

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT
ARANSAS COUNTY, TEXAS**

AGENDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MEETING OF THE ABOVE NAMED COMMISSIONERS' COURT *V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.001(4)*, WILL BE HELD ON THE **11TH** DAY OF **AUGUST, 2014** AT **9:00 A.M.** IN THE COMMISSIONERS' COURTROOM IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 301 N. LIVE OAK, ROCKPORT, TEXAS, AT WHICH TIME THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS WILL BE DISCUSSED, TO-WIT:

I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGES

II. INVOCATION

III. DECLARE QUORUM

IV. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

At this time, comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter that is not on the agenda. To address the Commissioners, please sign the Public Participation Form located on the table in front of the pews and deliver to the County Clerk before the meeting begins. Citizens who wish to speak on a matter included in this agenda will be invited to speak when that particular matter is being deliberated by the Commissioners' Court. Each member of the public who appears before the Commissioners' Court shall be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes to make his/her remarks. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Commissioners may not discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda.

V. PRESENTATIONS:

Presentations are limited to fifteen (15) minutes unless other arrangements have been made with the Court.

VI. ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION:

1. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE **MINUTES** FROM REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 28, 2014 – PEGGY FRIEBELE/BURT MILLS
2. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE AND AUTHORIZE **COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES BETWEEN TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION AND ARANSAS COUNTY** – GINGER EASTON-SMITH/RICHARD BIANCHI/BURT MILLS
3. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE AND AUTHORIZE **COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., PAYMENTECH, LLC, FOR PAYMENT PROCESSING SERVICES FOR ARANSAS COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE** -- PAM HEARD/RICHARD BIANCHI/BURT MILLS
4. **DRAW PUBLIC MEMBERS FOR SALARY GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE** IN ACCORDANCE WITH **SECTION 152.015 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE** – PEGGY FRIEBELE/BURT MILLS
5. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF INVOICE OF **RLB CONTRACTING, INC., FOR THE CEDAR BAYOU/VINSON SLOUGH RESTORATION PROJECT** – BURT MILLS
6. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE INSTALLATION OF STOP SIGNS AT SECOND AND SOUTH VERNE STREETS – BUBBA CASTERLINE
7. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE THE CONSOLIDATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS 1 AND 1A – MICHELE BENNETT/JACK CHANEY
8. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE **ORDER #O-20-2014** (CREATING THE POSITION OF **COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR** EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015 – PEGGY FRIEBELE/MICHELE BENNETT/BURT MILLS

9. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN THE **BERG-OLIVER ASSOCIATES, INC., CONTRACT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES/ENGINEERING AND RESTORATION OF THE BERM AT TULE MARSH EAST** – JOHN STROTHMAN/RICHARD BIANCHI/BURT MILLS
10. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE SUBMISSION OF A **GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE'S COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM REQUESTING FUNDING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A TRAIL ALONG FULTON BEACH ROAD** AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY JUDGE TO ACT ON BEHALF OF ARANSAS COUNTY IN ALL MATTERS RELATED TO THE APPLICATION AND **GRANT CONTRACT** – GREG HARLAN-THE GRANT CONNECTION/BURT MILLS
11. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN **PROJECT CONSULTANT CONTRACT WITH THE GRANT CONNECTION FOR PREPARATION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE REQUESTING FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A TRAIL ALONG FULTON BEACH ROAD** AND TO ADMINISTER THE **GRANT** IF IT IS SELECTED FOR FUNDING – GREG HARLAN-THE GRANT CONNECTION/BURT MILLS
12. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN THE EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL CONFIRMATION OF THE **ADOPTION AGREEMENT AND CERTIFICATE OF RESOLUTION #R11-2014 FOR THE SECTION 125 PREMIUM ONLY PLAN WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF OCTOBER 1, 2014, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2015** – PAT ROUSSEAU/BURT MILLS
13. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE **PROPOSAL TO REPLACE CURRENT AMERITAS DENTAL INSURANCE PLAN WITH AN IMPROVED AMERITAS DENTAL PLAN TO PROVIDE BETTER BENEFITS AT THE SAME MONTHLY RATES. THIS IS SUPPLEMENTAL COVERAGE WHICH IS 100% EMPLOYEE PAID** – PAT ROUSSEAU/BURT MILLS
14. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE **PUBLIC OFFICIAL BONDS ON PAULA EVANS, DEPUTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR AND CRISLY ANN STALEY, DEPUTY COUNTY TREASURER** – BURT MILLS
15. REPORT RECEIPT OF AND RECORD IN MINUTES OF **COMMISSIONERS' COURT CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION FROM V.G. YOUNG INSTITUTE OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT/TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE FOR LESLIE E. CASTERLINE, COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2, AND BETTY G. STILES, COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4, TO THE 80TH ANNUAL SOUTH TEXAS COUNTY JUDGES' AND COMMISSIONERS' ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE HELD JUNE 10-12, 2014, AT SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS** – BURT MILLS
16. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE **COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY, 2014** – ALMA CARTWRIGHT/BURT MILLS
17. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE **INDIGENT HEALTH CARE REPORT FOR JULY, 2014** – ALMA CARTWRIGHT/BURT MILLS
18. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE **BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS** – LEZLIE KIRK/BURT MILLS
19. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** – LEZLIE KIRK/BURT MILLS
20. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON **ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES FOR 2015 BUDGET YEAR** – LEZLIE KIRK/BURT MILLS
21. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON **PROPOSED 2015 BUDGET** – LEZLIE KIRK/BURT MILLS
22. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE **DATE AND TIME FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON 2015 BUDGET** – LEZLIE KIRK/BURT MILLS
23. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON **2014 TAX RATE** – JERI COX/BURT MILLS
24. IF NECESSARY, TAKE RECORD VOTE ON **PROPOSED 2014 TAX RATE** AND SCHEDULE TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS ON **PROPOSED TAX INCREASE** – JERI COX/BURT MILLS
25. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE **TIME AND DATE TO ADOPT THE 2015 BUDGET AND 2014 TAX RATE** – LEZLIE KIRK/JERI COX/BURT MILLS

VII. **REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEADS WHEREIN NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN:** “At this time, **County Commissioners** will report/update on all committee assignments which may include the following: *Aransas Pathways Steering Committee; Cedar Bayou; County Storm Water Advisory Committee; Coastal Bend Council of Governments; Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries, Economic Development; Live Oak Tree Committee; Navigation District; Personnel Committee; Rural Rail District; Rockport Community Park/Swimming Pool Committee; and Tiger Field. Elected Officials & Department Heads* reports include but are not limited to the following: *Airport Advisory Board Updates; County Auditor—Read Fee Reports of county & precinct offices; County Treasurer—Healthy County Wellness Programs.*”

VIII. **REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST REGARDING WHICH NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN:** “At this time, Commissioners’ Court will hear reports/updates from Commissioners or County Staff about items of community interest including (1) expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; (2) information regarding holiday schedules; (3) an honorary or salutory recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen; (4) a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the Court; (5) information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the Commissioners’ Court that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a Commissioner or an official or employee of the County; and (6) announcements involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the County that has arisen after the posting of the agenda.”

IX. **PRESS QUESTIONS:**
At this time, the Commissioners’ Court will accept questions from the press on items related to Agenda items which need clarification or further response. This item is provided as a courtesy to keep the citizens of Aransas County informed.

- X. **CLOSED SESSION:**
1. COMMISSIONERS’ COURT WILL MEET IN CLOSED SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY **TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.072 TO DISCUSS REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATIONS INCLUDING PATHWAYS PROJECTS AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROJECTS**
 2. COMMISSIONERS’ COURT WILL MEET IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO **TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071(1)(a) TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LITIGATION AND OTHER MATTERS COVERED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE**

XI. **OPEN SESSION:**
COMMISSIONERS’ COURT WILL RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION AND CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

XII. **ADJOURNMENT**

DATED THIS THE 8TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2014.

NOTES TO THE AGENDA:

- 1) THE COMMISSIONERS’ COURT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RETIRE INTO EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION CONCERNING ANY OF THE ITEMS LISTED ON THIS AGENDA, WHENEVER IT IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY AND LEGALLY JUSTIFIED UNDER THE *OPEN MEETINGS ACT*.
- 2) PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES WHO PLAN TO ATTEND THIS MEETING AND WHO MAY NEED ASSISTANCE SHOULD CONTACT THE COUNTY JUDGE’S OFFICE AT 361-790-0100 TWO WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING SO THAT APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE.

FILED
AT 8:53 A.M.

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9:00A*

Peggy L. Friebele

**PEGGY L. FRIEBELE
COUNTY CLERK, ARANSAS CO., TEXAS**

COMMISSIONERS' COURT, ARANSAS COUNTY, TEXAS

I, the undersigned, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the Notice of the above named Commissioners' Court, is a true and correct copy of said Notice, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice on the bulletin board in the courthouse lobby of Aransas County, Texas on the ___ day of _____, 2014, and said Notice remained so posted continuously for at least seventy-two (72) hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting.

COUNTY CLERK, ARANSAS COUNTY, TEXAS