

MINUTES OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - OCTOBER 10, 2016

On the 10th day of October, 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; **Betty Stiles**, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and **Valerie K. Amason**, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were **Jerry Brundrett**, County Surveyor; **Alma Cartwright**, Treasurer; **Lezlie Kirk**, County Auditor; **Bill Mills**, Sheriff; **Lynn Doane**, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge; **Suzy Wallace**; 1st Assistant County Auditor; **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; and **Roman Cortez**, Deputy Chief/Jail Operations and Grievance Officer;

Members of Local City Government, Community Groups and other Interested Parties present were **C. J. Wax**, Mayor, City of Rockport; **Barbara Gurtner**, Ward 4 City Council Member; **Luis Puron**, Executive Director of the Rockport Center for the Arts; and **Mike Probst**, Editor/Publisher of the Rockport Pilot;

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

Bethany Jackson, Virginia Easton Smith, and Darla Zuniga came before the court with an update on the Aransas County 4H Program which is run by the agriculture extension office. At present there are five (5) clubs with twenty-five (25) adult volunteers and 78 children. The program teaches kids life and leadership skills, food and nutrition, cooking and baking, archery, public speaking, kayaking, livestock care, marine science, etc. A new and very popular program this year is livestock judging and they will be implementing a dog obedience training program this coming spring. The 4H club teaches children about giving back to the community through service projects and this year they had a beach clean-up campaign; bake sales with proceeds donated to the Coastal Bend Troop Support; and food drives for the Good Samaritans. Nine year old 4H member, Faith Purtell, told the court she is making doll clothes for the A&H show this next year.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

1. Minutes from the Commissioners' Court Regular Meeting of September 26, 2016 and the Special Meeting of September 29, 2016.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

COUNTY REPORTS

2. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Rockport Center for the Arts Expended 3rd Quarter 2016 Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Funds. Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS & LEASES

3. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve entering into agreement with SEAMLESS GOV for Online Electronic Forms Processing Services. Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.
4. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve authorizing staff to submit a proposal to Gulf of Mexico Alliance for Community Rating System funding through the Coastal Community Small Grants program. Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.
5. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve allowing the Airport Manager to purchase a 12'x32' portable building using the RAMP Grant as part of a plan to prepare for the end of the lease with
(Inserts)

Rotorcraft Leasing Corporation (RLC) at the blue hangar, also known as "India".

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

6. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign a contract for mowing and landscaping with George's Mowing and Landscaping.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

7. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to **disapprove** (previously tabled on 08/08/16; 08/15/16; 08/22/16; 08/29/16; 9/12/16 & 09/26/16) agreement between Aransas County and Christus Spohn for an emergency and primary care clinic.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COUNTY ROADS

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve seeking bids for 2017 Road Materials.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE

9. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve a funding consideration to Aransas County Citizens against Drug Abuse for the County DETOX Fund.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.
10. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve 2017 Fee Schedule for the Transfer Station and Environmental Health.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.
11. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Renewal of Texas Association of Counties (TAC) Insurance Policies for General Liability, Law Enforcement Liability, Public Officials Liability, and Automobile Coverage.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.
12. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the Indigent Health Care Report for September 2016.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

13. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the Treasurer's Report for September 2016.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

14. 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.

15. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles 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 read the fee report.

Commissioner Stiles commented that she spent the weekend at the **Seafair registering voters.**

Collin Jackson asked for confirmation on Agenda Item #3. Was the approval for a one year contract or a five year contract? The commissioners' court confirmed a five year contract.

(Inserts)

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

There were none.

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 9:44 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline.

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

VALERIE K. AMASON,

EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT