

MINUTES OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - JUNE 24, 2019

On the 24th day of June, 2019, there was a Regular 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; **Charles Smith**, Commissioner, Precinct 3; **Wendy Laubach**, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and **Valerie K. Amason**, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were **Jerry Brundrett**, County Surveyor; **Kristen Barnebey**, County District Attorney; **Jeri Cox**, Tax Assessor-Collector; **Alma Cartwright**, Treasurer; **Suzy Wallace**, County Auditor; **Latisha Murphy**, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge; **David Reid**, Road Administrator/Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Collin Jackson**, IT Director; **Linda Doane**, Human Resources Director; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **Valerie Gonzalez**, Environmental Health Director; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager; **Michele Bennett**, Elections Administrator; **Rene Butler**, Maintenance Director; **Carrie Arrington**, Office & Contracts Manager, County District Attorney's Office; **Jacky Cockerham**, First Assistant County Auditor; **Ronell Burke**, Animal Control Supervisor; **Lois White**, Chief Deputy Treasurer; **John Gutierrez**, Chief Deputy Sheriff;

Long-Term Recovery: **Randall Freeze**, Long Term Recovery Specialist;

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

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

Aransas County Citizens: Aransas County Citizens: Cyndy Tuorila; Kelly Dumesnil; Krisy Williford; Thomas Lynch; John Debler;

Todd White, Northstar Recovery Services;

Steve Smith, General Assignment Reporter for 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.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

1. Minutes from the Regular Meeting of June 10, 2019.
2. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court, Certificates of Attendance given to Gayle Otto and Christy Gibson, Deputy County Clerks, for their effort in improving vital registration in the State of Texas through their participation in the June 2019 Vital Statistics Regional Conference by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

(Insert)

3. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court, a Certificate of Course Completion from the Paternity Opportunity Program of the Office of the Texas Attorney General, certifying that Christy Gibson, Deputy County Clerk, has completed training on Acknowledgement of Paternity on June 18, 2019.
4. Accepting a 9 ft. Christmas tree being donated by Michele Bennett, Elections Administrator to Aransas County and allow approval for Rene Butler, Facilities Director to pick up Christmas tree from Michele Bennett.  
Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

**COUNTY REPORTS**

5. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Laubach to recognize and accept a donation in the amount of \$500.00 from Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Margaret Goolsbee given to Aransas County Animal Control in honor of Officer Ronell Burke and to be used for the shelter.  
Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.
6. The names, in this order, William Krebs, Daryl Fox, and Apolonia Gonzalez, were drawn from Public Members names and Alternates for Salary Grievance Committee in Accordance with Section 152.015 of the Local Government Code.  
Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

COUNTY ROADS

7. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Order #O-07-2019, an Order Closing, Abandoning and Vacating a 20-foot alleyway in between Lots 1-8 and 9-16, in Block 352 of the Manning Addition, Aransas County, Texas, recorded in Vol 1, Pg. 7, of the Plat Records of Aransas County, Texas.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Plat request for variance on minimum acreage requirement to replat Lots 14, 15, & 16, Block 255, Manning Addition, into Lot 14-R, Block 255, Manning Addition. **Reason for replat:** Finance purposes. **Reason for variance is required:** Proposed lot does not meet minimum acreage requirement (half an acre) for property with public water and septic. **Reason for variance:** Property owner is re-platting at the request of financing institution. The previous owner combined the three lots for taxation purposes but never officially re-platted the property.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, GRANTS & LEASES

9. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve and authorize the County Judge

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to sign a contract with SJS Industrial, LLC, the prevailing bidder on the St. Charles Bay Breakwater Repair Project, No. 396522 - subject to any revisions from the County District Attorney's office.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

10. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to TABLE authorizing the County Judge to sign a Professional Services Agreement with Hanson Engineering in connection with the Banty Lane Reconstruction and Improvements Project.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

11. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve and authorize the County Judge to sign an agreement allowing the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce and the Rockport-Fulton RV Parks Council to use the Eugene Johnson Memorial Community Hangar on January 25, 2020 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Winter Texan Appreciation Day.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

12. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve and authorize the County Judge to sign an amendment to the Crowder Gulf Contract for Debris Management Services to clarify responsibility for the restoration of debris management sites.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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13. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve and authorize the County Judge to sign an amendment to the Crowder Gulf Professional Services Agreement for PPDR (Private Property Debris Removal) Management, Removal, and Disposal to clarify that this Agreement does not replace our Crowder Gulf Contract for Debris Management Services Contract, that they are two separate agreements and both are in effect. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

14. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve issuing requests for proposals and qualifications for services related to the TxCDBG (Texas Community Development Block Grant) 2019-2020 Colonia Fund as administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

**PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE**

15. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Laubach to approve the May 2019 Treasurer's Report. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

16. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the Extension of Rental Support to South Texas Family Planning & Health Corporation in the amount of \$990.00 per month, for the period of July 1,

(Inserts)

2019 - June 30, 2020, to be paid out of the Health Care Sales Tax Fund. This amount is already figured in the HCST Budget. Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

17. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the addition of the Children's Coalition of Aransas County and the Children's Advocacy Center of the Coastal Bend to the available programs to which jurors may donate their jury service payments.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

18. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve and authorize the County Treasurer to purchase and/or distribute approximately 200 fans for an estimated cost of \$3,000.00 from the Aransas County Assistance Program and be given to qualified Aransas County residents.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

19. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve advertising for Major Medical Insurance Company RFPs' for possible change of health insurance coverage for Aransas County employees.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

22. General Discussion of the 2020 Budget with elected officials and department heads.

**Judge Mills:** We are ready for our second phase, which it's me and someone else on it, the Commissioner's will sit down with the Auditors and look over it then we will have another workshop in July, July what? **Suzy:** 29<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS &

DEPARTMENT HEADS WHEREIN NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

**Suzy Wallace:** Read the Fees Report. Over last year the fees collected for the county, this same time last year, have increased by \$75,935.88.

**Commissioner Smith:** A couple of interesting things on there, we are running ahead of the budgeted amount by about \$76,000, most of that is attributed to JP 1 and JP 2, which is kind of interesting when you have less people living here, fines and fees are going up? Could this be a factor of maybe the outside workforce that have come into our county? **Judge**

**Mills:** Possibly. **Commissioner Smith:** I see License and Weights, \$37,000 for the first five months of the year, I had asked that question to the Sheriff's Department and there's the number right there. I just don't understand how we have



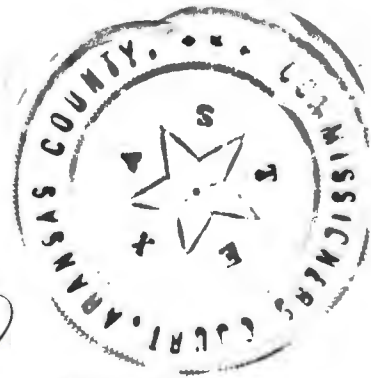
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twelve Game Wardens in our county and there is only \$4,100 in fees.

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*No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 9:21 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney.*

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



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