

MINUTES OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - NOVEMBER 14, 2016

On the 14th day of November, 2016, there was a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court in the Courthouse, Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, with the following members present: **Charles Smith**, Commissioner, Precinct 3 and County Judge Pro-Tem; **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; **David Reid**, Road Administrator/Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Collin Jackson**, IT Director; **Pat Rousseau**, Human Resources Director; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **Valerie Gonzalez**, Interim Environmental Health Director; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager; **Diana Espinoza**, Drainage Engineer; and **Rene Butler**; Maintenance Director.

Members of Local City Government, Community Groups and other Interested Parties present were **Barbara Gurtner**, Ward 4 City Council Member; **Marsha Hendrix**, Fulton Mansion, Site Manager; **Brian Olsen**, Unopposed Candidate for Precinct 3 Commissioner in upcoming 2016 General Election; and **Mike Probst**, Editor and Publisher 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 Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve:

1. Minutes from the Commissioners' Court Regular Meeting of October 24, 2016.
2. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court 2016 Certificate of Continuing Education for Pam Heard, District Clerk.  
Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

COUNTY REPORTS

3. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the Fulton Mansion Expended 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016 Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Funds.  
Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

ROAD & BRIDGE

4. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve release of drainage easement recorded under County Clerk's File No. 238260 in the Official

(Inserts)

Public Records of Real Property, Aransas County, Texas.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

5. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve accepting a 0.859 acre drainage easement out of Tract 31, Coleman Fulton Pasture Company Subdivision.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

6. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve authorizing county staff to proceed with process for road improvements and assessment for S. Lake, Lakeside and St. Charles Bay roads.

Question. Motion carried with Commissioner Stiles abstaining.

It is so ordered.

**(Items 7 - 9 went into closed session)**

10. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to **TABLE** any action on a PUD for Lot 48 of Copano Campsites Subdivision.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

**CONTRACTS, LEASES, & AGREEMENTS**

11. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign an assignment agreement with Naismith Engineering, Inc. to allow NEI to assign existing county contracts to Hanson, Inc.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

(Inserts)

It is so ordered.

12. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve a revision to the Nationwide 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan Agreement to allow loans to be made from Employee Account to County Employee at no cost to the County. Any fees for loan initiation will be paid by the employee. Re-payment agreements and transactions will be exclusively between Nationwide and the employee.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

13. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve authorize the County Judge to sign the Aransas County Coastal Resiliency Initiative Plan Development Contract Amendment.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

14. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign a contract with Gulf Coast Fencing for fencing around Transfer Station Property.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

**PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE**

15. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the option for the Maintenance Supervisor to increase the pay level of a Maintenance Technician with HVAC certification and several years of

(Inserts)

experience up to Group 11, Step 6 (\$15.07 per hour) should such a candidate apply and is qualified for hire. The current maximum hourly rate that can be offered is Group 11, Step 3 (\$13.99 per hour).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

**16. There was no motion to approve, disapprove, nor table a RESCINDING AWARD for the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Contract No. 7215065 to Mercer Construction Co., Inc. for 2016 Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project.**

**17. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Beyer & Co. to perform Aransas County's comprehensive annual financial report and audit for fiscal year 2016.**

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

**18. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the Indigent Health Care Report for October 2016.**

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

**19. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the Treasurer's Report for October 2016.**

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

**20. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Budget Line Item Transfers.**

(Inserts)

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

21. 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.

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

There were none.

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*The Court entered into closed session at 9:29 a.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 9:40 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:*

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7. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to **TABLE** the purchase of a 0.714 drainage easement out of a portion of Tract 9, Block 3, C. B. Lucas Subdivision.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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8. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the purchase of a 0.255 acre drainage easement out of a 3.0 acre tract, out of the J. Smith Survey, A-198 at a cost not to exceed \$6,273.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

9. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the purchase of a 0.027 acre drainage easement out of a 1.626 acre tract, out of the J. Smith Survey, A-198 at a cost not to exceed \$1,054.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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*No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 9:42 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Stiles 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**