

MINUTES OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - APRIL 27, 2020

On the 27th day of April, 2020, there was a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 2840 Hwy 35 N, Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, with the following members present or via ZOOM: **C. H. "Burt" Mills, Jr.**, County Judge; **Jack Chaney**, Commissioner, Precinct 1; **Leslie "Bubba" Casterline**, Commissioner, Precinct 2; **Charles Smith**, Commissioner, Precinct 3; **Wendy Laubach**, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and **Christy Gibson**, Deputy County Clerk.

Other County Officers present via ZOOM or YouTube were **Jerry Brundrett**, County Surveyor; **Kristen Barnebey**, County District Attorney; **Jeri Cox**, Tax Assessor-Collector; **Alma Cartwright**, Treasurer; **Pam Heard**, District Clerk; **Bill Mills**, Sheriff; **David Klanica**, Executive Assistant to the County Judge; **Tracy Orr**, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge; **Jacky Cockerham**, Interim County Auditor; **David Reid**, Road Administrator/Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **Rene Butler**, Facilities Director; **Collin Jackson**, IT Director; **Linda Doane**, Human Resources Director; **Carrie Arrington**, Office & Contracts Manager, County District Attorney's Office; **Michele Carew**, Elections Administrator; **Iris Sanchez**, County Librarian; **Lori Cesar**, Animal Control Director; **Anna Marshall**, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor-Collector;

Members of Local City Government, Community Groups and other Interested Parties present:

Aransas County Citizens: Jennifer Clements; A. Pina; Linda Ramos-Perez; Sierra Zavala; Robert Petty; Nelida Morais Spurrell;

Chamber of Commerce: Diane Probst, President/CEO;

The Rockport Pilot Newspaper: Mike Probst, Editor and Publisher;

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.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

1. Minutes from the Regular Meeting of April 13, 2020.
2. Proclamation #P-03-2020, to proclaim the month of May, 2020 to be "Children's Mental Health Awareness Month" in Aransas County.
3. Consolidation of Election Day Vote Centers for the July 14, 2020 Joint Primary Run Off Election.
4. The Addition of new members to the Aransas County Historical Commission (ACHC): Linda Garcia Haynes, Treasurer, Roberta H. Sherer and Kristen Barnebey, Commissioners, which were approved by the Aransas County Historical Commission (ACHC) regular meeting, March 11, 2020, making a total of 14 members to the commission.

(Insert)

5. Resolution #R-09-2020 for the Homeland Security Grant Program, Grant Number 3171805.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COUNTY REPORTS

6. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve 1st Quarter 2020 Report for the Maritime Museum.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

7. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve 2nd Quarter Expenses 2020 for the Rockport-Fulton Area Chamber of Commerce, County Hotel Tax Account.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the 2019 Annual Library Report for the Texas State Library.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, GRANTS & LEASES

9. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Resolution #R-07-2020, to designate authorized signatories for Contractual Agreements and Documents requesting funds pertaining to the Texas

(Inserts)

Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Contract Number 7219005 - Planning Study for possible future sewer expansion Oakdale/Hills Village Colonia.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

10. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Resolution #R-08-2020, adopting required Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Contract Number 7219005 - Planning Study for possible future sewer expansion Oakdale/Hills Village Colonia - for Limited English Proficiency Standards.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

11. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign Grant Planning Services Agreement between Aransas County and GrantWorks, Inc., for the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG), Contract Number 7219005 - Colonia Fund Planning Fund, a Planning Study for possible future sewer expansion Oakdale/Hills Village Colonia, as administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE

12. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to **TABLE** request for the creation of an additional full-time position - Customer Service

(Inserts)

Specialist, group/step 12-1, to the County Tax Assessor-Collector's Department. The new position is necessary in order to assist with an influx of workload when department re-opens to IN-PERSON transactions along with new state laws and Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TX DMV) procedures currently being implemented regarding issuance of license plates for off-highway vehicles and golf carts, additional monitoring required to identify and combat fraud, waste and abuse and having webDEALER program in place by September 1st.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

13. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve March 2020 Treasurer's Report.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

15. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the distribution of \$109,504 of the US Fish and Wildlife Service Refuge Revenue Sharing Act annual payments to Local Governments for lands under their administration for Fiscal Year 2019 received in 2020.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

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

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

17. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS &

DEPARTMENT HEADS WHEREIN NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

Jacky Cockerham: Read the Fee Report, and stated that all collections are down.

Commissioner Smith: Jacky, for instance on the JP's and whatnot, are they currently having any court?

Jacky Cockerham: Other than what comes in the mail, I'm not sure there will be any court for a while, these are February Collections. Currently, I'm not aware of anyone having court.

Commissioner Smith: I know, this thing is going to get a lot worse as we go forward as well, along with Sales Tax, HOT taxes, and all kinds of taxes.


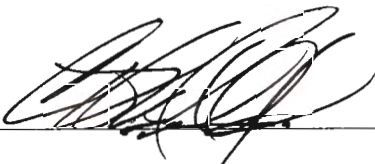
Michele Bennett: I just wanted to let the court know that this week my department will be undergoing the Cyber Security

(Insert)

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Assessment virtual training that we signed up for at the Secretary of State's office, it will be happening Thursday and Friday.

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 9:37 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline.



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

VALERIE K. AMASON,

EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

By: 

CHRISTY GIBSON, DEPUTY CLERK - EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

