

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR MEETING - NOVEMBER 10, 2014

On the 10th day of November, 2014, there was a Regular Meeting of the Commissioner' 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 Peggy L. Friebele, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were Kristen Blanford, County Attorney; Stan Turpen, Assistant County Attorney; Suzy Wallace, Assistant County Auditor; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; David Reid, Drainage Engineer; Pat Rousseau, Human Resources Director; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; Bill Mills, Sheriff; Collin Jackson, IT Director; David Vyoral, Road Administrator; and John Strothman, Project Manager. The Meeting was convened at 9:00 a.m. at which time a quorum was declared by County Judge Mills, WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had and done to wit:

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

Karen Mella with KRM Consulting gave a presentation on the results of the shopping tournament held October 3-4, 2014. There were one hundred fifty-three (153) participants with sixty-two (62) being from out of town. They raised approximately \$200,000.00 with funds going to the Education Foundation. They now have their own app and will continue to have the tournament the first week in October.

ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the minutes of the Workshop Meeting and Regular Meeting of October 27, 2014.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

ROCKPORT-FULTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - HOT REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce Third Quarter 2014 Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds Expended Report.

Question. Motion carried with Commissioner Stiles abstaining.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

THE AQUARIUM AT ROCKPORT HARBOR - HOT REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the Aquarium at Rockport Harbor Third Quarter 2014 Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds Expended Report.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

CONTRACT - CEDAR BAYOU/VINSON SLOUGH

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve authorizing payment of final invoice of RLB Contracting, Inc. for the Cedar Bayou/Vinson Slough Restoration Project.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Invoice inserted)

SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the sale of Aransas County property located at 705 Litron in Rockport, Texas (Central Block H, Lot 7), for the purchase price of \$3,460.00 and authorizing County Judge to sign all real estate closing documents related thereto.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

RESOLUTION - 2015 INDIGENT DEFENSE GRANT PROGRAM

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Resolution #R15-2014 authorizing the 2015 Indigent Defense Grant Program.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Resolution inserted)

RESOLUTION - SUBMISSION OF BLOCK GRANT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Resolution #R16-2014 authorizing the submission of a contract amendment request to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) for the Texas Community Development Grant (TXCDBG) Contract No. 713055.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Resolution inserted)

RESOLUTION - SUBMISSION OF BLOCK GRANT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Resolution #R17-2014 designating GrantWorks for administration and Urban Engineering for engineering service providers for the 2014 Texas Community Development Grant (TXCDBG) Contract No. 7214009 community development fund project. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

(Resolution inserted)

RESOLUTION - SIGNATORS

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Resolution #R18-2014 designating authorized signators for the 2014 Texas Community Development Block Grant (TXCDBG) Program 7214009. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

(Resolution inserted)

RESOLUTION - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Resolution #R19-2014 adopting complaint and grievance procedures related to the 2014 Texas Community Development Block Grant (TXCDBG) Program. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

(Resolution inserted)

PROCLAMATION - FAIR HOUSING MONTH

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Proclamation #P10-2014 designating the month of April as Fair Housing Month in Aransas County related to the 2014 Texas Community Development Block Grant (TXCDBG) Program. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

(Proclamation inserted)

RESOLUTION - MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL BLOCK GRANT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Resolution #R20-2014 authorizing the submission of a multi-jurisdictional Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TXCDBG) application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the 2015-16 Community Development Fund.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Resolution inserted)

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve and authorize County Judge to sign an intergovernmental cooperation agreement with the City of Rockport regarding the 2015-16 Community Development Block Grant Program.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Agreement inserted)

County Attorney Blanford introduced the new Assistant County Attorney, Stan Turpen, to the Court stating she was very pleased to have him onboard because of his previous experience.

EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION - CITY OF ARANSAS PASS

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve and authorize County Judge to sign an agreement providing for subdivision regulation by the City of Aransas Pass and the County of Aransas within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Aransas Pass.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Agreement inserted)

EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION - CITY OF ROCKPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve and authorize County Judge to sign an agreement providing for subdivision regulation by the City of Rockport and the County of Aransas within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Aransas Pass.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Agreement inserted)

COLLATERAL AGREEMENT - PROSPERITY BANK

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve and authorize County Judge to sign collateral agreement and depository contract with Prosperity Bank.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Agreement inserted)

PUBLIC OFFICIAL BONDS

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve public official bonds on Kristen Blanford, County Attorney and Stanley Aaron Turpen, Assistant County Attorney; and bond continuation certificates on David Reid, Drainage Engineer, and John W. Mullan, Maintenance/Custodial.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Bonds inserted)

COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT - OCTOBER 2014

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve County Treasurer's report for October 2014.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

INDIGENT HEALTH CARE REPORT - OCTOBER 2014

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve indigent health care report for October 2014.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to table approval of budget line item transfers presented by Assistant County Auditor Wallace.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Transfers inserted)

Commissioner Stiles asked for a summary of the end of year transfers next meeting so the Court can relate them back to the budget.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the accounts payable presented by Assistant County Auditor.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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

Commissioner Stiles reported the Lamar Market Days were a wonderful experience. Friday was not that busy because of the rain but Saturday was very good.

Commissioner Smith congratulated Commissioner Casterline on his election victory.

County Treasurer Cartwright told the Court her office was once again in charge of the Christmas tree and it will be a "blessing" tree. Employees will be given a card to write their blessing on and the card will be put on the tree.

Commissioner Chaney asked if a date had been set for replacing Senator Glenn Hegar who was elected Comptroller of the State. Friebele said she had received no word from the Secretary of State, but did not expect the State to set a date until after the State canvas was held.

Project Manager Strothman reported the Grand Opening and ribbon cutting of the Pathways Center will be held Wednesday, November 12 at 10:00 a.m.

Susie Wallace, Assistant County Auditor, reported on the October fee reports.

(Report inserted)

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

There were none.

PRESS QUESTIONS

Norma Martinez with The Rockport Pilot ask the Court if the balance left in the Cedar Bayou contingency fund would be used for maintenance; Commissioner Smith replied "yes."

The Court did not hold closed session.

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned on a motion made by Commissioner Smith duly seconded by Commissioner Casterline.

C. H. "Burt" Mills, Jr. COUNTY JUDGE

PEGGY L. FRIEBELE, COUNTY CLERK &
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT