

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR MEETING - JANUARY 9, 2017

On the 9th day of January, 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; **Lynn Doane**, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge; **Suzy Wallace**; 1st Assistant County Auditor; **David Reid**, Road Administrator/Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Collin Jackson**, IT Director; **Pat Rousseau**, Human Resources Director; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager; and **Diana Espinoza**, Drainage Engineer; 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;

Area Chamber of Commerce Members: **Diane Probst**, President/CEO; and **Sandy Jumper**, Director of Tourism & Events;

Historical Commission Members: **Carol Thompson**, Chairman; Vice Chairman; **Linda Garcia Haynes**, Secretary and resigning members **Geoff Bywater, Betty Stiles, Collin Jackson and Vickie Merchant; Michael R. Carrillo**, Tax Attorney with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson Law Firm.

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

Karen Bareford, Coastal Planning Specialist for Texas Sea Grant presented updates on the Aransas County Floodplain Management Plan. A draft plan including the first five chapters was released to the public in December, 2016 and we will be meeting later today to start talking about goals and actions for that plan. We will be holding a public meeting January 19, 2017 at Fulton Town Hall from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. to take comments on the draft plan and will continue to take comments until January 27th to be submitted via e-mail or by contacting myself or Amanda Torres.

Carol Thompson, Chair of the Aransas County Historical Commission reported that they have been digitizing surveys that were started by the VIP group years ago; continuing work on Historical Markers; presented calendars to the 4th graders at the

Fulton learning center; and attended a workshop that was held by the THC here at the Fulton Mansion in Rockport as a continuing education activity. We have three new members coming on which are **Mike Geer, Janet Taylor** and **Barbara Gurtner** and then we have four members going off of the Commission, **Letha Kieffer (not present), Geoff Bywater, Betty Stiles, and Collin Jackson.** Betty Stiles will act as Court Appointed Liaison and Collin Jackson will act as an Advisor (both attending meetings with no voting rights).

CONSENT ITEMS

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

1. Minutes from the Commissioners' Court Regular Meeting of December 27, 2016.
2. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioner's Court the 2016-2017 Continuing Education Transcript of Completion and Compliance with Texas Property Tax Code Section 6.231(d) for Jeri Cox, Tax Assessor-Collector.
3. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioner's Court the 2016 Completion of Continuing Education Credits for Pam Heard, District Clerk and Valerie Amason, County Clerk.
4. Consideration and approval of offer to purchase Tax Sale Property: Acct. Nos. 0149-389-002-000 and 12477; Lot 2, Block 389, Aransas Pass, Texas.
5. Consideration and approval of offer to purchase Tax Sale Property: Acct. Nos. 0149-389-004-000 and 12479; Lots 4 - 9, Block 389, Aransas Pass, Texas.

6. Consideration and approval of offer to purchase Tax Sale
Property: Acct. Nos. 0149-389-013-000 and 12482; Lots 13 & 14,
Block 389, Aransas Pass, Texas.
7. Consideration and approval of offer to purchase Tax Sale
Property: Acct. Nos. 0149-408-010-000 and 12530; Lots 10 & 11,
Block 408, Aransas Pass, Texas.
8. Consideration and approval of offer to purchase Tax Sale
Property: Acct. Nos. 0149-474-003-000; 12645 and M75279; Lot
3, Block 474, Aransas Pass, Texas.
9. Consideration and approval of offer to purchase Tax Sale
Property: Acct. Nos. 0149-454-025-000 and 12584; Lots 25 & 26,
Block 454, Aransas Pass, Texas.
10. Consideration and approval of offer to purchase Tax Sale
Property: Acct. Nos. 0149-9475-013-000 and 12666; Lots 13 &
14, Block 475, Aransas Pass, Texas.
11. Consideration and approval of offer to purchase Tax Sale
Property: Acct. Nos. 0149-455-017-000 and 12596; Lots 17 & 18,
Block 455, Aransas Pass, Texas.
12. Consideration and approval of offer to purchase Tax Sale
Property: Acct. Nos. 0149-6180-010-000 and 12861; Lots 10 &
11, Block 618, Aransas Pass, Texas.
13. Consideration and approval of offer to purchase Tax Sale
Property: Acct. Nos. 0149-6190-028-000 and 12887; Lots 28 &
29, Block 619, Aransas Pass, Texas.
14. Consideration and approval of offer to purchase Tax Sale
Property: Acct. Nos. 0149-475-015-00 and 12667; Lots 15 & 16,
Block 475, Aransas Pass, Texas.
15. Consideration and approval of offer to purchase Tax Sale
Property: Acct. Nos. 31963; Lots 7-10, Block 246, Rooke's
Subdivision, Rockport, Texas save and except those portions of

Lots 7 & 8 of Lot 1, Block 1, Los Arboles Addition, City of Rockport, Texas.

16. Consideration and approval of offer to purchase Tax Sale Property: Acct. Nos. 56449; Lot 17, being the North 0.27 acres, more or less out of Tract
17. Consideration and approval of offer to purchase Tax Sale Property: Acct. Nos. 50699; 0.978 acres, more or less, out of Fulton Outlot 56 and Mobile Home Serial Number TXFL1AC408600511, Title #656416, City of Fulton, Texas.
18. Consideration and approval of offer to purchase Tax Sale Property: Acct. Nos. 56450; Lot 18, being the South 0.27 acres, more or less, out of Tract "I" of Sandy Hill Oaks, Unit 1, City of Fulton, Texas.
19. Consideration and approval of offer to purchase Tax Sale Property: Acct. Nos. 23558; Lot 101, Holiday Beach Subdivision, St. Charles Section, Aransas County, Texas.
20. Consideration and approval of offer to purchase Tax Sale Property: Acct. Nos. 23556; Lot 99, Holiday Beach Subdivision, St. Charles Section, Aransas County, Texas
21. Consideration and approval of offer to purchase Tax Sale Property: Acct. Nos. 23557; Lot 100, Holiday Beach Subdivision, St. Charles Section, Aransas County, Texas.
22. Consideration and approval of offer to purchase Tax Sale Property: Acct. Nos. 47818; being 2.00 acres, more or less, and all that certain tract of land situated in T. T. Williamson Survey, Abstract 218, known as Lot 32-A in the Joseph Fessenden Survey, Abstract 65, Aransas County, Texas.
23. Consideration and approval of offer to purchase Tax Sale Property: Acct. Nos. 23926; Lot 512, Holiday Beach Subdivision, St. Charles Section, Aransas County, Texas.

24. Consideration and approval of offer to purchase Tax Sale Property: Acct. Nos. 21456; Lots 521 & 522 Holiday Beach, Hillcrest Section, Aransas County, Texas.
 25. Consideration and approval of offer to purchase Tax Sale Property: Acct. Nos. 22687; Lot 664, Northview Section of Lots 104-704, Holiday Beach, Aransas County, Texas.
 26. Consideration and approval of offer to purchase Tax Sale Property: Acct. Nos. 20842; Lot 69 Bayview Section of Holiday Beach Subdivision, Aransas County, Texas.
 27. Consideration and approval of offer to purchase Tax Sale Property: Acct. Nos. 23474; Lot 219, Southview Section, Holiday Beach, Aransas County, Texas.
 28. Consideration and approval of offer to purchase Tax Sale Property: Acct. Nos. 21160; Lot 196, Hillcrest Section, Holiday Beach, Aransas County, Texas.
 29. Consideration and approval of offer to purchase Tax Sale Property: Acct. Nos. 21161; Lot 197, Hillcrest Section, Holiday Beach, Aransas County, Texas.
 30. The recommended appointments to the 2017 Historical Commission.
 31. Appointing Betty Stiles as Liaison to the Historical Commission.
 32. Public Official Bond Continuation on Linda C. Doane, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge.
 33. Public Official Bond on Kristen Barnebey, District Attorney for Aransas County.
- Question. Motion carried unanimously.
- It is so ordered.

COUNTY REPORTS

34. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve the Chamber of Commerce expended Fourth Quarter Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Funds.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

Item #'s 35 - 42 will go into closed session.

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE

43. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve the Job Description for the County Court-at-Law Court Reporter. This position has been budgeted and filled for several years without a job description being in place.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

44. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve allowing the Library to apply for a \$2,500 "Texas Book Festival Grant" to enhance the Juvenile Non-Fiction book collection.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

45. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve acceptance and recognition of a \$5,000 donation from the Estate of Nan Jackson to Aransas County to be used by Aransas Pathways at the Connie Hager Cottage Sanctuary Venue.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

46. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the Indigent Health Care Report for December 2016.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

47. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve Budget Line Item Transfers, of which there were none.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

48. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline 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

Lezlie Kirk read the fee report.

Collin Jackson commented that the new phone system for the County have now been installed and he reported that he came in under budget for the purchase of equipment.

The Court entered into closed session at 9:27 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 10:07 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:

CONTRACTS & AGREEMENTS

35. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Aransas County and City of Ingleside for Roads and Drainage.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

36. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to **TABLE** Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Aransas County and Rockport Volunteer Fire Department for Fire Protection.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

37. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to **TABLE** Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Aransas County and Fulton Volunteer Fire Department for Fire Protection.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

38. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to **TABLE** Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Aransas County and Lamar Volunteer Fire Department for Fire Protection.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

39. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to **TABLE** Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Aransas County and Rockport Volunteer Fire Department for Fuel Usage.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

40. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to **TABLE** Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Aransas County and Fulton Volunteer Fire Department for Fuel Usage.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

41. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to **TABLE** Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Aransas County and Lamar Volunteer Fire Department for Fuel Usage.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

42. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to **TABLE** authorizing the County Judge to sign the 2017 Intoxilyzer Program Interlocal Agreement with San Patricio County.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 10:08 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen.

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

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