

MINUTES OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

On the 26th day of September, 2016, there was a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court in the Courthouse, Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, with the following members present: **Jack Chaney**, Commissioner, Precinct 1; **Charles Smith**, Commissioner, Precinct 3 and Judge Pro-Tem; **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; **Linda Garcia**, Executive Assistant to the County Judge; **David Reid**, Road Administrator/Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Timilu Latham**; Chief Deputy County Treasurer; **Collin Jackson**, IT Director; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager; **Diana Espinoza**, Drainage Engineer;

Members of Local City Government, Community Groups and other Interested Parties present were **C. J. Wax**, Mayor, and **Amanda Torres**, City Planner, City of Rockport; **De McLallen**, Aransas County Appraisal District Chairman of the Board of Directors; and **Tom Callan**, Consultant with Callan Procurement Services and Co-Chairman of Aransas Pathways;

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.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

1. Minutes from the Commissioners' Court Regular Meeting of September 12, 2016.
2. Blanket Public Official Position Schedule Bond for County Auditor.
3. Pulled for discussion.
4. Pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code Sec. 292.001, the Aransas County Commissioners Court finding necessary and designation the Rockport Elementary School at 601 N. Live Oak St., Rockport, TX 78382 as an auxiliary courtroom for the County and District Courts of Aransas County for the dates of November 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, 2016.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

3. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Resolution #R-21-2016 supporting participation in the Floodplain Management Plan and Community Rating System and recognition of the Floodplain Management Planning Committee.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS & LEASES

5. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve renewal of the Workers Compensation Renewal Agreement and Questionnaire with the Texas Association of Counties for plan year 2017.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

6. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to **TABLE** (Tabled on 08/08/16; 08/15/16; 08/22/16; 08/29/16 & 09/12/16) Agreement between Aransas County and Christus Spohn for an emergency and primary care clinic.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

7. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign agreement between Aransas County and O'Malley Strand Engineering for design and engineering services for the 10th Street Trail Project.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign the Texas Department of Transportation Grant for Routine Airport Maintenance Program.

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Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

9. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between Texas A&M Agrilife and Aransas County pertaining to Information Technology Services.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

10. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between Aransas County and the Town of Fulton for jail services.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

11. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between Aransas County and Aransas Pass for jail services.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

COUNTY ROADS

12. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve authorizing County Staff to

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obtain a Drainage Easement from the Palm Harbor Property Owners Association and authorizing the County Judge to sign acceptance of the easement.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE

13. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the Aransas Pathways work program and Capital Budget for 2017.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

14. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Budget Line Item Transfers.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

15. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Chaney 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

John Strothman - The Rockport Aquarium, the aquarium proper, has obtained a \$15,000 grant from the Margret Rusk Foundation to repair their building by replacing all the wall panels on the

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west side of the building and add some fans to improve ventilation. Because the aquarium is a county building, my department is going to assist them in bidding out the project and getting the contract.

Charles Smith - I was contacted by some of the folks from the Aquarium wanting to field for a potential grant fund going out in the future and county participation as far as building a new Aquarium. I pointed out that it would have to be put up for a public vote to get county funds from the venue tax.

Pam Heard - This past week I attended the Region 8 County and District Clerk's meeting here in Rockport which was hosted by Victoria County. There were 55 ladies who stayed in our hotels, went shopping, ate out and we had a really great time.

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 9:35 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Smith.

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

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