

MINUTES OF THECOMMISSIONERS' COURTREGULAR MEETING - November 25th, 2013

On the 25th day of November, 2013, 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, Deputy County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were Richard Bianchi, County Attorney; Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; David Reid, Drainage Engineer; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; David Vyoral, Road Administrator; Bill Mills, Sheriff; James Jackson, Director of Environmental Health; Pam Heard, District Clerk. 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

Informational Presentation from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF ASSISTANCE AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES (DARS) Division for Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) Services regarding ECI project ninos which provides services for families with young children birth to age three with developmental delays or disabilities to have needed resources and support.

ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTIONMINUTES

Betty Stiles said there was a correction to the minutes. David Reid was not present for the meeting as written in the minutes. His name will be removed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 12th and the Special Meeting of November 18th, 2013.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered. (Minutes Inserted)

Rockport Center of the Arts 3rd Quarter

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve The Rockport Center of the Arts Third Quarter 2013 Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds Expended.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered. (Report Inserted)

FRIENDS OF THE HISTORY CENTER

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner

Casterline to approve the November 2013 Report from the History Center for Aransas County.

(Report Inserted)

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH APPEAL

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to deny an appeal by homeowner Margie Krenek of denial by Environmental Health Department of variance of septic system requirements for property located a #2 Oyster Lane.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Letter Inserted)

SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the County Judge to sign an agreement providing for Subdivision Regulation by the City of Aransas Pass and the County of Aransas within the the extraterritorial Jurisdiction of the City of Aransas Pass.

Question. Motion carried with Charles Smith against.

It is so ordered.

(Agreement inserted)

ARANSAS COUNTY VENUES

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve and authorize the County Judge to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement for Professional Services in the operation and Maintenance of Aransas County Venues between The City of Rockport and Aransas County

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Agreement inserted)

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT-SAN PAT AND ARANSAS

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve and authorize County Judge to sign an Interlocal Agreement between the counties of San Patricio and Aransas for the Intoxilyzer Program and Technical Supervisor Services.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Agreement inserted)

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CALHOUN AND ARANSAS
REGARDING HOUSING OF INMATES

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize the County Judge to sign an Intergovernmental

Agreement between Calhoun County and Aransas County regarding housing of Aransas County inmates in the Calhoun County Adult Detention Center.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Agreement inserted)

SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH BERG OLIVER ASSO INC

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve and authorize the County Judge to sign a service agreement with Berg Oliver Associates, inc for a Wetland and Habitat Assessment of 4 tracts costing \$9,350.00 using Aransas Pathways Funds. The commissioners asked the 4 tracts be identified in the contract.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Contract Inserted)

STOP SIGN FOR AIRPORT AND LOOP 1781

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve authorizing a stop sign to be placed at Airport Road and Loop 1781. Pathways will be funding this.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FEES - 2014

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the Environmental Health Fees for 2014.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Fees inserted)

ANIMAL CONTROL FEES-2014

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the Animal Control Fees for 2014.

Question. Motion Carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

TRANSFER FEES - 2014

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the Transfer Station Fees for 2014.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Fees Inserted)

GROUND POWER UNIT

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to Accept a Ground Power Unit for Aircraft from an anonymous donor.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (TAC)

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve renewal of Texas Association of Counties (TAC) Insurance Policies (General Liability, Law Enforcement Liability, Public Officials Liability and Automobile Coverage.)

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

GOING OUT FOR INSURANCE BIDS

This item was tabled as it is not necessary to go out for bids since Court approved going with TAC.

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the Budget Line Items 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.

At this time, the court decided to discuss the Special Election Item after closed session.

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

There were none.

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

David Vyoral introduced guests visiting from England. Jack Chaney thanked everyone for their well wishes during a recent illness. Judge Mills presented a plaque to the court which was an award for Conservation and Environmental Stewardship.

PRESS QUESTIONS

Ms Martinez from the Pilot said she would save her questions until after the final agenda item

CLOSED SESSION

The court went into closed session at 10:18 AM and returned at 11:05 AM.

ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF ARANSAS COUNTY ATTORNEY

Attorney Kevin Cullen said the County does not need to order a special election for the County Atty office. It will be filled by operational law during the 2014 Primary or General Election. He had supporting documentation from the Secy of State's Office. Michele Bennett, the Aransas County Elections Assistant, also assisted obtaining information from the Secy of State's Office. At this time, Norma Martinez from the Pilot, challenged Atty Cullens' opinions. He offered to sit down with her after court to show her documentation.

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