

MINUTES OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - APRIL 10, 2017

On the 10th day of April, 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; **Alma Cartwright**, Treasurer; **Lezlie Kirk**, County Auditor; **Bill Mills**, Sheriff; **Suzy Wallace**; 1st Assistant County Auditor; **David Reid**, Road Administrator/Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Michelle Ganem**; Chief Deputy County Treasurer; **Jacky Cockerham**; Assistant County Auditor; **Russ Walker**, IT Staff; **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;

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 was present to give the court an update on the Aransas County Floodplain Management Plan. Karen announced that Chapters six through nine of the Flood Plain Management Plan have been released. We did meet with the Storm Water Management Advisory Committee last week and they asked that we clarify a few points and add specific objectives which will in essence be what the deliverable will be for each specific action item. We are also going to make changes to responsible parties by identifying specific positions within each jurisdiction that are responsible for any action item they are participating with in the plan.

Commissioner Stiles asked Karen to explain in more detail the specific representation from each entity.

Karen replied, specifically goal number one is talking about protecting existing resources through regulatory standards. The first objective under that goal is to investigate the adoption of any further flood plain regulations that would strengthen flood plain management in each of the entities and then to evaluate current regulations in other coastal Texas cities, towns, and counties in order to identify potential areas for

improvements for Aransas County jurisdictions. So, for primary offices of responsibility, I don't have a specific person for Aransas County at this time, but for City of Rockport it will be City of Rockport, Community Planner; City of Aransas Pass, (then a specific job title), that is held within the City of Aransas Pass.

Commissioner Stiles asked if the City of Aransas Pass is on board and Karen replied that she does not know, but she will be meeting with their Planning and Zoning Committee tonight, but it is her understanding that each of these particular actions have embedded at some level at least with Aransas Pass and she will also have a meeting on Wednesday with the City of Fulton.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

1. Minutes from the Commissioners' Court Regular and Workshop Meetings of March 27, 2017.
2. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the Minutes of Commissioners Court the Continuing Education Certificates for Michele Bennett, Elections Administrator.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

COUNTY REPORTS

3. Motion was made by Judge Mills and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve HOT Funds Report for the Maritime Museum.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

4. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve HOT Funds Report for the Chamber of Commerce.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

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5. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to **TABLE** request from Texas parks and Wildlife to construct a new county road adjacent to Park Road 13.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE

6. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to **TABLE** request authorizing the County Auditor to extend the current Aransas County Pay Schedule to include a maximum of 21 steps per pay grade (from current maximum of 15 steps per pay grade).
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.
7. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve the Indigent Health Care Report for February 2017.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

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

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

9. 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

Commissioner Stiles: I wanted to thank John Strothman for a great job on our boat ramp, it is well received.

Sheriff Mills: I just want to report on my deputy's condition after the accident he was involved in yesterday afternoon. He was released from the hospital last night with two broken bones in his forearm and DPS is still conducting an investigation.

Judge Mills: I talked to Mr. Benavidez, he is supposed to get back with me this afternoon, supposedly there will be a ribbon cutting on this end of the causeway by the pier. I'll let you know as soon as I know.

Pat Rousseau: I attended, with my assistant and one of the employees from the County Attorney's Office, the TAC Management Risk Conference in San Marcos last week, a really great training opportunity. I found out that TAC will be coming to Corpus Christi and I am going to check on making a day in Rockport available to South Texas Conference attendees, it would be nice to be a part of their agenda.

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 9:33 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles.

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

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