

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - AUGUST 25, 2014

On the 25th day of August, 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 Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; David Vyoral, Road Administrator; Richard Bianchi, County Attorney; Pat Rousseau, HR Director; Pam Heard, District Clerk; Collin Jackson, IT Director; John Strothman, Project Manager; Gene Johnson, Airport Manager; Bill Mills, Sheriff; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; and David Vyoral, Road Administrator.

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.

PUBLIC HEARING - DISTRICT CLERK'S TECHNOLOGY FUND

Judge Mills announced comments would be taken from the audience regarding the proposed plan for the District Clerk's Technology Fund, Texas Government Code, Chapter 51.305, Subchapter D, to fund the preservation and restoration of the District Clerk's records as set out below.

ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the minutes of the Budget Workshop Meeting of August 6, 2014, Special Meeting of August 7, 2014, Regular Meeting of August 11, 2014, the Special Meeting of August 15, 2014, and Pre-Bid Workshop Meeting of August 18, 2014.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

DISTRICT COURT TECHNOLOGY FUND

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the District Court Technology Fund for the preservation and restoration of the District Clerk's Records pursuant to Texas Government Code Sec. 51.305.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Restoration Plan inserted)

FRIENDS OF HISTORY CENTER - QUARTERLY REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the Friends of the History Center for Aransas County quarterly report.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

ORDER - OUTDOOR BURNING

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Commissioners' Court Order #0-21-2014 prohibiting outdoor burning in Aransas County.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Order inserted)

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTIONS

M. Jeffrey Rutledge with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP went over the progress report on delinquent tax collections for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014. The summary showed they have collected \$4,453,652.00 in delinquent taxes for this time period.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve and authorize County Judge to sign an agreement for delinquent tax collection services with the law firm of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Agreement inserted)

PAYMENT PROCESSING - COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve and authorize County Judge to sign an agreement with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Paymentech, LLC, for payment processing services for Aransas County Clerk's Office.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Agreement inserted)

JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT - NAVIGATION DISTRICT

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve agreement of Joint Election of Aransas County and the Aransas County Navigation District to be held on November 4, 2014. Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Agreement inserted)

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY EARLY VOTING CLERKS

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve appointment of Deputy Early Voting Clerks for the November 4, 2014, General Election.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(List inserted)

PRO FORMA ORDER - ADDITIONAL EARLY VOTING

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Pro Forma Order for additional early voting on Saturday, October 25, 2014 and Sunday, October 26, 2014 the November 4, 2014, General Election.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Order inserted)

SALARY GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

It was not necessary for Judge Mills to draw additional names for the Salary Grievance Committee.

CEDAR BAYOU/VINSON SLOUGH - FUNDS

Aaron Horine with Coast and Harbor went over the reasons for the requested change order.

(Presentation inserted)

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve allocation of additional funds for Cedar Bayou/Vinson Slough after discussion with Coast and Harbor Engineering.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PRESENTATION

Larry Boccaccio, Risk Control Consultant for the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) Risk Management Pool, stated Aransas County was one of only twenty-one (21) counties to receive this award. He presented the Aransas County Safety Award for 2013 in recognition of the County's ongoing record of safety in the workplace.

DEBRIS REMOVAL - CONTRACT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to table approval of a contract for disaster debris removal, reduction disposal, and other emergency services with Crowder Gulf.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to declare Aransas County owned property located at 705 Litron, Rockport, Texas (Central Block H, Lot 7) as surplus to be sold, and authorize County Judge to select broker and set sales price based on broker market study.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to table declaration Aransas County owned property located at 620 East Concho, Rockport, Texas (Smith & Wood Addition, Tract A, Lot 19) as surplus to be sold (this was the wrong address).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

EXTENSION - MEDICAL CARE AT DETENTION CENTER

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve a one-year extension of the provider contract with Randy Bingham in regards to medical care for the Aransas County Detention Center inmates.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Contract inserted)

EXTENSION - PHARMACY SERVICES AT DETENTION CENTER

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve a one-year extension of the provider contract with Diamond Pharmacy Services in regards to pharmaceutical services for the Aransas County Detention Center inmates.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Contract inserted)

EXTENSION - MEDICAL CARE AT DETENTION CENTER

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve a one-year extension of the provider contract with X-Ray on Wheels in regards to medical care for the Aransas County Detention Center inmates.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Contract inserted)

BANK DEPOSITORY

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve setting the submission date and time for banks in Aransas County proposing to become the depository bank for Aransas County, said date and time being October 8, 2014, at 2:00 p.m.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

OPTIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve optional health care services to be paid from Indigent Health Care Funds.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(List inserted)

2013 GENERAL TAX FUND LEVY

Judge Mills reported receipt of the 2013 General Tax Fund Levy from the Aransas County Tax Assessor/Collector for recording in the Commissioners' Court Minutes; report stipulating 8% of the gross revenue tax levy (GRTL) for the Aransas County Indigent Health Care Program Fiscal Year September 1, 2014 - August 31, 2015.

(Report inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve budget line item transfers presented by the County Auditor.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Transfers inserted)

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

2015 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

County Auditor Kirk stated the budget is in good shape. If any changes are made before it is finally approved, she will present them for consideration.

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

County Auditor Kirk presented the collection comparison report for the month of July 2014.

(Report inserted)

County Treasurer Cartwright reported Victoria County Action Agency has accepted Aransas County in light of the Bee Community Action Agency (BCAA) closing down. No guidelines have been established; however, Victoria County will not be giving Aransas County money like BCAA did. They will be distributing any food we get. Cartwright reported September will be the last month she will be giving out commodities unless something else is worked out. Transportation is going to be handled through Real in Alice, Texas.

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

There were none.

PRESS QUESTIONS

Norma Martinez with The Rockport Pilot clarified the Nueces County will not sell commodities directly to the County because they only sell to non-profit agencies.

The Court entered into closed session at 9:49 a. m. as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.072 to discuss real estate negotiations, including Pathways Projects and stormwater management projects; and to discuss and review potential litigation issues and other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1)(a); and to discuss county computer network security issues pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.076; and resumed Open Meeting at 10:37 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:

COMPUTER NETWORK SECURITY

No action was taken on this item.

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

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

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