

MINUTES OF THECOMMISSIONERS' COURTREGULAR MEETING - APRIL 11, 2016

On the 11th day of April, 2016, 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; **Charles Smith**, 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; **Bill Mills**, Sheriff; **Lynn Doane**, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge; **Timilu Latham**; Chief Deputy County Treasurer; **Jacky Cockerham**; Assistant County Auditor; **Collin Jackson**, IT Director; **Carrie Arrington**, Office & Contracts Manager for the County Attorney's Office; **David Reid**, Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Michael Geer**, Road Administrator; **James Jackson**, Environmental Health Director; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager; **Iris Sanchez**, Library Director;

Members of Local City Government, Community Groups and other Interested Parties present were **C. J. Wax**, Mayor, City of Rockport; **Barbara Gurtner**, Ward 4 City Council Member; **Diane Probst**, Area Chamber of Commerce, President/CEO; **Sandy Jumper**, Director of Tourism & Events; **Brian Olsen**, Unopposed Candidate for Precinct 3 Commissioner in upcoming 2016 General Election; and **Norma Martinez**, Managing Editor 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

Vicky Buck: It is very refreshing to come to this meeting and have prayer. I want to thank you for letting us address the court this morning. We want the court to know that the current state of EMS services in Lamar and Holiday Beach is inadequate and unacceptable. We choose to live in a rural area and we like our peninsula and know that it takes time to get to us, but we need help. After the last MUD meeting, I fell, EMS was called and after twenty to thirty minutes we still did not have a first responder. We were told the ambulance was in between Portland and us. In 2012, my husband fell and shattered his leg, we waited forty five minutes because the ambulance had to come from Aransas Pass. I understand there is talk about stationing an ambulance at the Fulton Fire Station, this would be better than what we have, but they still have some work to do before this can happen. The Lamar Fire Station, as I understand it, is ready. If you can't put one at Fulton, please consider Lamar, thank you.

Pat Luedecke: I just want to reiterate everything Vicky said and we are very concerned, please keep us in mind.

Pam Black: Not only can we not get someone out there quickly, we also have a problem with communication. In the past, when we've had issues in our area, the Fire Department was notified so that they could reach a person before the ambulance arrived. We have people in Lamar that could respond, not only our Firemen who have some training, but we have two people that are designated as first responders, a nurse with a fire radio and

another EMS type fireman person and none of these people were notified.

PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

1. Minutes from the Joint Special Workshop Meeting of March 21, 2016, the Commissioners' Court Public Hearing of March 28, 2016, the Regular Meeting of March 28, 2016 and the Workshop Meeting of March 29, 2016.
2. Public Official Bond Continuations on Collin Jackson, IT Director and Myra Ann Vasquez, JP 1 Chief Court Clerk.
3. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the Minutes of Commissioners' Court: 2015 Certificate of Continuing Education and 2015 Certificate of Public Funds Investment Act for Timi Latham, Chief Deputy Treasurer.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COUNTY REPORTS & APPOINTMENTS

4. Public Members Names and Alternates for the 2016 Salary Grievance Committee were drawn from the 2015 Grand Juror list in Accordance with Section 152.015 of the Local Government Code. Names drawn were as follows: 1) Charles Roark; 2) Ross Whisenhunt; 3) Mary Garza; 4) Annie Wartsbaugh; 5) Alma "Janie" Rosamond; and 6) Roger St. Pierre.

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5. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce report on the expended 1st Quarter 2016 Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Funds.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

6. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve appointments to the Live Oak Tree Committee.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

BIDS, CONTRACTS & LEASES

7. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Health and Human Services Commission and the Aransas County Public Library.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the agreement and amendment to agreement between GrantWorks and Aransas County for Block Grant Administration Services, Contract #7215065.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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9. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Small Project Construction Agreement between Carter Water Well Drilling, LLC and Aransas County to install a six solar panel pump at the price of \$13,250 for the purpose of keeping water in the Tule Marsh East Venue during drought seasons.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

Norma Martinez questioned if this would be paid with venue tax money and the Judge responded yes.

10. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to **TABLE** approving the Interlocal Agreement with Texas Department of Health Services for natural or manmade emergency that decrees a large scale immunization.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE ITEMS

11. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the Indigent Health Care Report for March 2016.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

12. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the Treasurer's Report for March 2016.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

13. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the Treasurer's 1st Quarter 2016 Investment Report.

Question. Motion carried.

It is so ordered.

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

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

15. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Accounts Payable.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COUNTY ROADS

16. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve preliminary approval on closure of Liberty Street between Steart Street and Traylor Street in the Bellevue Addition.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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The Court entered into closed session at 9:29 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 11:20 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:

DRAINAGE EASEMENTS & STORM WATER

17. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve acceptance of terms and conditions, subject to completion of legal documentation, to acquire a 2.65 acre drainage easement from Dos Campanas Ranch, LLC at 3289 FM 1069, Aransas County.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

18. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve acceptance of terms and conditions, as stated, to acquire a 0.87 acre drainage easement from the property owners at 121 Rattlesnake Point Road, Aransas County.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

**REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS &
DEPARTMENT HEADS WHEREIN NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN**

There were none.

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

There were none.

*No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 11:22 a.m. on a motion made by
Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney.*

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

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