

MINUTES OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - MARCH 27, 2017

On the 27th day of March, 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; **Michele Bennett**, Elections Administrator; **Lynn Doane**, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge; **Suzy Wallace**; 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant County Auditor; **David Reid**, Road Administrator/Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Michelle Ganem**; Chief Deputy County Treasurer; **Jacky Cockerham**; Assistant County Auditor; **Collin Jackson**, IT Director; **Pat Rousseau**, Human Resources Director; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager; **Diana Espinoza**, Drainage Engineer; 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;

**Steven Knight**, Director of the Tri County EMS; **Eric Blanchard**, Aransas Pass Police Officer;

**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**

There were none.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

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

1. Minutes from the Commissioners' Court Public Hearings, Regular Meeting and Workshop Meeting of March 13, 2107, the Workshop Meeting of March 14, 2017 and the Special Meeting of March 20, 2017.
2. Resolution #R-08-2017 supporting the relocation of the Mirabeau B Lamar Historical Marker.
3. Acknowledging receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court the Continuing Education Credits for Judge Mills; Commissioner Casterline, Pct. 2; Commissioner Olsen, Pct. 3; and Commissioner Stiles, Pct. 4.
4. Public Official Blanket Bond for the Aransas County Public Facilities/Custodian Department and Public Official Blanket Bond Rider for Aransas County Deputy Treasurers.

(Inserts)

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

**CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS & LEASES**

5. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve authorizing the Aransas County Librarian to apply for a "Walmart Grant" in the amount of \$2,500 for the 2017 Summer Program.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

6. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve authorizing the Aransas County Librarian to apply for a "Texas Commission on the Arts Grant" in the amount of \$825 for two theatre group performances for the Summer Program.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

7. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve authorizing the County Judge to enter into and sign an agreement with Verified First to conduct background screening on applicants for employment purposes.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

**COUNTY ROADS**

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve accepting the Gulf Coast Fencing, LLC bid of \$42,024.33 to construct a fence along the

(Inserts)

county drainage easement in Dos Campanas Ranch and authorizing the County Auditor to pay \$19,424.33 for fence materials.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

9. This Item went into closed session.

**PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE**

10. This item went into closed session.

11. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Treasurer's Report for February 2017.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

12. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve Budget Line Item Transfers.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

13. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles 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**

Pat Rousseau wanted to remind the court and all county attendees that the Texas Association of Counties consultant would be present to hold Sexual Harassment and Discrimination classes for employees and supervisors on March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at designated times as sent out in county e-mails.

(Inserts)

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

REGARDING WHICH NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

There were none.

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*The Court entered into closed session at 9:07 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 10:26 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:*

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9. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve an acquisition of .0714 acre drainage easement out of a portion of Tract 9, Block 3, C. B. Lucas Subdivision, for an amount not to exceed \$16,491.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

10. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney to approve Tri-County EMS request for a one-time payment of \$4,500 in this budget year. This motion died for the lack of a second to the motion.

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*No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 10:30 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline.*

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March 27, 2017

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

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