

MINUTES OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - FEBRUARY 13, 2017

On the 13th day of February, 2017, 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; **Brian Olsen**, 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; **Lezlie Kirk**, County Auditor; **Bill Mills**, Sheriff; **Suzy Wallace**; 1st Assistant County Auditor; **Jacky Cockerham**, **Annick Michot**, **Tana Taylor**, and **Claudia Irish**; Assistant County Auditors; **Dave Colmer** and **Russ Walker**, IT staff members; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **David Reid**, Road Administrator/Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Valerie Gonzalez**, Interim Environmental Health Director; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager; **Diana Espinoza**, Drainage Engineer; **Rene Butler**, Maintenance Director; and **Iris Sanchez**, Library Director;

Members of Local City Government, Community Groups and other Interested Parties present:

City of Rockport Council Members: **C. J. Wax**, Mayor; and **Barbara Gurtner**, Ward 4;

Mike Probst, Editor and Publisher 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

C. H. "Burt" Mills, Jr., County Judge presented the Aransas County Auditor's office with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from Government Finance Officers Association.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve:

1. Minutes from the Commissioners' Court Regular Meeting of January 23, 2017.
2. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the Minutes of Commissioners' Court "Certification of Completion of Training" for Mike Kuertz, Veterans Service Officer.
3. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the Minutes of Commissioners' Court "Certificate of Continuing Education & Certificate of Public Funds Investment Act" for Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer.
4. Approve Public Official Blanket Bond Rider for Aransas County District Clerk's Office (Deputy Clerks).

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5. Approve Public Official Bond Continuation Certificates for Rene Butler, Maintenance Supervisor; David Cruz, Maintenance Tech; Collin Jackson, IT Director; and Linda Garcia, Executive Assistant to the County Judge.
6. Approve Proclamation #P-01-2017 proclaiming March 2nd, 2017 as "Read Across Aransas County Day".
7. Approve Sheriff's list of property as surplus to clear for sale by auction.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

COUNTY ROADS

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Road & Bridge Engineer's recommendation to accept Vulcan Materials 2017 Road Materials Bid for pre-coated aggregate (Ty PB Gr4).
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.
9. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve acceptance of a petition from Deer Run Lane adjacent property owners requesting road improvements and authorizing County Staff to collect data, develop a scope of work and prepare an assessment plan to accept Deer Run Lane into the County Road System.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.
10. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve authorizing County Staff to
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publish notice of a public hearing to discuss possible road improvements and assessment of costs for the Lara Garza Neighborhood.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

11. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve authorizing County Staff to publish notice of hearing to discuss possible road improvements and assessment of costs for the South Lake Neighborhood.

Question. Motion carried with Betty Stiles abstaining.

It is so ordered.

12. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve authorizing Road & Bridge to purchase a pneumatic tire compactor.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS & LEASES

13. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve a One-Year Modspace Lease Renewal at the Aransas County Airport for Offshore Oil Worker Crew Change.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

14. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve authorizing the Library to apply for a \$5,000 "Texas Reads Grant" to purchase young adult

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books.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

15. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve Bentley Systems, Incorporated's proposed "Select Program Agreement" covering software requested by the County Engineer.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

16. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve "Roads Interlocal Cooperation Agreement" with Aransas County Navigation District.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

17. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve "Fuel Usage Interlocal Cooperation Agreement" with San Patricio County

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

18. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve previously tabled (and now modified) "Intoxilyzer Program Interlocal Agreement" with San Patricio County.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

19. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve "Lease Agreement Amendment for PHI, Inc." at the Aransas County Airport.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

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It is so ordered.

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE

20. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve accepting and awarding "2017 Insecticide Bids" for Mosquito Control.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

21. This item went into closed session.

22. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve the Indigent Health Care Report for January 2017.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

23. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to **TABLE** Treasurer's Report for December 2016 and January 2017.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

24. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to **TABLE** Treasurer's 4th Quarter Investment Report 2016.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

25. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Budget Line Item Transfers of which there were none.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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26. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen 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

Lezlie Kirk read the fee report and introduced her new employee Annick Michot.

Betty Stiles announced that they had sensational weather for the La Mardi Gras celebration, the weather was nice and there were 900 more people in attendance compared to last year's count.

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST REGARDING WHICH NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

There were none.

The Court entered into closed session at 9:23 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 9:41 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:

21. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve authorizing use of CO (Capital

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Improvement) Funds for Security Cameras.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

*No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 9:43 a.m. on a motion made by
Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline.*

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

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