

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - FEBRUARY 24, 2010

On the 24th day of February, 2010, there was an 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; Howard Murph, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and Peggy L. Friebele, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were Richard P. Bianchi, County Attorney; Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; Gene Johnson, Airport Manager; David Vyoral, Road Administrator; Bill Mills, Sheriff; Pam Heard, District Clerk; Roger Carriere, Maintenance Supervisor; Dee Oliver, County Treasurer; Iris Sandoval, County Librarian; Amy Freeman and Ginger Smith, Extension Agents.

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:

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2010.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mary Longoria Marquez appeared before the Court to express her concern for the condition of the Latino Cemetery. She told the Court Mariana Mota has worked tirelessly on the cemetery. The markers have been vandalized and Ms. Marquez requested the Court's help in stopping the desecration of the graves.

FRIENDS OF LATINO CEMETERY

Mariana Mota appeared before the Court to request permission to apply for a matching grant from Texas Historical Commission for preservation of the Latino Cemetery. She stated this Cemetery dates back to 1859. Ms. Mota gave a lengthy history of the cemetery noting that many Hispanics, including many of her relatives, are buried in this cemetery - some in unmarked graves. Commissioner Chaney stated he spent two (2) hours with Ms. Mota and some other very nice folks discussing the issue. Commissioner Chaney stated the agenda item is not what they want to do. From the meeting, Commissioner Chaney surmised they wanted to honor the deceased buried in the cemetery and the Court to encourage the Historical Commission to designate this as a State Cemetery. Ms. Mota disagreed with Commissioner Chaney's assessment of what they

want. She stated it has already been designated by the State as a Historical Cemetery and it is segregated. The Catholic Church has records of the San Antonio Cemetery. They want the State Historical Commission to correct the historical marker. Commissioner Chaney thought they wanted to get the historical marker corrected first and then ask for a grant. Ms. Mota said that was not right either; they want to apply for the grant because there is an April 1st deadline. Commissioner Smith asked what specific action Ms. Mota wanted the Court to take. She replied that she wanted the Court to apply for the grant as the owner because the Texas Historical Commission told her the owner must apply. The Court told Ms. Mota they could not apply as the owner since the County is not the owner.

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to send a letter in support of the Friends of Latino Cemetery Association's application for matching grant from the Texas Historical Commission for preservation of Latino Cemetery.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Mariana Mota's request inserted)

WALMART GRANT - LIBRARY

Motion was made by Commissioner Murph and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Library request to apply for Walmart grant.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PRESENTATION - SCIENCE AND THE SEA PROJECT

This will be at a later date.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT - CONN BROWN HARBOR

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Aransas County and the City of Aransas Pass regarding proposed improvements to Conn Brown Harbor.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Agreement inserted)

HOOD STREET SEWER LINE PROJECT

Motion made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the change order (Mercer Construction Contract) for the Hood Street sewer line project.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Change order inserted)

ARCHITECT - AGRILIFE EXTENSION BUILDING

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to select Naismith Engineering as architect for Agrilife Extension Building.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

2010 ROUTINE AIRPORT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM GRANT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the 2010 routine airport maintenance program ("RAMP") grant.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Grant request inserted)

CHARGE CARD PROGRAMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve agreement between Aransas County and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. for participation in procurement card and corporate travel charge card programs and to authorize County Judge to sign same.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Agreement inserted)

PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve GSM Insurors for property and casualty insurance.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

MAINTENANCE CONTRACT - WATER CHILLER

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Murph to approve maintenance contract with Protech Mechanical, Inc. for water chiller.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Contract inserted)

DATA TRANSPORT SERVICE AGREEMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve data transport service agreement with Aransas County and Charter Business subject to County Attorney review.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Agreement inserted)

HEALTHY COUNTY WELLNESS PROGRAM

Motion was made by Commissioner Murph and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve healthy county wellness program and incentives. Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COUNTY WELLNESS COORDINATOR

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to designate Julie Gifford as the County Wellness Coordinator and Executive Sponsor TAC Incentive Program and to authorize County Judge to sign designation form.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Designation inserted)

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve hiring of Diana Leonard, new Deputy District Clerk, at a higher Step 7 pay rate.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CERTIFICATES

Judge Mills presented for recording in the Commissioners' Court Minutes certificates of completion of continuing education for 2009 from the County and District Clerks' Association of Texas for Pam

Heard, District Clerk, and Peggy Friebele, County Clerk, and certificate of participation for completion of continuing education to the V. G. Young Institute of County Government for Peggy Friebele, County Clerk.

(Certificates inserted)

PUBLIC BOND CONTINUATION CERTIFICATES

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Murph to approve public bond continuation certificates on Linda Garcia, County Judge's Executive Assistant; Shannon Heuerman, County Judge's Administrative Secretary; Collin Jackson, IT Technician; Roger Carriere, Maintenance Supervisor; and Diane S. Garza, Custodian.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT - JANUARY 2010

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Murph to approve County Treasurer's report for January 2010.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

INDIGENT HEALTH CARE - JANUARY 2010

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve indigent health care expenditures for January 2010.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Expenditures inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

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

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Transfers inserted)

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve accounts payable, including \$145,209.00 to GSM Insurors for the Regional Pool Alliance insurance renewal effective March 1, 2010.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

FEE REPORTS

This item was passed on.

The Court entered into closed session at 9:59 a. m. for the purpose as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to discuss the purchase, exchange or value of real property, including Sections of FM 1781, 20.77 acres adjacent to the Airport, leasing structures connected with proposed Conference Center as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.072; and resumed Open Meeting at 10:41 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:

PURCHASE, EXCHANGE OR VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY

No action on this item.

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

C. H. "Burt" Mills, Jr. COUNTY JUDGE

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