

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR MEETING - MAY 9, 2016

On the 25th day of April, 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 **Kristen Barnebey**, County Attorney; **Alma Cartwright**, Treasurer; **Pam Heard**, District Clerk; **Lezlie Kirk**, County Auditor; **Linda Garcia**, Executive Assistant to the County Judge and Historical Commissioner; **Lynn Doane**, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge; **Cassandra Perkins**, Deputy District Clerk and Historical Commissioner; **Timilu Latham**; Chief Deputy County Treasurer; **Collin Jackson**, IT Director; **David Reid**, Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **James Jackson**, Environmental Health Director; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager;

Members of Local City Government, Community Groups and other Interested Parties present were **Tom Callan**, Director At Large, Aransas county Groundwater Conservation District; **Pam Stranahan**, President and **Carol Thompson**, Chair of Friends of the History Center for Aransas County; **Sandy Gregory Bridges** and **June Gregory**, Candidates for appointment to the 2016 Aransas County Historical Commission; **Russell Cole**, resident; **Richard Beck**,

resident; **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

Brian Olsen was present to give an update on the Rockport YMCA. The Development committee is currently working to acquire funds from foundations, corporations and individuals; creating the formulation for a naming policy procedure of the facility; creating a primary plan for vocation programs to be offered; and creating marketing materials and social media presence. Construction estimates are four million six for 23,000 square feet. The overall contribution we have to date is two million, four hundred thousand through the City and two hundred fifty thousand in local in-kind donations. There are concerns about the amount of trees we will be cutting down and we will follow the tree committee recommendations. Inside gymnasium activities will include such games as volleyball, bad mitten, shuffle board and a new paddle game that people are playing now at the Country Club. We will have a walking and running track on the second level mezzanine. Some services we plan on providing will be

summer day camps, holiday camps, teen camps, sports camps, youth soccer, volleyball, flag football and basketball. We also plan on having a remote Del Mar campus for continuing education in our meeting rooms.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

1. Minutes from the Commissioners' Court Regular Meeting of April 25, 2016.
2. Public Official Bond Continuation of Amanda Elizabeth Laferney, Justice Court Clerk, Pct. #1.
3. Appointment of Early Voting Clerks for the May 24, 2016 Joint Primary Run-Off Election.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COUNTY REPORTS & APPOINTMENTS

4. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the Historical Commission's First Quarter 2016 report.

Question. Commissioner Stiles abstained. Motion carried.

It is so ordered.

5. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve additional recommended appointments of June Gregory and Sandra Gregory Bridges to the

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2016 Aransas County Historical Commission (ACHC).

Question. Commissioner Stiles abstained. Motion carried.

It is so ordered.

6. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Proclamation #P-06-2016 declaring May 2016 as Preservation in History Month in Aransas County.

Question. Commissioner Stiles abstained. Motion carried.

It is so ordered.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

7. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Order #0-17-2016 regarding the regulation of food service establishments, retail food stores, mobile food units, temporary food establishments, and roadside food vendors.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS & LEASES

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize the County Judge to sign a 1 Year Lease with Richardson Aviation for Hangar K located on the west ramp of the Airport for \$900/month.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE

9. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve distribution of \$119,454.00

U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service Refuge Revenue Sharing annual payments to local governments for lands under the administration for Fiscal Year 2015 received in 2016.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

10. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to authorize the County Judge to sign a County Request for Capital Credits from the Texas State Comptroller Unclaimed Property Division for Aransas County's portion of Electric Cooperatives Capital Credits, per Texas property Code 74.602

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

11. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve allocating any Electric Cooperatives Capital Credit Unclaimed Funds received from the Texas State Comptroller, to the Literacy Programs offered at the Aransas County Library, per Local Government Code 381.004

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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12. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Resolution R-13-2016 amending Exhibit "B-1" Investment Policy adding J. Howard LeDet, National Alliance Securities as a broker/dealer.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

13. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Resolution R-14-2016 authorizing participation in the TexPool Prime and designating authorized representatives and authorize the County Judge to sign the Investment Participation Agreement.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

14. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the Indigent Health Care Report for April 2016.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

15. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the Treasurer's Report for April 2016.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

16. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by

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Commissioner Chaney to approve Budget Line Item Transfers of which there were none.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

17. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Accounts Payable.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COUNTY ROADS

18. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Preliminary Approval of Closure of Alleyway, Block 347 in Manning Subdivision.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

19. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Site Plan for Rustic Cove RV Resort at 298 SH 188.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS &

DEPARTMENT HEADS WHEREIN NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

Michael Geer stated that last Sunday, May 1, 2016, a plane lost the ability to steer after landing and skidded off into the sand

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and collapsed one of the landing gear. I want to commend employees, Hai Tran and Bob Garcia, they got the crash book out and followed the procedures. Tony Gray was also working with the back hoe that day and he took a meteorological reading and made necessary notes as experience had taught him. I also want to extend my gratitude to the Fulton Fire Department's prompt response and their help.

Commissioner Chaney stated that he attended the 87th Annual West Texas County Judges and Commissioners conference in Marble Falls/Horseshoe Bay a few weeks ago, the best one he has ever been to. He commented that West Texas is really hurting, Pecos County was the hardest hit with low oil prices and they were talking about cutting their budget 32% across the board. One interesting thing mentioned was a push to get more beds in Texas jails, they are still coming in at about a thousand a day.

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

REGARDING WHICH NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

There were none.

The Court entered into closed session at 9:39 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 10:17 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 10:18 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles.

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

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