

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - DECEMBER 27, 2017

On the 27th day of December, 2017, 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 **Jerry Brundrett**, County Surveyor; **Kristen Barnebey**, County Attorney; **Alma Cartwright**, Treasurer; **Suzy Wallace**, County Auditor; **Bill Mills**, Sheriff; **Latisha Murphy**, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge; **Sue Pash**, Chief Deputy Treasurer; **David Reid**, Road Administrator/Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Jacky Cockerham**; Assistant County Auditor; **Collin Jackson**, IT Director; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager; **Michele Bennett**, Elections Administrator; Members of Local City Government, Community Groups and other Interested Parties present:

City of Rockport Council Members: **Rusty Day**, Ward 1;

Wendy Laubaugh, **Russell Cole**, Residents & Candidates for the 2018 Election/Commissioner Precinct 4 - 4A

Mike Probst, Editor and Publisher 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

There were none.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

1. Minutes from the Regular Meetings of November 27, 2017, December 11, 2017, and the Special Meeting of December 15, 2017.
2. Setting Terms for Commissioners' Court for 2018 (2nd and 4th Mondays (or Tuesday for Monday holiday) of each month, except for August when court will be held every Monday).
3. Setting Terms for Statutory County Court for 2018 (two terms - January to June and July to December).
4. Setting Terms for JP Courts for 2018 (one month terms beginning the fourth Monday of each month).

**Items 5 and 6 were pulled for discussion.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

5. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve allowing Michele Bennett permission to go out for bids for a new electronic voting

system and sit on them until the County receives anticipated FEMA funds.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

6. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve authorizing Valerie Gonzalez to go out for bids for Debris Monitoring and Debris Removal for line items (PPDR, DEMO & WET debris) which were omitted from current contracts.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COUNTY ROADS

7. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve advertising for 2018 Road materials Bids.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS & LEASES

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign a contract with Motorola for the Replacement Tower.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE

9. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve November 2017 Treasurer's Report.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

10. There were no Budget Line Item Transfers.

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

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS &

DEPARTMENT HEADS WHEREIN NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

Judge Mills: I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas, if it was half as good as mine you had a great Christmas, we had a white Christmas in St. Louis and everyone was tickled to death, I just want to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Sheriff Mills: I just want to report that Grayson County that adopted Aransas County after the hurricane, contacted me Friday and said that they were sending a Semi-Truck load of items for the citizens of Aransas County, children and adults, pallets of food, etc. We unloaded it Saturday night in the Sally Port at the jail, so ya'll need to make a decision of how the items will be distributed. There are also bicycles for young and older children and possibly adults. I just wanted to make you aware of this donation from Grayson County.

Judge Mills: I met the County Judge from Grayson County and he is quite the gentleman. He unexpectedly not only did this, but the Sheriff sent part of his team down here to help you out to.

Sheriff Mills: Yes, about three or four weeks ago.

Commissioner Stiles: Would operation Santa Claus take some of that.

Sheriff Mills: They already did that Friday.

Commissioner Stiles: I understand, but I mean for next year, perhaps.

Sheriff Mills: That's the Court's decision, but you're going to have to find a place to store it.

Kristen Barnebey: So the Rainbow room was destroyed, the CPS children, when they are removed from the home, that's one of the first places they go and they can pick out a toy, clothing, and things like that. It opens January 4, so we could stock that, I'm not sure we could take the bicycles. Also, we have overflows, so we are already planning on storing for next year, because we have all of that space. We have 25 Fischer Price boxes of stuff that was dropped off, so we are storing items for next year.

Judge Mills: It was a nice year for donations for the kids.

Kristen Barnebey: I was.

Commissioner Chaney: Could we get an update on when we might be getting into the new temporary courtroom?

Judge Mills: January 15th, I said that about December too, so.

John Strothman: We're moving along, things are going pretty good.

Commissioner Casterline: I was in there yesterday and it's coming along pretty good.

John Strothman: We still have some issues with the roof, I was told Thursday that would be fixed, but it's not. Other than that, selections have been made, carpet, paint, doors, we are starting to get things in and we are starting to get walls in there.

Judge Mills: We'll discuss more about that later, I am going to go back out there and talk to those people, after I spent some time talking to the landlord Thursday, I thought it was going to be fixed.

Michele Bennett: I just wanted to remind everyone and the Elected Officials, I did send an e-mail out and the Campaign Treasure's Reports are due January 15th, if you did not receive it in an e-mail, let me know, maybe I have an e-mail address wrong, and I can resend.

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 9:12 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Olsen.

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