

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 9, 2015

On the 9th day of March, 2015, there was a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court in the Courthouse, Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, with the following members present: Commissioner Charles Smith, Judge Pro-Tem; Jack Chaney, Commissioner, Precinct 1; Leslie "Bubba" Casterline, Commissioner, Precinct 2; and Valerie K. Amason, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; David Reid, Drainage Engineer; Linda Doane, Administrative Assistant, County Judge's Office; Pat Rousseau, Human Resources Director; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; Collin Jackson, IT Director; David Vyoral, Road Administrator; Michael Geer, Airport Manager; John Strothman, Project Manager; James Jackson, Environmental Health Director; Timilu Latham, Chief Deputy Treasurer; Suzy Wallace, First Assistant Auditor; Jackie Cochran, part-time Internal Auditor; and Ronelle Burke, Chief Animal Control Officer.

Also present were City of Rockport Mayor, C. J. Wax.

The Meeting was convened at 9:00 a.m. at which time a quorum was declared by Commissioner Charles Smith, Judge Pro Tem, WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had and done to wit:

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

Ginger Easton, Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent and Kirsten Corda, Family & Consumer Sciences Data Expert, presented highlights from the 2015 San Patricio and Aransas Counties Agriculture and Homemakers Show – Members of

4-H Clubs of Aransas County. Twenty eight local young participants were acknowledged for their accomplishments and awards after entering a total of 102 projects, some of which includes livestock, sewing, mechanics, photography and quilting. Also presented was one of two 4H signs which will be displayed on the highway to welcome people to Aransas County.

ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND OR ACTION

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve minutes for the Regular Commissioners' Court Meeting of February 23, 2015 and the Workshop Meeting of February 27, 2015.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

REPAIR BIDS ON T HANGAR – ARANSAS COUNTY AIRPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve bid award to Canterbury Design and Construction, LLC for repairs to airport T Hangar roof.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Bid inserted)

AIRPORT PROPERTY SURFACE USE AGREEMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to table this item.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT NO. 713055

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to authorize the County Judge to sign Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 713055 with The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) for The Texas Community Development Block Grant Program.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Contract inserted)

ANIMAL CONTROL APPOINTMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve appointing Ronelle Burke, Lead Animal Control Officer as the Local Rabies Control Authority for Aransas County.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

ANIMAL CONTROL FEE

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith, Judge Pro Tem and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve an Animal Control Fee of \$10.00 per Dog, Adult Cat or Litter of Kittens (under six weeks of age), released by owner to shelter.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

TXDOT ROADWAY CULVERT CROSSINGS PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Change Order #1 for the TxDOT Roadway Culvert Crossings Project, an Increase of \$9,900.00 in the construction contract with Tropical Contracting, LLC.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Order Inserted)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith, Judge Pro Tem and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the February 2015 Treasurer's Report. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

INDIGENT HEALTH CARE REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith, Judge Pro Tem and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the February 2015 Indigent Health Care Report. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

There were none.

PUBLIC OFFICIAL BOND – COUNTY CLERK

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the Public Official Bond on Valerie K. Amason, County Clerk. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

(Bond inserted)

PUBLIC OFFICIAL BOND – DISTRICT CLERK

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the Public Official Bond Rider on Pam Heard, District Clerk. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

(Bond inserted)

BOND CONTINUATION CERTIFICATES

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the Bond Continuation Certificates on Betty Lou Watson, Deputy District Clerk; Marsha Ingram, Deputy Tax Assessor Collector; Collin Jackson, IT Director; Linda Garcia, Executive Assistant to County Judge; Roger Carriere, Maintenance Supervisor and Diane S. Garza, Custodian. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

(Certificates inserted)

CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION

Commissioner Smith, Judge Pro Tem reported receipt of 2014 Commissioners Education Certificate of Completion for Betty Stiles, County Commissioner, Precinct 4, for recording in the Commissioners' Court Minutes.

(Certificate inserted)

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

Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor introduced her new part-time Internal Auditor, Jacky Cockerham.

**REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST REGARDING WHICH NO
ACTION WILL BE TAKEN**

Commissioner Chaney commented that the Bluebonnets in the Medium across from Little Bay had all been mowed down recently and asked Mayor Wax if this was City responsibility. Mr. Wax said he could not answer the question but, he would look into it.

PRESS QUESTIONS

Norma Martinez, Managing Editor for the Rockport Pilot commented on the new format for the Commissioners' Court Agenda, questioning specifically if the consent & authorization items are going to be consolidated, to clear all items at one time. Commissioner Smith responded, we wanted to just try it out, get some comments from the Commissioners, I haven't received any comments on it yet, but it's something to look at. We have not been doing a consent agenda as you point out, even so, consent authorization, what we can do with one vote, I think probably going forward if we decide to adopt that, we can put everything in that one section and vote on it after a ruling and discussion.

No closed session

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 9:33 a. m. on a motion made by Commissioner Casterline duly seconded by Commissioner Chaney.

CHARLES SMITH, COUNTY JUDGE PRO-TEM

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