

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR MEETING - SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

On the 28th day of September, 2015, 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; Charles Smith, 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, County Treasurer; Pam Heard, District Clerk; Timilu Latham, Chief Deputy Treasurer; Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; Linda Garcia, Executive Assistant to the County Judge; David Vyoral, Road Administrator; Michael Geer, Airport Manager; Pat Rousseau, Human Resources Director; James Jackson, Environmental Health Director; John Strothman, Pathways Project Manager; C. J. Wax, Mayor - City of Rockport; Greg Harlan, owner of The Grant Connection; Lyndal Remmert, President of the Bahia Bay Homeowners Association; Larry Myers, homeowner, Bahia Bay; Donna Townsend, resident; Brian Olsen, resident; Eli Ramos, City Police Officer.

The Meeting was convened at 3:00 p.m. at which time a quorum was declared by County 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 Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve:

1. Minutes from the Regular Commissioners' Court Meeting of September 14, 2015 with the addition of mentioning the POW/MIA flag presented to the Commissioners' Court by Mike Kuertz, Veterans Service Officer.

2. Public Official Bond Continuation on James Jackson, Environmental Health Director.

3. Appointment of Early Voting Clerks for the November 3, 2015, Constitutional Amendment Election.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COUNTY ROAD ITEMS

4. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to authorize the County Road & Bridge Department to install stop signs on Ocean Drive as directed by the court.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

5. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to **TABLE** authorizing the County Road & Bridge Department to Replace/Install 25 MPH Speed Limit signs in the Palm Harbor and Bahia Bay Subdivisions in appropriate locations as determined by the County Engineer.

(Inserts)

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

CONTRACTS & AGREEMENTS

6. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign an agreement with The Grant Connection for the Connie Hagar Cottage Sanctuary and Holiday Beach Birding site grants.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE ITEMS

7. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the request by the County Clerk to hire a temporary clerical employee, at a rate not to exceed \$11.00 per hour, during a full-time employee's absence due to family medical leave.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve authorizing the County Treasurer to spend funds, up to \$2,000.00, that were received from the TAC Rewards Program on incentives and other miscellaneous expenditures incurred putting on the Annual County Health Fair.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

9. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the Budget Line Item Transfers.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

10. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith 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, County Auditor, read the Fee Report.

**REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST REGARDING
WHEREIN NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN**

Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer reminded the court that the County Health Fair will be held in the EOC on October 20, 2015, so come get your Flu shots, lipids and free T-Shirts.

Commissioner Chaney commented that he went on a boat ride to see the Cheniere Plant from the Intercoastal. They are talking about being up and running fully in five years and they have contracts for the next twenty to twenty-five years. They invited the Commissioners' Court to visit their facility.

(Inserts)

The Court entered into closed session at 3:23 p. 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 3:31 p.m. with all Members present, and further proceeding were had and done to wit:

PRESS QUESTIONS

Norma Martinez, Managing Editor of The Rockport Pilot:

Regarding the subdivision, when you were talking about making the speed limit change at Palm Harbor and Bahia Bay, what is your typical speed limit that you consider subdivisions would be? Do you have it set?

Commissioner Smith: Thirty miles per hour is standard.

Martinez: The request to make it twenty to twenty five, just to make it uniform, did you think about that or did you just say twenty five because you already have a subdivision out there that's already twenty five?

Commissioner Chaney: I suggested twenty five because that is what it is in Peninsula Oaks and it works very well.

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 3:33 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Smith duly seconded by Commissioner Stiles.

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

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