

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - DECEMBER 10, 2012

On the 10th day of December, 2012, 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; 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 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; Pam Heard, District Clerk; Gene Johnson, Airport Manager; and Richard Thompson, 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.

ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the minutes of both the Regular Meeting of November 26, 2012 with amendment indicating David Reid, Drainage Engineer was not present at this meeting.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

SUPPORT - PORT OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve and authorize County Judge to sign letter of support for Aransas County to be included within The Port of Corpus Christi Authority's service area of foreign-trade zone (FTZ) No. 122.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Letter inserted)

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING CHANGE

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve moving the last regular Commissioners' Court meeting of December 24, 2012 (due to holiday) to Thursday, December 27, 2012.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COURT ORDER - FIREWORKS RESTRICTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Commissioners' Court Order #0-32-2012 prohibiting the sale and possession of restricted fireworks in Aransas County.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Order inserted)

ARANSAS COUNTY APPRAISAL BOARD

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve re-appointment of De McLallen and George Taggart to the Aransas County Appraisal Board for the 2013-2014 term.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

CEDAR BAYOU PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve a request for qualifications for Piper Clover survey study required by Corps of Engineers for the Cedar Bayou Project.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

CEDAR BAYOU PROJECT - RFO'S

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve a request for qualifications to conduct a study of abundance of fish, crabs, and shrimp before and after construction of Cedar Bayou Project as required by Corps of Engineers.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

INSURANCE POLICIES

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to table 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.

SELF INSURANCE POOL

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to table establishment of Aransas County self insurance pool and appointment of Commissioners as Directors and County Judge as Chairman of same.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION - VOLUNTEERS

Pat Rousseau, Human Resources, stated TAC is going to increase medical coverage under general liability to cover volunteers. There will be no increase in premium.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve removing changes to workers' compensation coverage approved November 13, 2012 for 2013 to revise policy regarding volunteers.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to authorize Drainage Engineer to negotiate with property owners for reasonable compensation (fair market value) for land acquisition as necessary to continue prioritized drainage improvements identified in the 2011 Capital Improvement Plan with such agreements being reviewed by the Storm Water Management Advisory Committee and recommended for approval by Commissioners' Court before being finalized.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

FENCE - FIRING RANGE

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve request of County Sheriff for permission to erect an 8-foot fence enclosing the open side of the berm for the firing range at the County yard on FM 2165 with expense for same to be funded by the Sheriff's Department operating budget or forfeiture fund contingent on Sheriff coming back to the Court with a cost estimate.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT - NOVEMBER, 2012

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve County Treasurer's report for November, 2012.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

INDIGENT HEALTH CARE REPORT - NOVEMBER, 2012

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve indigent health care report for November, 2012.

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 budget line item transfers presented by County Auditor Kirk accepted by Court.

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.

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

County Auditor Kirk read the fee reports for November 2012 received from the District Clerk, County Clerk, Sheriff, and Justices of the Peace, Precincts 1 and 2.

(Report inserted)

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

There were none.

PRESS QUESTIONS

Norma Martinez with The Rockport Pilot stated she had no questions.

There was no closed session.

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