

MINUTES OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - DECEMBER 27, 2016

On the 27th day of December, 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; **Brian C. Olsen**, Commissioner, Precinct 3; **Betty Stiles**, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and **Valerie K. Amason**, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were **Alma Cartwright**, Treasurer; **Pam Heard**, District Clerk; **Lezlie Kirk**, County Auditor; **Bill Mills**, Sheriff; **Lynn Doane**, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge; **Collin Jackson**, IT Director; **Pat Rousseau**, Human Resources Director; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **Valerie Gonzalez**, Interim Environmental Health Director; and **Iris Sanchez**, Library Director;

Members of Local City Government, Community Groups and other Interested Parties present were **Mike Probst**, Editor and Publisher of the Rockport Pilot Newspaper; **Zach Perkins**, Rockport Pilot trainee; **Russell Cole** and **Steve Meinhausen**, residents;

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 Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve:

1. Minutes from the Commissioners' Court Regular Meeting of December 12, 2016.
2. Public official bonds on **Lendon Jack Chaney**, County Commissioner, Precinct 1; **Brian C. Olsen**, County Commissioner, Precinct 3; **William Mills**, County Sheriff; **Jeri D. Cox**, County Tax Assessor/Collector; **Charles Phillips**, Constable, Precinct 2; and **Harry D. Thomas**, Constable, Precinct 1.
3. Public official bond continuation certificate on **Ruby Price**, County Court at Law Court Manager.
4. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners' Court 2016 Certificates of Continuing Education and Acknowledgement of Paternity Course Completion for Gayle Otto, Chief Deputy/Vital Statistics and Jacob Warren, Deputy/Vitals Assistant.
5. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners' Court 2016 Five Star Local Registrars "Exemplary" Award of which Aransas County is one of only eight Texas County Clerks that received this award.
6. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners' Court Outstanding Rating from the League of Women Voters Texas Review of County Election Websites for the 2016 Year.

(Inserts)

7. Setting terms for 2017 Commissioners' Court as the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays (or Tuesday if Monday is a holiday) of each month, except for August when Court will be held every Monday.
8. Setting terms for 2017 Statutory County Court as two terms (January to June and July to December).
9. Setting terms for 2017 JP Courts at one month terms beginning the fourth Monday of each month.
10. Authorizing 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.

**BIDS, LEASES, CONTRACTS & AGREEMENTS**

11. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign a Two-Year Renegotiation of Depository Contract with Prosperity Bank, increasing the interest rate from 0.35% to 0.40% and leaving all other existing terms and conditions the same.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

12. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Healthcare Solutions (HIS) as an extension to the original Data Processing Services Agreement.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

13. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve seeking bids for Mosquito Control Chemicals for 2017.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

14. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve awarding Bids for 2017 Road Materials.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to TABLE:

15. Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Aransas County and Rockport Volunteer Fire Department for Fire Protection.

16. Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Aransas County and Fulton Volunteer Fire Department for Fire Protection

17. Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Aransas County and Lamar Volunteer Fire Department for Fire Protection

18. Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Aransas County and Rockport Volunteer Fire Department for Fuel Usage.

19. Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Aransas County and Fulton Volunteer Fire Department for Fuel Usage.

20. Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Aransas County and Lamar Volunteer Fire Department for Fuel Usage.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

21. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve a 1-Year Lease with Vertical Flight Technologies for the Aransas County Airport Hangar known as Building I of "India" for \$1,200/month. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

**PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE**

22. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve accepting a letter from Tom Callan, Temporary Director at Large of the Aransas County Groundwater Conservation District, recommending discontinuing operations; and to transfer the budgeted 2016 and 2017 funds for the same back to the general fund. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

23. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve accepting donation of a check from AEP to the Sheriff's Office for assistance in the camera project discussed in budget sessions. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

24. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Fixed Asset Capitalization Policy. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

25. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve Fraud Prevention/Cash Handling

Policy.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

26. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Fund Balance Policy 2016.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

27. 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.

28. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen 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 stated that she had a great Christmas.

**REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

**REGARDING WHICH NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN**

There were none.

(Inserts)

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*No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 9:18 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen.*

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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