

MINUTES OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - NOVEMBER 28, 2016

On the 28th 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: **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 **Jerry Brundrett**, County Surveyor; **Alma Cartwright**, Treasurer; **Lezlie Kirk**, County Auditor; **Lynn Doane**, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge; **David Reid**, Road Administrator/Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Collin Jackson**, IT Director; **Pat Rousseau**, Human Resources Director; and **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager;

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; **Brian Olsen**, Unopposed Candidate for Precinct 3 Commissioner in upcoming 2016 General Election; **Mike Probst**, Editor and Publisher of the Rockport Pilot Newspaper; and **Thea Edmundson**, Resident;

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

Nelida Spurrell, Ambassador, & Mark Waters, Vice President of Keep Aransas County Beautiful. Nelida asked the court to consider future funding of Liability Insurance for their organization. They will need to raise \$1,800 in order to pay the coverage for volunteers in case there should be any accidents during clean-up projects. She pointed out that they just adopted Ivy Lane Park with Aransas Pathways. Nelida also urged the court to review the tree ordinances and open a dialogue with the community. The Centennial Live Oak is very important to this area because wildlife depends on these trees, for an example, this is the last stop for the hummingbird before crossing the Gulf of Mexico.

PRESENTATIONS

Karen Bareford with Texas Sea Grant was present to give the Court an update on the Multi-Jurisdictional Floodplain Management Plan which includes participation from the municipalities of Aransas Pass, Rockport and Fulton. This plan will help the county to be better prepared for future potential flooding events and help minimize the effects of these events. The plan is actually part of FEMA's community rating system which helps reduce flood insurance premiums in areas that are implementing better flood plain management, which Aransas County is. The plan is being completed in two steps, Chapters 1-4

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consists of getting background information, promoting organization, public involvement, and coordination with other agencies and communities. Finally, the fifth chapter included assessing the hazards. We are trying to finalize that portion right now and will release this in December of this year.

Early next year we will be working on the second step, Chapters 6-11 which essentially helps the County set goals on how they want to address the identified hazards, which activities they want to commit to over time and the actions they want to take.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

1. Minutes from the Commissioners' Court Regular Meeting of November 14, 2016 and the Special Meeting of November 21, 2016.
2. Public Official Bond on David J. Reid, Aransas County Engineer.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COUNTY ROADS

3. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve granting a variance to the minimum lot size and setback requirements in the Aransas

County Subdivision Regulations for a re-plat of Lot 48, Copano Campsites Subdivision.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE

4. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve donation of surplus dog kennels from old Animal Control Facility to Wings Bird Rescue for their new facility.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

5. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Budget Line Item Transfers of which there were none.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

6. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Smith 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

There were none.

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

REGARDING WHICH NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

There were none.

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 10:15 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline.

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

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