

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

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 **27th day of JULY, 2020 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. 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. PUBLIC HEARING/CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

1. At this time, comments will be taken from the audience regarding the proposed plan for the **County Clerk’s Records Archive Fund**, Local Government Code, Section 118.025, Subchapter E, to fund the preservation and restoration of the County Clerk’s records archive as set out in Item # 6 below. To address the Commissioners, please sign the Public Participation Form located on the table in front of the seats and deliver to the County Clerk before the meeting begins. 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 – Valerie Amason/Judge Mills

VI. PRESENTATIONS

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

2. Presentation of the **4-H Recognition Video** – Ginger-Easton Smith/Judge Mills

VII. 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.

3. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **Minutes from the July 6, 2020 Special Meeting** - Valerie Amason/Judge Mills
4. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **Minutes from the July 13, 2020 Regular Meeting** - Valerie Amason/Judge Mills
5. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **Minutes from the July 14, 2020 Public Hearing** – Valerie Amason/Judge Mills
6. Discuss, and approve or disapprove the **County Clerk’s Annual Written Plan 2021** for funding the preservation and restoration of the County Clerk’s Records Archive pursuant to *Local Government Code, Section 118.025, Subchapter E* – Valerie Amason/Judge Mills
7. Discuss, and approve or disapprove the **Official Bond Rider adjusting bond coverage** for Treasurer’s Office – Alma Cartwright/Judge Mills
8. Acknowledge receipt of and record in minutes of Commissioners Court the **District Court Judge’s appointment of Jacky Cockerham to County Auditor position effective June 24, 2020**, at salary and benefit levels approved in 2020 budget. Document Attached – District Judge Janna Whatley/Judge Mills
9. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **Official Bond and Oath for Jacky Cockerham, County Auditor** – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Mills
10. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **Facilities Maintenance accepting a donation** of 8 filing cabinets from Chris Rice with Juvenile Probation, San Patricio County – Rene Butler/Judge Mills
11. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court, a **Certificate of Course Completion presented to Pam Heard** for completing training on Reporting Mental Health Adjudications and Commitments to NICS by the State of Texas Judicial Branch – Pam Heard/Judge Mills
12. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **Proclamation P-05-2020 to recognize Another Chance RFT’s continued and dedicated work on behalf of Aransas County Animal Control and the Aransas County Community** –Tana Neel/Lori Cesar/Judge Mills
13. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **donating a surplus jail van,** a 2015 Ford Van (VIN#1FBZX2ZM1FKA29965), **to Another Chance RFT, per Local Government Code 263.152(a)(4)** which authorizes a county commissioners court to dispose of surplus or salvage property by donating it to a civic or charitable organization located in the county when they determine that the donation serves a public purpose – Tana Neel/Lori Cesar/Judge Mills

14. Discuss, and approve or disapprove accepting a **donation from Kacee Jackson in the amount of \$11,500 to cover the cost of due diligence expenses** (environmental assessment and property appraisal) for the property located at 2000 Highway 35 Business North – Kim Foutz/Judge Mills

• **DISTRICT COURT**

15. **Discussion of new courthouse layout** – Judge Flanigan/Judge Whatley/Judge Mills

• **COUNTY REPORTS**

16. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **3rd Quarter 2020 Hot Funds Report for the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce** – Diane Probst/Judge Mills

17. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **2nd Quarter 2020 Report for the Maritime Museum** – Justin Parkoff/Judge Mills

18. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **2nd Quarter 2020 Report for the Aransas County Historical Commission** – Betty Stiles/Judge Mills

• **CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, GRANT & LEASES**

19. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **Resolution #R-28-2020, a resolution to award engineering services contract, contingent upon successful negotiation, to Hanson Professional Services, Inc.**, for the Rockport Center of the Arts Public Parking & Facilities improvements for General Land Office CDBG-DR Contract 20-065-098-C270 – John Strothman/Judge Mills

20. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **Resolution #R-29-2020 authorizing County Judge to sign the renewal of the County's adoption agreement and Certificate of Resolution** for the Section 125 Premium Only Plan. This plan is offered to all eligible County Employees as a benefit to reduce the tax liability on payment of health, dental, vision and qualifying critical illness and life insurance premiums – Linda Doane/Judge Mills

21. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **Resolution #R-30-2020, awarding appraisal services for the Rockport Center of the Arts Public Parking and Facilities improvements to Tasador, Inc.**, for General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Contract 20-065-098-C270 – John Strothman/Judge Mills

22. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **authorizing County Judge to sign a Memorandum of Understanding agreement for release of driver records for governmental entities with the Texas Department of Public Safety (TxDPS)** - Tana Taylor/Linda Doane/Judge Mills

23. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **authorizing County Judge to sign Voluntary Collection Agreement with Homeaway.com, Inc., to facilitate Homeaway.com's reporting, collection and remittance of Aransas County hotel occupancy and venue taxes** – Alma Cartwright/Judge Mills

24. Discuss, and approve or disapprove a **Memorandum of Understanding with Del Mar College to demonstrate Del Mar College's support for the establishment of a workforce development and entrepreneur center in Aransas County** and to further confirm its commitment to operate and provide educational and workforce programming at the Center – Kim Foutz/Judge Mills

25. Discuss, and approve or disapprove **Resolution #R-33-2020, authorizing the award of a professional environmental services contract** for a federally funded project located at 2000 State

Highway 35 Business North, Rockport, TX to Wild Associates in the amount of \$7,250 for a Phase I and II environmental assessment – Kim Fautz/Judge Mills

26. Discuss, and approve or disapprove Resolution #R-32-2020, authorizing the award of an appraisal services contract for a federally funded project located at 2000 State Highway Business North, Rockport, TX to Tasador, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$4,250 – Kim Foutz/Judge Mills

• **COUNTY ROADS & FLOODPLAIN**

27. Discuss, and approve or disapprove Resolution #R-31-2020 to authorize execution of the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Agreement with Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) – David Reid/Judge Mills

28. Discuss, and approve or disapprove authorizing County Judge to electronically sign the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Agreement with Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) - a total eligible grant award of \$152,394 from the State of Texas with a minimum Aransas County match of \$38,099 – for County-identified Transportation Infrastructure Projects - David Reid/Judge Mills (*correction from July 13, 2020 CC meeting*)

• **PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE**

29. Discuss, and approve or disapprove June 2020 Treasurer’s Report - Alma Cartwright/Judge Mills

30. Discuss, and approve or disapprove Treasurer’s 2nd Quarter Investment Report - Alma Cartwright/Judge Mills

31. Discuss, and approve or disapprove adoption of the Aransas County Financial Procedures. The purpose of financial management policies is to provide sound guidelines in planning the County’s financial future. Aransas County considers the expenditure of funds to be an important responsibility and requires all persons involved with the purchase of goods or services to exercise good judgement in spending taxpayers money – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Mills

32. Discuss, and approve or disapprove County Judge increasing the petty cash amount from \$100 to \$600 – Alma Cartwright/Judge Mills

33. Discuss, and approve or disapprove Budget Line Item Transfers and Amendments – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Mills

34. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities – Jacky Cockerham/Alma Cartwright/Judge Mills

VIII. 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.**”*

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

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."

X. 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 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.

XI. OPEN SESSION

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

XII. ADJOURNMENT

FILED

AT 2:43 P. M.

JUL 23 2020

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2:50 PM

CERTIFICATION

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

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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