

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**COMMISSIONERS' COURT**

**SPECIAL MEETING - JANUARY 11, 2019**

On the 11th day of January, 2019, there was a Special Meeting of the Commissioners' Court in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 2840 Hwy 35 N, 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; **Wendy Laubach**, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and **Valerie K. Amason**, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present: **Jerry Brundrett**, County Surveyor; **Richard P. Bianchi**, County Court at Law Judge; **Kristen Barnebey**, County District Attorney; **Alma Cartwright**, Treasurer; **Pam Heard**, District Clerk; **Latisha Murphy**, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge; **Linda Doane**, Human Resources Director; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **Carrie Arrington**, Office & Contracts Manager, County District Attorney's Office; **Jacky Cockerham**, First Assistant County Auditor; **Lois White**, Chief Deputy Treasurer; **Lara Kirchens**, Deputy Treasurer/Venue Tax Collections Clerk; **Tana Taylor**, Assistant Auditor;

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

**City of Rockport Council Members:** **Barbara Gurtner**, Ward 4;

**Navigation District Commissioners:** Mickey Casterline, Pct. 4;

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

**Karen Mella**, Re/Max Security Real Estate Agent; **Ashley Ramirez**, Representative for Coastal Bend Blood Center of Corpus Christi;

**Rebecca Mayes**, Marketing & Sales - North Shore Country Club,  
Portland, TX;

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. Recognize and Present Proclamation #P-01-2019, proclaiming the month of January as "National Blood Donor Month in the Coastal Bend".

**Latisha Murphy**: Read the Proclamation.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

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

2. Minutes from the Regular Meeting of December 31, 2018.
3. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court: 2018-2019 Continuing Education Transcript of Completion and Compliance with Texas Property Tax Code Section 6.231(d) for Jeri Cox, Tax Assessor-Collector.
4. 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 and District Clerks' Association of Texas, for completing

the required 20 hours of Continuing Education for 2018 as prescribed in Section 51.605 of the Texas Government Code.

5. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court, a Certificate of Completion awarded to Valerie K. Amason, Aransas County Clerk, from the County and District Clerks' Association of Texas, for completing the required 20 hours of Continuing Education for 2018 as prescribed in Section 51.605 of the Texas Government Code.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

**PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE**

6. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the December 2018 Indigent Health Care Report.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

**REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS &**

**DEPARTMENT HEADS WHEREIN NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN**

**Commissioner Olsen:** This Saturday the 4-H Queens Contest is going to be held at Sinton high school at 5:00 p.m., we have three (3) 4-H'ers that will be participating in that, it's going to be a pretty big event, there will be approximately fourteen (14) young ladies participating from the area and it would be great if we could get some support from our public officials or anyone that wants to go out and support our queens. Thank you.

**Alma Cartwright:** I just want to give an update for the year on the Hotel/Motel Venue Taxes, which I did put in your boxes, overall both of the Tax Collections was down for the year at 30% and we all know why, but after receiving the part-time person to do research and find new people that are renting, you can see on the reports that October through December, when we brought that person in, like October the venue tax was up 184% over last year. I had Laura keep track of how much she traced down and it was like \$13,000 so I greatly appreciate the use of the part-time person.

**Commissioner Olsen:** She's paying for herself.

**Alma Cartwright:** So anyway, total collections for Venue Tax for the year was \$272,335 and Hotel Occupancy was \$207,000, any questions on any of those numbers? (NO) Thank you.

**Jackie Cockerham:** There's also Fees Report, if you have any questions.

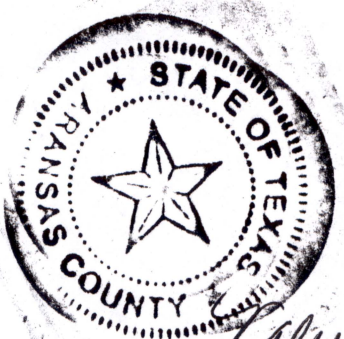
**Judge Mills:** No, it's fine, thank you.

**Judge Mills:** I do have something that we are starting this year, the first meeting of every month we are going to acknowledge everyone that works for Aransas County's birthday. He then proceeded to name those born in the month of January.

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*No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 9:11 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Laubach and seconded by Commissioner Casterline.*

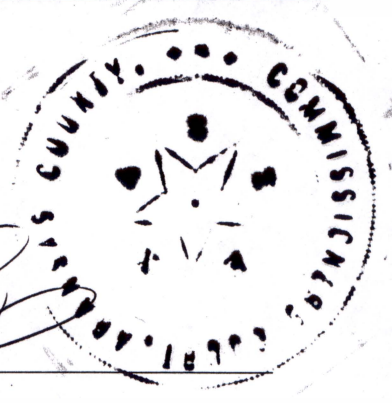
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*Valerie K. Amason*

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. H. Mills, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line.



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