

MINUTES OF THECOMMISSIONERS' COURTREGULAR MEETING - FEBRUARY 8, 2016

On the 8th day of February, 2016, there was a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' 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 **Valerie K. Amason**, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were **Jerry Brundrett**, County Surveyor; **Kristen Barnebey**, County Attorney; **Alma Cartwright**, Treasurer; **Pam Heard**, District Clerk; **Lezlie Kirk**, County Auditor; **Bill Mills**, Sheriff; **Misty Kimbrough**, Collections Specialist; **Lynn Doane**, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge; **David Vyoral**, Road Administrator; **Timilu Latham**, Chief Deputy County Treasurer; **Collin Jackson**, IT Director; **Pat Rousseau**, Human Resources Director; **Carrie Arrington**, Office & Contracts Manager for the County Attorney's Office; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **David Reid**, Drainage Engineer; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager; **Iris Sanchez**, Library Director; **Christopher Mace**, President of the Rockport Aquarium Board of Directors; **De McLallen**, Aransas County Appraisal District Chairman of the Board of Directors; **C. J. Wax**, City of Rockport Mayor; **Brian Olsen**, Unopposed Candidate for Precinct 3 Commissioner in upcoming Primary and General 2016 Elections; **Thea Edmundson**, County Resident; and **Norma Martinez**, Managing Editor of the Rockport Pilot Newspaper.

The Meeting was convened at 9:00 a.m. at which time a quorum was declared by Judge Mills, WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had and done to wit:

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

Misty Kimbrough presented an update on Collections and Compliance. She stated that there was an error in the handout, the references to February 3rd data is actually 2016 instead of 2015. IPlow is running beautifully, the cards and phone calls are going out and the numbers are proving that it is working. Our next step is getting all of the cases in the system and she will be speaking to that further on in the meeting.

Mike Geer presented an update on the New Hangar Status at the County Airport. In 2013 Resolution #R-14-2013 was passed which included construction of a hangar with offices and he feels like now is the time to move forward with the improvements. After meeting with TXDOT Aviation in Austin, I brought information back to the Airport Advisory Board. They advised that this may be the last year that the 9010 Grant money will be available for hangar construction as TXDOT will be focusing on future airport repairs from the runway out. The advisory board voted to proceed with the hangar construction due to a need for housing transient jets. The selection committee has decided that the 2013 resolution should be revised to remove Gene Johnson's name as airport sponsor, insert Mike Geer's name, the names of the

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Airport Advisory Board Selection Committee and sign a new agreement. The selection committee will be responsible for posting bids, reviewing bids to make sure they meet the criteria and then forwarding the bids to the Advisory Board. The selection committee will then award the bid. We will be responsible for paying 92,966 up front out of the airport fund, which will cover the pavement and the hangar shell. We can then finish out the structure as convenient. We are approved contingent on signing the new agreement with TXDOT before September of this year.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve:

1. Minutes from the Commissioners' Court Public Hearings of January 22, 2016 and January 25, 2016 and the Regular Meeting of January 25, 2016.
2. Official Blanket Bond Addition for Aransas County Deputy Treasurers.
3. Proclamation #P-01-2016 proclaiming March 2, 2016 as "Read Across Aransas County Day".
4. Acknowledge receipt of and Record in the Minutes of Commissioners Court Certificate of Completion of 2015 Continuing Education Requirements for County Commissioners Jack Chaney, Precinct 1-1A; Betty Stiles, Precinct 4-4A; and Leslie Casterline, Precinct 2.
5. Acknowledge receipt of and Record in the Minutes of

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Commissioners Court Certificate of Completion of 2015 Continuing Education Requirements from County & District Clerk's Association of Texas for Pam Heard, District Clerk and Valerie Amason, County Clerk.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COUNTY REPORTS

6. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve The Rockport Aquarium Report on the Expended Fourth Quarter 2015 Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Funds.

Question.

It is so ordered.

BIDS, CONTRACTS & LEASES

7. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to authorize the County Judge to sign an Agreement for LexisNexis Accurint for Government, a search tool commonly used for indigence determination as it relates to qualifying for a court-appointed attorney and to assist collections in locating defendants.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

Norma Martinez: How long the contract good for?

Misty Kimbrough: One year.

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign a Consulting Services Agreement with Eddy C. Gorman to develop a computer service application to extract case and assessment information from Odyssey into IPlow on a daily basis subject to County Attorney's clarification on the service agreement, negotiation of any other issues, and approval of the contract.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

Norma Martinez: Is this is a one-time fee?

Misty Kimbrough: Yes.

9. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign an amendment number 2 to contract number 713055 with The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) for the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program.

Question. Motion carried.

It is so ordered.

10. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the City of Rockport and the Town of Fulton for a Community Aquatic & Skate Park.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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11. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign a contract with Whitlock to upgrade and replace the EOC equipment contingent on the City Council approving the proposal at their February 9 Council Meeting. **Commissioner Smith:** What the total cost to County will be. **Collin Jackson:** 32,000 to the County. **Commissioner Smith:** Based on percentage? **Collin Jackson:** It is a 50/50 split. It was in my budget for 2015 and it should not have any effect on my budget this year as far as causing any new money. **Motion is contingent on the City Council's approval.**

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

Norma Martinez: Mr. Jackson said it was in the 2015 Budget, why was it not done in 2015?

Collin Jackson: I had every intention of getting it done last year, but the City was not on board.

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE ITEMS

12. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve 2016 Road Ratings for unpaved county maintained roads, identify roads for improvement and authorize Road & Bridge to begin improvements until such time Commissioner Chaney can come up with another rating system or alternative financing.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

13. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve proposed road improvement and assessment of costs, per Title 6, Subchapter C, Chapter 253 of The Transportation Code and authorize staff to publish notice of public hearing to consider improvements and assessment of Janacek Road.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

15. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Treasurers Report for January, 2016.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

16. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the Indigent Report for January, 2016.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

17. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Budget Line Item Transfers.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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18. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Accounts Payable.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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

There were none.

The Court entered into closed session at 10:04 a.m. 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 real estate negotiations, including Pathways Projects pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072; and resumed Open Meeting at 11:20 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:

14. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve authorizing legal counsel to negotiate purchase of a Drainage Easement from DOS COMPANAS, LLC.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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PERSONNEL ITEMS

19. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the reclassification of the Information Technology (IT) Director to a Pay Group 27 position previously assigned to a Pay Group 25. The budget for 2016 was approved with a higher pay rate but the job description was unchanged.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

Norma Martinez: You said the higher pay group was budgeted for 2016 so is that something that starts as of January 1, 2016?

Commissioner Smith: That is my understanding, yes.

Commissioner Casterline: The money was budgeted but the paperwork was not done.

Alma Cartwright: We cannot retro-pay those, so I need clarification on that.

Judge Mills: You can't retro-pay?

Alma Cartwright: No.

Commissioner Casterline: It was budgeted.

Alma Cartwright: It was a situation, but none of the paperwork was completed so.

Judge Mills: If that's the way the law is, that's the way it is.

20. Motion was made by **Commissioner Smith** and seconded by **Commissioner Casterline** to **TABLE** hiring an additional Deputy District Clerk in Pay Group 11 and approve the job description

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for that position until we receive additional information as to the volume increase in the District Clerk's office.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

Norma Martinez: What qualifications did you request Mr. Smith?

Commissioner Smith: I requested information on the number of subpoenas, protective orders, new petitions and capias' currently to the prior year, to get evidence of the amount of increase.

21. Motion was made by **Commissioner Smith** and seconded by **Commissioner Chaney** to approve the Retirement Plan for David Vyoral, Road and Bridge Administrator. David Vyoral will retire effective April 1st, 2016.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

Norma Martinez: As of April 1, he is officially retiring from his regular pay and starting April 2 through December 31 it will be a 1000.00 a month payment, is this a part-time is it a?

Commissioner Smith: It is a contract to help secure the transition for the new Road & Bridge Administrator.

*No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 11:27 a.m. on a motion made by
Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline.*

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

VALERIE K. AMASON,
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT