

COMMISSIONERS COURT
Aransas County, Texas

C.H. "Burt" Mills Jr, County Judge

Jack Chaney
Commissioner, Pct 1-1A

Leslie Casterline
Commissioner, Pct 2



Pat Rousseau
Commissioner, Pct 3

Wendy Laubach
Commissioner, Pct 4

AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the above named Commissioners Court *V.T.C.A Government Code, Section 551.001(4)*, will be held on the **14th day of JUNE, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM IN THE ARANSAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 2840 HWY. 35 N., ROCKPORT, TEXAS.** Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need assistance should contact the County Judge's office at 361-790-0100 two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. **To watch the meeting, visit:** here <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTxprR-CFvaZfapOVcLeDWQ/live> The following subjects will be discussed:

I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGES

II. INVOCATION

III. ROLL CALL

IV. DECLARE QUORUM

V. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

VI. *At this time, comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter that is not on the Agenda. To address the Commissioners, please sign the Public Participation Form located at <https://actxgov.seamlessdocs.com/w/ccpublicparticipation> or sign the Public Participation Form located on the table outside of the County Courtroom and deliver to the County Clerk before the meeting begins. Citizens who wish to speak on a matter included in this Agenda will be invited to speak when that particular matter is being deliberated by the Commissioners Court. Each member of the public who appears before the Commissioners Court shall be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes to make his/her remarks. Please note, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Commissioners may not discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the Agenda.*

VII. PRESENTATIONS

Presentations are limited to fifteen (15) minutes unless other arrangements have been made with the Court.

1. Presentation from **Hydra-USA** regarding Flood Prevention, Mitigation and Water Diversion – Vicky Leech/Joey Fanguy/Judge Mills

VIII. ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

• **CONSENT AGENDA**

All Consent Agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the Commissioners Court and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Commissioner or the County Judge so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

2. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the **Minutes** from the May 24, 2021 Regular Meeting - Carrie Arrington/Judge Mills

3. Discuss, approve or disapprove the **appointment of Matthew Grimes as Aransas County Fire Marshal for a period of two years ending June 14, 2023** – Judge Mills
4. Discuss, approve or disapprove the issuance of **Order #O-07-2021** from the Aransas County Commissioners Court to prohibit entering or remaining in or on the waters of Cedar Bayou and the lands nearby, including Vinson Slough, while dredging activities are underway; To set forth provisions related to trespassing upon public lands and waters; Designating the area of jurisdiction; Deeming the violation or failure to comply with this Order to be a Class C Texas Parks and Wildlife misdemeanor and/or a misdemeanor subject to punishment under Section 30.05 of the Texas Penal Code; Providing penalties for violations; and providing for publication and an effective date – Amanda Oster/Judge Mills

- **COUNTY REPORTS**

5. Discuss, approve or disapprove **certifying Cyber Security Training completion report, as required by HB3834; and authorizing County Judge to sign and submit completion report to the Texas Department of Information Resources** - Collin Jackson/Judge Mills
6. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing **County Judge to sign a Ground Lease Agreement between Aransas County and Another Chance RFT** for a ten foot (10') by ten foot (10') area of land adjacent to the Animal Control Building in exchange for Another Chance RFT's commitment to continue to provide services to needy dogs for an initial term of five years (5) with a possible five year renewal – Lori Cesar/Judge Mills

- **COUNTY AIRPORT**

7. Discuss, approve or disapprove **allowing the Aransas County Airport to host a Fly-In event on Saturday, July 10, 2021, that will be open to the public, with free admission, and accepting donations to benefit the Aransas County 4-H Club with additional donations anticipated to cover any costs incurred by the airport** – Mike Geer/Judge Mills

- **COUNTY ROADS**

8. Discuss, approve or disapprove the **purchase of, and acceptance of, a permanent nonexclusive Fifty foot (50') wide drainage easement from Shelley and Terry S. Hunsucker, comprised of 1.510 acres of land out of a 13.09 acre tract out of the J. Fessenden Survey, A-65, being described as Tract 1 and 2 in a deed of record under the County Clerk's File No. 358032 in the Official Records of Aransas County, Texas, and authorize the payment of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) from the 2011 Capital Improvement Project Funds, and authorize the County Judge to execute necessary Documents .** – David Reid/Judge Mills
9. Discuss, approve or disapprove the **purchase of, and acceptance of, a permanent nonexclusive public access and drainage easement from Shelley and Terry S. Hunsucker, comprised of .3566 acres of land out of a 13.09 acre tract out of the J. Fessenden Survey, A65, being described as Tract 1 and 2 in a deed of record under the County Clerk's File No. 358032 in the Official Public Records of Aransas County, Texas, and authorize the payment of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) from the 2011 Capital Improvement Project Funds, and authorize the County Judge to execute necessary documents.** – David Reid/Judge Mills

- **CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, GRANTS & LEASES**

10. Discuss, approve or disapprove **Resolution #R-09-2021**, authorizing the award of an **Environmental Services Contract to Phase Engineering, Inc. in the amount of Two Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$2,200.00)** for the proposed medical facilities site located at 400 Enterprise Drive (Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery [CDBG-DR] Project 20-065-098-C270) and authorizing County Judge to execute all necessary documents – Kim Foutz/Judge Mills
11. Discuss, approve or disapprove **authorizing County Judge to provide a letter of support and matching funds, in the amount of \$50,000 from Aransas County Go Mesa Funds, for a Coastal Erosion Planning & Response Act (CEPRA) Grant (Cycle 12) through the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for preliminary engineering, under United States Corps of Engineers (USACE) permit for Shoreline Restoration or Newcome Point Property.** – John Strothman/Judge Mills
12. Discuss, approve, or disapprove **entering into a Lease with the Aransas County Navigation District at 706 Navigation Circle, Rockport, Texas, for the Aquarium and Aquarium Education Center, for a term of up to 30 years** – Amanda Oster/Judge Mills
13. Discuss, approve or disapprove **granting a license to AEP Texas Inc., for a term of 5 years, which will allow AEP Texas Inc. to utilize portions of Aransas County Airport as a staging area in case of a natural disaster or other emergency.** – Mike Geer/Judge Mills

- **PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE**

14. Discuss, approve or disapprove the **May 2021 Indigent Health Care Report** - Alma Cartwright/Judge Mills
15. Discuss, approve or disapprove **authorizing County Judge to sign the Agreement to Provide Medical Services for Aransas County Employees and Prospective Employees with Rockport Physical Medicine P.A., a Texas Professional Association, and Back In Motion, LTD, dba Hawkins Chiropractic, a Texas Limited Partnership to establish rates for necessary services which include drug and alcohol testing**– Linda Doane/Judge Mills
16. Discuss, approve or disapprove **authorizing County Judge to enter into and sign the Renewal Agreement with Texas Association of Counties (TAC) for Employee Health Insurance for the 2021-2022 Plan Year** – Linda Doane/Judge Mills
17. Discuss, approve or disapprove a **Refund Request in an Application for Tax Refund of Overpayment in the amount of \$3,123.57 for Kumari Neelam, for Stripes #9391, due to Overpayment of 2020 Property Taxes** – Anna Marshall/Jacky Cockerham/Judge Mills
18. Discuss, approve or disapprove **County Auditor Jacky Cockerham’s request for the creation of an additional Assistant Auditor position to the County Auditor’s Department.** Salary and benefits will be funded by Grant Administrative Fees and FEMA reimbursements. The new position is necessary in order to assist with the additional workload to the County Auditor’s Department due to ongoing Accounts Payable/Grant/FEMA/American Rescue Plan processing. A job description is attached – Jacky Cockerham/Linda Doane/Judge Mills

19. Discuss, approve or disapprove the **District Clerk’s office redistribution of duties to ensure cross-training of deputies with the following revised job descriptions and pay groups**: Deputy District Clerk Courtroom & Tax Administrator from Group/Step 11-6 to Group/Step 13-2; Chief Deputy District Clerk for County Court at Law-Family Law from Group/Step 11-7 to Group/Step 13-3; Deputy District Clerk Bookkeeper/Child Support from Group/Step 13-15 to Group/Step 16-9; Deputy District Clerk from Group/Step 12-6 to Group/Step 13-4; Deputy Clerk Part Time (adding additional duties); Chief Deputy District Clerk from Group/Step 18-12 to 19-10; Deputy Chief District Clerk Court Administration from Group/Step 16-7 to Group/Step 18-3– Pam Heard/Linda Doane/Judge Mills
20. Discuss, approve or disapprove **Budget Line Item Transfers and Amendments** – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Mills
21. Discuss, approve or disapprove **Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities** – Jacky Cockerham/Alma Cartwright/Judge Mills

IX. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEADS--NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

*“At this time, County Commissioners will report/update on all committee assignments which may include the following: Aransas Pathways Steering Committee; County Storm Water Advisory Committee; Coastal Bend Council of Governments; Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries; Coastal Resiliency Committee; Disaster Recovery Officials; Economic Development; Live Oak Tree Committee; Navigation District; Personnel Committee; Rural Rail District; and Rockport Community Park/Swimming Pool Committee. Elected Officials & Department Heads reports include but are not limited to the following: Airport Advisory Board Updates; County Auditor—**Read Fee Reports of County & Precinct Offices.**”*

X. REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST--NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

“At this time, Commissioners Court will hear reports/updates from Commissioners or County Staff about items of community interest including (1) expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; (2) information regarding holiday schedules; (3) an honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen; (4) a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the Court; (5) information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the Commissioners Court that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a Commissioner or an official or employee of the County; and (6) announcements involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the County that has arisen after the posting of the agenda.”

XI. CLOSED SESSION

“Pursuant to the authority granted under Government Code, Chapter 551, the Commissioners Court may convene a closed session. The specific section or sections of Government Code, Chapter 551 that provides statutory authority may be announced.”

a. Enter into Closed Session under Section 551.072 of the Local Government Code which allows a governmental body to “conduct a closed meeting to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.”

b. Reconvene into Open Session

XII. OPEN SESSION

Consider taking action on matters discussed during closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby affirmed that this NOTICE OF MEETING was duly posted at the Aransas County Courthouse at least seventy-two (72) hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting, on a bulletin board that is readily accessible to the general public during normal business hours and also on the Aransas County website, in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and Texas Government Code 551.043.

Tracy Orr, Administrative Assistant, County Judge's Office

FILED
AT 3:00 P.M.

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CARRIE ARRINGTON
COUNTY CLERK, ARANSAS CO., TEXAS

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@ 3:10 PM.*