

MINUTES OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - AUGUST 29, 2016

On the 29th day of August, 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 **Alma Cartwright**, Treasurer; **Jeri Cox**, Tax Assessor-Collector; **Pam Heard**, District Clerk; **Bill Mills**, Sheriff; **Lezlie Kirk**, County Auditor; **Lynn Doane**, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge; **David Reid**, Road Administrator/Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Timilu Latham**; Chief Deputy County Treasurer; **Collin Jackson**, IT Director; **Pat Rousseau**, Human Resources Director; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **Valerie Gonzalez**, Interim Environmental Health Director; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager; **Ronell Burke**, Chief Animal Control Officer;

Members of Local City Government, Community Groups and other Interested Parties present were **C. J. Wax**, Mayor, City of Rockport; **Randall Freeze**, Care Regional - Business Development; **Brian Olsen**, Unopposed Candidate for Precinct 3 Commissioner in upcoming 2016 General Election; **Norma Martinez**, Managing Editor 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

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

Pam Heard reported that her records management fee is up for renewal as approved by the court and she wishes to keep the same ongoing Records Management Plan and would ask that the court keep the same \$10.00 fee as is currently in effect.

Commissioner Smith asked Lezlie if the request to transfer funds from the reserve in Item #2 on the Agenda is money that exists in the fund and she responded yes.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

1. Minutes from the Commissioners' Court Public Hearing of August 22, 2016 and the Regular Meeting of August 22, 2016.
2. Approve the District Court Technology Fund and Fee, 2017 for the preservation and restoration of the District Clerk's Records pursuant to Texas Government Code Sec. 51.305 and appropriate budget line item transfer from reserves.
3. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners' Court 2016 Continuing Education Certificate of Completion for C. H. "Burt" Mills, Jr., County Judge.
4. Approve appointment of Early Voting Clerks for the November 8, 2016 General Election.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS & LEASES

5. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to **TABLE**, previously tabled on 08/08/16; 08/15/16 & 08/22/16, Agreement between Aransas County and Christus Spohn for an emergency and primary care clinic.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

6. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve consideration and action on renewal of a Municipal Advisory Agreement with RBC Capital Markets.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

7. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign the Walgreens Community Off-Site Clinic Agreement covering the administration of immunizations at the employee's County's Annual Health Fair.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve county expenditures in the amount of approximately \$800.00, which the county will be receiving from Texas Association of Counties, for promotional

items for employees and up to \$800.00 in Flu Immunizations for employees at the Annual County Employee Health Fair.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

9. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Budget Line Item Transfers. Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

11. Discussion and possible action on the 2017 Proposed Budget.

Commissioner Smith: Subsequent to us coming up with a Budget and a Tax Rate we've had a number of additional expenditures that are going to impact this year. I'm just wondering how much those are amounting to at this point in time. We have been working on a projection and the General Fund Balance was going to be up to about \$400,000, but I think it's going to be somewhat less than that based on these things that keep driveling through and people doing things ahead that have to be done. I'm not questioning the fact that they have to be done, just how much this is amounting to?

Lezlie Kirk: The only one that I know of is the extra truck driver.

Commissioner Smith: There is also the cameras at the Sheriff's Department.

Lezlie Kirk: Yes, these are noted and I still don't think, at this point, that it's going to change anything significantly.

Commissioner Smith: We're talking about the 2017 budget, not about amending the 2016 budget and I would think that some of our folks need to adhere to that if we are going to approve something for next year. I mean, when it ends up being, "well we have a problem over here that we didn't foresee", that creates a problem in this year's budget.

Sheriff Mills: We have not ordered the camera equipment and can possibly move up the two year roll out plan by putting it off until January, 2017.

Norma Martinez: Regarding the 2016 Budget, the county was anticipating a surplus of \$407,000, did this number change? Is it going to affect the 2017 Budget?

Commissioner Smith: Yes, I think so, we've seen a \$25,200 line item transfer this morning which will affect the current budget immediately and plus the fact, according to our HR Department, health insurance for temporary help at the Transfer Station may be another \$8,000 a month for the next four months, so that's about \$50,000 or \$60,000 total.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS &

DEPARTMENT HEADS WHEREIN NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

Alma Cartwright reminded the court that they are having a retirement party for Chris Staley tomorrow in her office beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Pat Rousseau announced that the employees did an excellent job this year showing up for open enrollment.

Judge Mills suggested that there is a possibility of having a Cruise Line in this area within the next five years. While attending a hearing last week, a panel from the industry recommended that we don't "miss the boat". **Commissioner Stiles** added that Senator Kolkhorst commended Judge Mills on the Cedar Bayou project.

Collin Jackson stated that the IT Department is narrowing down vendor evaluation submissions for a new phone system and two vendors will be available tomorrow at 10:00 and 1:30 in the Grand Jury room, if anyone is interested.

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 9:34 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