

MINUTES OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - JANUARY 8, 2018

On the 8th day of January, 2018, there was a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court at the Aquarium at Rockport Harbor Education Center, 706 Navigation Circle, 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; **Brian Olsen**, Commissioner, Precinct 3; **Betty Stiles**, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and **Valerie K. Amason**, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were **Alma Cartwright**, Treasurer; **Pam Heard**, District Clerk; **Suzy Wallace**, County Auditor; **Diana McGinnis**, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2; **Latisha Murphy**, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge; **Lora Rios**, Juvenile Case Manager; **Sue Pash**, Chief Deputy Treasurer; **David Reid**, Road Administrator/Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Jacky Cockerham**, Assistant County Auditor; **Collin Jackson**, IT Director; **Linda Doane**, Human Resources Director; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager; **John Gutierrez**, Chief Deputy Sheriff; **Lee Zapata**, Communications Director; **Roman Cortez**, Deputy Chief/Jail Operations and Grievance Officer; **Ronell Burke**, Animal Control Officer;

Members of Local City Government, Community Groups and other Interested Parties present:

City of Rockport Council Members: **C. J. Wax**, Mayor;

**Mike Probst**, Editor and Publisher of the Rockport Pilot Newspaper;

**Russel Cole**, and **Wendy Laubach**; Primary Candidates for Commissioner, Pct. 4;

**Robert J. Mitchell**, Primary Candidate for Commissioner, Pct. 2;

**Mark Waters**, Primary Candidate for Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2;

**Roland R. Rios**, Primary Candidate for County Judge;

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**

1. Kay Adams, The Wings Rescue Center reported that they are up and going, they had minimal damage to the bird hospital. They are building cages, but this area lost a lot of birds due to Hurricane Harvey. This year they rescued over 400 birds, thanks to a great group of volunteers. She then presented the county with a certificate of appreciation for their support.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

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

2. Minutes from the Workshop Meetings of August 2, 2017, August 3, 2017 and December 8, 2017, and the Regular Meeting of December 27, 2017.
3. Acknowledge Receipt of and record in the Minutes of Commissioners' Court a Certificate of Attendance for Gayle Otto of the Aransas County Clerk's Office, at the Annual Texas Vital Statistics Conference on December 6-8, 2017.
4. Acknowledge Receipt of and record in the Minutes of Commissioners' Court a Senate Resolution #SB [R]58-007 from the University of South Florida Student Government Senate, 58<sup>th</sup> Term, Fall 2017, declaring that Hurricane Harvey made landfall in Rockport, Texas on Friday, August 25, 2107 as a Category 4 Hurricane.
5. Acknowledge Receipt of and record in the Minutes of Commissioners' Court: 2017-2018 Continuing Education Transcript of Completion and Compliance with Texas Property Tax Code Section 6.231(d) for Jeri Cox, tax Assessor-Collector.
6. Acceptance of a bid from Allen Samuels Dodge in Aransas Pass for three (3) new vehicles; to replace Airport vehicles damaged by Hurricane Harvey.
7. This item was pulled for discussion.
8. Acceptance of a donation made to Aransas County for the Juvenile Case Manager Fund for clothing for students of Aransas County I.S.D. & C.I.S., received from Billy B. Grider, Jr. & Cynthia S. Grider, in the amount of \$70.00.
9. Acceptance of a donation made to Aransas County for the Juvenile Case Manager Fund for clothing for students of Aransas County I.S.D. & C.I.S., received from David M. Stewart Pod in the amount of \$200.00.

10. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the Minutes of Commissioners' Court, a Certificate of Completion awarded to Pam Heard, Aransas County, District Clerk, from the County & District Clerks' Association of Texas for completing the required 20 hours of Continuing Education for 2017 as prescribed in Section 51.605 of the Texas Government Code.

11. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the Minutes of Commissioners' Court, a Certificate of Completion awarded to Valerie K. Amason, Aransas County, County Clerk, from the County & District Clerks' Association of Texas for completing the required 20 hours of Continuing Education for 2017 as prescribed in Section 51.605 of the Texas Government Code.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

7. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to accept a donation made to Aransas County Juvenile Case Manager Fund for clothing for students of Aransas County I.S.D. & C.I.S., received from Grant Works, Inc., in the amount of \$5,000.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

**CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS & LEASES**

12. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code Sec. 292.001, the Aransas County Commissioners Court finds it necessary to designate

2840 Hwy. 35 North, Rockport, Texas 78382, which is within the city limits of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, as the Temporary Courtroom(s) for the County, District Courts and JP Courts of Aransas County until further notice.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

**13.** Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign a Supplemental Easement and Right-Of-Way with AEP Texas, Inc., for the process of AEP Texas, Inc. to rebuild and upgrade its existing transmission line from its Rockport substation through its Live Oak substation and ending at its Fulton substation. Line Name: Rockport-Fulton #1. Line No.: TLN169:05113, Easement No.: 41A, Property Address of 301 No. Live Oak Street, Rockport, TX 78382, situated in Aransas County, Texas, Joseph Fessenden Survey, Abstract No. 65, being the same premises described in Document No. 15259, Official Public Records of Aransas County, Texas.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

**14.** Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign the Work-Related Medical Services and Pre-Employment Physicals Agreement with Code 3 Emergency Partners.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE

15. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve December, 2017 Indigent Health Care Report.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

16. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Fund 510 Transfer Station, which was established for the 2018 budget, will retain all interest that the Fund shall earn. Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

17. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve Budget Line Item Transfers of which there were none.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

18. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities and to include a late submission to pay Mike Koerner his rate of \$,6,175.01.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS &  
DEPARTMENT HEADS WHEREIN NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

There were none.

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*No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 9:15 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Stiles.*

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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