

COMMISSIONERS COURT
Aransas County, Texas

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

Jack Chaney
Commissioner, Pct 1-1A

Bubba Casterline
Commissioner, Pct 2



Charles Smith
Commissioner, Pct 3

Wendy Laubach
Commissioner, Pct 4

AMENDED 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 **13th day of JULY, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURTOOM 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. DECLARE QUORUM

IV. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

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 on the website at <https://actxgov.seamlessdocs.com/w/ccpublicparticipation> 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.

V. PRESENTATIONS

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

1. Presentation of the **2019 Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Historical Commission to the Aransas County Historical Commission** in recognition of its outstanding preservation work accomplishments – Amy Hammons/Betty Stiles/Pam Wheat-Stranahan/Judge Mills
2. Presentation of the **2019 Aransas County Historical Commission of 2501 Volunteer Hours** – Betty Stiles/Pam Wheat-Stranahan/Judge Mills
3. Presentation from **William Whitson, of Long Term Recovery Team. This will be a comprehensive presentation on the current status of the Recovery effort.** The presentation will cover the Courthouse portion of the Downtown Anchor Project (DTA), grant status for various projects, general financing strategies, NEPA Compliance for the Downtown Anchor Project (DTA), Micro-hospital project, Cedar Bayou, Hazard Mitigation projects and more.

VI. 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.

4. Discuss, and approve or disapprove the Minutes from the June 22, 2020 Regular Meeting - Valerie Amason/Judge Mills
 5. Discuss, and approve or disapprove the Minutes from the June 29, 2020 Workshop Meeting – Valerie Amason/Judge Mills
 6. Discuss, and approve or disapprove Official Public Blanket Surety Bond for Aransas County JP2 office – Judge McGinnis/Judge Mills
 7. Discuss, and approve or disapprove a Western Surety Company Name Change for Michele M. Carew for Aransas County Elections Administration – Michele Carew/Judge Mills
 8. Discuss, and approve or disapprove accepting a donation from Aransas County Area Go Texan (AGT) in the amount of \$250 for Juvenile GED Grant – Darla Zuniga/Judge Mills
- **LONG TERM RECOVERY REPORTS**
 9. Update and discussion on Long Term Recovery Status – William Whitson/Judge Mills
 10. Update and discussion on the County Application for a workforce development and entrepreneurship center through the Economic Development Administration – Kim Foutz/Judge Mills
- **COUNTY REPORTS**
 11. Discuss, and approve or disapprove the 2nd Quarterly 2020 Report for the Rockport Center for the Arts – Luis Purón/Judge Mills
- **COUNTY ROADS**
 12. Discuss, and approve or disapprove acceptance of 15 foot drainage easement from Jacob Trapper at Lot 1, Block No. 4, Copano Cove Subdivision Unit No. 4, according to the plat recorded in Volume 3, Page 46, Aransas County – David Reid/Judge Mills
 13. Discuss, and approve or disapprove the Concept Plan for Ocean Reef subdivision development off State Highway 35-Business, south of Palm Harbor Subdivision – Kat Comeaux/David Reid/Judge Mills
 14. Discuss, and approve or disapprove Amended Order #O-03-2020, to amend Infrastructure Requirements for Rental Communities in Aransas County, Texas [Tabled 06-22-2020] – Kat Comeaux/David Reid/Judge Mills
 15. Discuss, and approve or disapprove authorizing County Judge to sign County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Agreement with the State of Texas, through Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), for an eligible award of \$152,394 for the County-identified Transportation Infrastructure Projects (County match 10%) – David Reid/Judge Mills

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

16. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **Resolution #R-21-2020, a Resolution recognizing Rebuild Texas's efforts** to assist Aransas County **and Cristina Cornejo's outstanding leadership, initiative and support** of Aransas County – Judge Mills
17. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **Resolution #R-22-2020, a Resolution designating authorized signatories for** the Hurricane Harvey Infrastructure Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Program (**CDBG-DR Contract 20-065-098-C270**) – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Mills
18. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **Resolution #R-23-2020,** a Resolution **to adopt CDBG-DR Program Civil Rights Policies:** Citizen Participation Plan and Grievance Procedures, Section 3 Policy, Excessive Force Policy, Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Standards Plan, Section 504 Policy and Grievance Procedures, Code of Conduct Policy and Fair Housing Policy – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Mills
19. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **Resolution #R-25-2020,** a resolution **authorizing publication of notice of intention to issue certificates of obligation** – Jacky Cockerham/William Whitson/Bob Henderson/Judge Mills
20. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **Resolution #R-26-2020,** a resolution of Aransas County, Texas, **authorizing the submission of a public works and economic adjustment assistance program grant application (including CARES Act funding) to the Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, and authorizing the County Judge to act as the County's Executive officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the county's participation in the EDA program** – Kim Foutz/Judge Mills
21. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **authorizing County Judge to sign a contract agreement with Randy Bingham, PA-C, Inmate Health Care Service Provider,** per Texas Department of State Health Services Tuberculosis Standards for Texas Correctional and Detention Facilities – Sheriff Mills/Judge Mills

- **PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE**

22. Discuss, and approve or disapprove the **June 2020 Indigent Health Care Report** –Alma Cartwright/Judge Mills
23. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **authorizing County Judge to sign the Optional Health Care Services Notification for Indigent Health Care Services** for the fiscal year September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2021. There are no changes – Alma Cartwright/Judge Mills
24. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **new job description for Records Clerk.** No new monies – Chief Gutierrez, Linda Doane/Judge Mills
25. **Discuss the two methods for calculating the voter-approval tax rate, and direct the Aransas County Tax Assessor-Collector as to which method to use:** 1) Per Texas Property Tax Code Sec. 26.04.(c)(2)(B): $VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE = (NO-NEW-REVENUE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS RATE \times 1.035) + (CURRENT DEBT RATE + UNUSED INCREMENT RATE)$, or 2) Per Texas Property Tax Code Sec. 26.04.(c-1) and Sec. 26.07.(b): $VOTER APPROVAL TAX RATE = (NO-NEW-REVENUE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS RATE \times 1.08) + CURRENT DEBT RATE$, due to current tax year disaster declaration by governor and the disaster's impact on the taxing unit (Under this method, this calculation shall continue until the

earlier of the 2nd tax year in which the total taxable value of property exceeds the total taxable value of property on January 1 of the tax year in which the disaster occurred or the 3rd tax year after the tax year in which the disaster occurred.) – Jeri Cox/Jacky Cockerham/Judge Mills

26. General Discussion of the **2021 Budget** with elected officials and department heads – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Mills
27. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **Budget Line Item Transfers and Amendments** – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Mills
28. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities** – Jacky Cockerham/Alma Cartwright/Judge Mills

VII. 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 Community Park/Swimming Pool Committee. Elected Officials & Department Heads reports include but are not limited to the following: Airport Advisory Board Updates; County Auditor— Development; Live Oak Tree Committee; Navigation District; Personnel Committee; Rural Rail District; and Rockport **Read Fee Reports of County & Precinct Offices.**”*

VIII. 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 salutory 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.”

IX. 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. COMMISSIONERS COURT WILL MEET IN CLOSED SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071 COMMISSIONERS COURT WILL MEET IN CLOSED SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071 TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LITIGATION; RECEIVE ATTORNEY'S ADVICE ON LEGAL MATERS THAT ARE NOT RELATED TO LITIGATION; AND OTHER MATTERS PROTECTED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE.*
- b. COMMISSIONERS COURT WILL MEET IN CLOSED SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.072 TO DISCUSS REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATIONS INCLUDING PATHWAYS PROJECTS, STORM WATER MANAGEMENT, COUNTY LAND AND COUNTY LEASES.*
- c. COMMISSIONERS COURT WILL MEET IN CLOSED SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.07A TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS AND OTHER ISSUES.*
- d. COMMISSIONERS COURT WILL MEET IN CLOSED SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.0725 TO DISCUSS A CONTRACT BEING NEGOTIATED AND THE TERMS THEREOF.*
- e. COMMISSIONERS COURT WILL MEET IN CLOSED SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.087 TO DISCUSS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER.*
- f. COMMISSIONERS COURT WILL MEET IN CLOSED SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 552.139 AND OTHER PROVISIONS TO DISCUSS CYBER SECURITY REPORT, STATUS AND IMPROVEMENT.*

X. OPEN SESSION

Commissioners Court will reconvene into Open Session and consider action, if any, on items discussed in Closed Session.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

FILED

AT 3:29 P. M.

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3:35 PM*

VALERIE K. AMASON
COUNTY CLERK, ARANSAS CO., TEXAS

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the Notice of the above named Commissioners Court, is a true and correct copy of said Notice, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice on the window and/or bulletin board in the Aransas County Courthouse, 2840 Hwy. 35 N., Rockport, Aransas County, Texas on the ___ day of _____, 2020, and said Notice remained so posted continuously for at least seventy-two (72) hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting.

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