

MINUTES OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
REGULAR MEETING-AUGUST 12, 2013

On the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, there was a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' 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 Joy M. Dias, Chief Deputy County Clerk. Other County Officers present were Richard Bianchi, County Attorney; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; Pam Heard, District Clerk; Jeri Cox, Tax Assessor-Collector; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; David Vyoral, Road Administrator; David Reid, Drainage Engineer; and Iris Sanchez, Library Director; 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

There were none.

ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND /OR ACTION  
MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of July 22, 2013.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to declare the Library's copier as surplus and to donate it to The Friend's for the History Center for Aransas County.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH AUTO-GRAPHICS,INC

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to Authorize County Judge to sign a contract & Master Agreement with Auto-Graphics, Inc for the Verso Iexpress Program for the Aransas County Public Library.

Question.

Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Contract Inserted)

REGULATIONS FOR THE FRIENDS OF THE HISTORY CENTER

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to Table the motion for the Rules and Regulations of The Friends of the History Center for Aransas County for the operation of the History Center. (The Friends want to review first)

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

SURPLUS PROPERTY TO THE AQUARIUM AT ROCKPORT HARBOR, INC

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to Table the surplus and donation to the Aquarium at Rockport Harbor, Inc., of two (2) paintings from the Aquarium Education Center for inclusion in an upcoming auction to benefit the ongoing operations and maintenance of the aquarium. (Motion needs to be changed for the operation and maintenance of the Education Center)

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

RESOLUTION #R18-2013

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to authorize publication for delinquent tax payers' names by the Law Firm of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Resolution Inserted)

COUNTY CLERK'S RECORDS MANAGEMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to increase the County Clerk's Records Management fee from \$5 to \$8 in accordance with HB 1513 effective September 1, 2013.

Question.

Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

AMEND EFF DATE OF COUNTY CLERK'S RECORDS ARCHIVE FEE

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to amend the effective date for County Clerk's Records Archive Fee (approved at 7/22/13 meeting) from January 1, 2014 to September 1, 2013.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

DRAWING OF PUBLIC NAMES FOR SALARY GRIEVANCE

Judge Mills drew the following names to serve on the Salary Grievance Committee in accordance with Section 1520015 of the Local Government Code.

1 .Rodrigo Gatica, Jr

2. Dorothy Stone

3. David L. Anderson

Alternates:

1. Jorge Garza

2. Melissa D Pina

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to Table the list of Aransas County property as surplus to be sold at Public Auction. (Need to add Charitable Organizations)

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

AWARDED, SEIZED OR ABANDONED PROPERTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to declare the attached list of Awarded, Seized and Abandoned Property of the Sheriff's Office as surplus to be sold at Public Auction.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(List inserted)

PROCEEDS OF L.E.P.CALENDAR SALES

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to accept and dedicate \$2500 proceeds received from the future calendar sales by L.E.P. Calendars of Morristown, TN to be deposited with the County Treasurer for the purchase of a narcotics canine.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered. (Insert)

AMEND CONTRACT WITH GRANT CONNECTION-EDUCATION TRAILS PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to amend the Project Consultant Contract with The Grant Connection for administration of the Education Trails Project to extend services for one year.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

REQUEST TO AMEND CIAP for the SCIENCE and the SEA PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the submission of a request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services to amend the Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) Grant Contract to extend the Science and the Sea Project by one year, with funds already budgeted for said project.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

BIDS- UPPER TULE CREEK STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve County Staff to seek bids for The Upper Tule Creek Storm Water Improvements Project.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

LEASE #L2000-01 COASTAL PLAINS COMMUNITY MHMR CENTER

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the

request of Coastal Plains Community MHMR Center for extension of their Lease #L2000-01 with Aransas County and authorize County Judge to sign the Lease Contract Agreement.  
Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

(Lease Inserted)

PUBLIC ACCESS AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT-SWAN LAKE

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve and authorize County Judge to sign a public access and drainage easement with Jim Salmon for drainage and kayak launch-Swan Lake.

(Easement Inserted)

BEE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY RURAL TRANSIT

There will be no funds encumbered with this motion. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> step of possibly moving 6 Buses to stay in Aransas County.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to authorize the County Judge to negotiate with Bee Community Action Agency Rural Transit District (BCAA-RTD) and/or Bee County for control and use of Transit Buses by Aransas County.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

BEE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY AMENDMENT NO 3

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the County Judge to sign Bee Community Action Agency Amendment No 3 to subcontract No. 61130001565-A Community Services Block Grant establishing fourth quarter funding.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Amendment Inserted)

LETTER OF CREDIT FOR ARANSAS COUNTY TRANSFER STATION

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to authorize the County Judge and County Treasurer to sign Governmental Certificate and County Treasurer to sign Promissory Note to secure a letter of credit from American Bank to TCEQ in the amount of \$10,200 for financial assurance of the Aransas County Transfer Station.

MINUTE ORDER APPOINTING COUNTY AUDITOR

Record in the Commissioners' Court minutes the District Judges' Minute Order for Aransas County appointing Lezlie M. Kirk as County Auditor for a 2-year Term effective August 2, 2013. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve and set her salary.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Order Inserted)

CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION

Commissioners' Court Certificates of completion from V.G. Young Institute of County Government/Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service for Burt Mills, County Judge and Betty G. Stiles, County Commissioner Precinct 4, to the 79<sup>th</sup> annual South Texas County Judges' and Commissioners' Association conference held June 10-13, 2013 in Corpus Christi, TX were

received and recorded.

(Certificates Inserted)

COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT-JULY 2013

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the July 2013 Treasurers' report.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report Inserted)

INDIGENT HEALTH CARE REPORT-JULY, 2013

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the Indigent Health Care Report for July, 2013 with statement to correct date.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report Inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the Budget Line Item Transfers.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report Inserted)

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve accounts payable.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES FOR 2014

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to set the 2014 Salaries for Elected Officials.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Salary Schedule Inserted)

PROPOSED 2014 BUDGET

Ms Kirk discussed the changes that were suggested during the two budget hearings and presented a new budget figures. The sheriff is requesting at least \$6,000 for additional storage data and mobile terminals. Commissioner Smith wants to add \$50,000 to the IT budget for Tech needs of the sheriff.

There can be no action until Public Hearings.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2014 BUDGET

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to set the date and time for Public Hearing on the 2014 Budget. The date and time will be August 19, 2013 at 9:00 A.M.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

2013 TAX RATE

Jeri Cox presented the proposed tax rate.

The court can only consider the tax rate at 0.375276. The budget needs to be approved before the tax rate can be approved.

PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR TAX RATE

Public Hearings are not necessary unless the Commissioners' decide to raise the rate. As of now, no public hearings are necessary per Jeri Cox.

ADOPT 2014 BUDGET

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to adopt the 2014 Budget and 2013 Tax rate on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEADS

Lezlie Kirk gave a collection comparison fee report.  
(Report Inserted)

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

There were none.

PRESS QUESTIONS

Norma Martinez from the The Rockport Pilot asked for the exact tax rate. It is 0.375276. She also asked about the Bee Community Action buses. It was answered that we would like the buses here the whole week, not just a few hours.

Ms Martinez wants to know if having a surplus in our budget every year is a good idea. Commissioner Smith said he agrees we need to do a better job of estimating our intake as we usually collect more revenue than estimated.

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CLOSED SESSION

The court when into closed session at 10:10 A.M.

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OPEN SESSION

Commissioners Court reconvened at 10:44 A.M. into open court.  
Judge Mills stated that no action was needed to be taken at this time.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to adjourn.  
Question. Motion was carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

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

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