Rockport City Hall as we speak, if anybody would like to attend.

Commissioner Chaney asked if open enrollment was today and Pat Rousseau responded that it will be tomorrow from 7:00 a.m. - 4:30 and Wednesday from 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 a.m.

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

REGARDING WHICH NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

There were none.

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*No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 9:40 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

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