

ORIGINAL

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR MEETING - SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

On the 8th day of September, 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 Joy M. Dias, Chief Deputy, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were Richard Bianchi, County Attorney; Kristen Blanford, Assistant County Attorney; Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; David Reid, Drainage Engineer; Pat Rousseau, Human Resources Director; Pam Heard, District Clerk; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; Gene Johnson, Airport Manager; 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

There were none.

ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the minutes of the Public Hearings of August 25, 2014, Regular Meeting of August 25, 2014, and Public Hearings of September 3, 2014.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL POW/MIA DAY

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Proclamation #P08-2014 designating September 19, 2014 as "National POW/MIA Day" in Aransas County.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Proclamation inserted)

RESOLUTION - MEALS ON WHEELS

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Resolution #R13-2014 authorizing county grant for

home-delivered meals program (Council on Aging "Meals on Wheels").
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

(Resolution inserted)

AIRPORT - "RAMP" GRANT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve participation of Aransas County in the 2015 Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) "Ramp" Grant Routine Airport Maintenance Program and authorize County Judge to sign the same.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

2015 BUDGET AND 2014 TAX RATE

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to reset the time and date to adopt the 2015 budget and 2014 tax rate to September 22, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve setting additional public hearing on proposed tax increase for September 18, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

NAVIGATION DISTRICT - TAX RATE LEVY

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Aransas County Navigation District (ACND) tax rate levy for 2014 (total effective tax rate of \$0.053611/\$100.00 valuation).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

CEDAR BAYOU/VINSON SLOUGH RESTORATION PROJECT

Motion was made by Judge Mills and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve and authorize payment of invoice of RLB Contracting, Inc. For the Cedar Bayou/Vinson Slough Restoration Project.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

(Invoice inserted)

SEAL COATING - LAMAR FIRE STATION

Road Administrator Vyoral stated he does not believe seal coating will last. They should have used concrete.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve seal coating the area in front of the Lamar Fire Station; not to exceed \$600.00.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

CHANGES - IMPROVED COUNTY ROAD POLICY

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve changes to the improved County Road Policy eliminating petition approval of residents and approving use of a scoring system on roads for currently maintained roads.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Roads inserted)

DISASTER DEBRIS REMOVAL

Motion was made by Judge Mills and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve and authorize County Judge to sign the contract for disaster debris removal, reduction disposal and other emergency services with Crowder Gulf, LLC subject to County Attorney amendments to contract.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Contract inserted)

SHORELINE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT - LITTLE BAY

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve and authorize County Judge to sign an intergovernmental cooperation agreement between Aransas County and Aransas County Navigation District for the Live Oak Peninsula Shoreline Enhancement Project - Little Bay.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Agreement inserted)

PUBLIC OFFICIAL BOND

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve public official bonds on Elizabeth M. Picarazzi, Deputy Tax Assessor-Collector.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Bond inserted)

COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT - AUGUST 2014

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

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

Commissioner Chaney was not present for the next two agenda items.

INDIGENT HEALTH CARE REPORT - AUGUST 2014

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

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

INDIGENT HEALTH CARE REPORT - YEAR END REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve indigent health care end-of-year report.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(August and year end report inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

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

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Transfers inserted)

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PROPOSED 2015 BUDGET

Discussions were continued on the proposed 2015 budget. The budget was changed and additional posting was done due to the increase in the Sheriff's salary. The salaries of those leaving and their longevity pay were "tweaked." Commissioner Chaney verified that website development was kept in the IT budget.

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

County Auditor Kirk read the August 2014 fee reports (report inserted).

Human Resources Director Pat Rousseau thanked everyone for participation in the open enrollment that is 90% completed. There was a 150% increase in those taking the dental insurance.

Judge Mills commended Sheriff Mills and the jail for seven (7) straight years of State Jail compliance.

County Judge's Executive Assistant Linda Garcia reported receipt of a \$300,000.00 grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture for a new community program.

Judge Mills also reported Cedar Bayou is going well. Captain Tommy Moore (Navigation District Commissioner) has offered his boat to transport the public to see the final day of unplugging.

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

There were none.

The Court did not hold closed session.

PRESS QUESTIONS

There were no press questions.

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