

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT
ARANSAS COUNTY, TEXAS**

AGENDA

NOTICE IS HERBY 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 **10th** DAY OF **AUGUST, 2015** AT **9:00 A.M.** IN THE COMMISSIONERS' COURTROOM IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 301 N. LIVE OAK, ROCKPORT, TEXAS, AT WHICH TIME THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS WILL BE DISCUSSED, TO-WIT:

I. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARE QUORUM

II. PLEDGES AND INVOCATION

III. 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 table in front of the pews 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. 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.

IV. PRESENTATIONS:

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

1. UPDATE ON THE RESULTS OF THE "**VETS FISHING WITH VETS EVENT**" – MIKE AND JAN MOORE

V. 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.

1. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE THE **MINUTES** FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF **AUGUST 3, 2015** – VALERIE AMASON/JUDGE MILLS
2. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE THE **APPOINTMENT** OF KRISTEN BARNEBEY **AS COUNTY ATTORNEY WITH FELONY RESPONSIBILITIES ALSO KNOWN AS "COUNTY & DISTRICT ATTORNEY"** FOR ARANSAS COUNTY AND THE STATE OF TEXAS, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2015, PURSUANT TO SENATE BILL 1139. – KRISTEN BARNEBEY/JUDGE MILLS
3. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE RESOLUTION **R-13-2015** AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION OF DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS' NAMES BY THE LAW FIRM OF LINEBARGER COGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP – LAW FIRM REP/JUDGE MILLS
4. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE NAMING THE "**ROCKPORT PILOT**" THE **OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF ARANSAS COUNTY** – JUDGE MILLS

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE

5. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE THE RENEWAL OF OUR **ADOPTION AGREEMENT** AND CERTIFICATE OF RESOLUTION (**#R-12-2015**) FOR THE SECTION 125 **PREMIUM ONLY PLAN** WHICH IS OFFERED TO ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES AS A BENEFIT TO REDUCE THEIR TAX LIABILITY ON PAYMENT OF HEALTH, DENTAL, AND QUALIFYING LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS – PAT ROUSSEAU/JUDGE MILLS

6. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE THE **HIRING** OF ONE (1) ASSISTANT COUNTY & DISTRICT ATTORNEY (\$55,000), ONE (1) PARALEGAL (17-3), AND ONE (1) ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (11-1) **FOR THE ARANSAS COUNTY & DISTRICT ATTORNEY OFFICE**, THROUGH THE REMAINDER OF 2015, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 – KIRSTEN BARNEBEY/JUDGE MILLS
7. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE **TREASURER'S REPORT** FOR JULY 2015 – ALMA CARTWRIGHT/JUDGE MILLS
8. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE **INDIGENT HEALTH CARE REPORT** FOR JULY 2015 – ALMA CARTWRIGHT/JUDGE MILLS
9. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE **BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS** – LEZLIE KIRK/JUDGE MILLS
10. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** – LEZLIE KIRK/JUDGE MILLS
11. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON **ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES FOR 2016 BUDGET YEAR** – LEZLIE KIRK/JUDGE MILLS
12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON **PROPOSED 2016 BUDGET** – LEZLIE KIRK/JUDGE MILLS
13. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE DATE AND TIME FOR **PUBLIC HEARING ON 2016 BUDGET** – LEZLIE KIRK/JUDGE MILLS
14. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON **2015 TAX RATE** – JERI COX/JUDGE MILLS
15. IF NECESSARY, **TAKE RECORD VOTE** ON PROPOSED 2015 TAX RATE AND **SCHEDULE TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS** ON PROPOSED TAX INCREASE – JERI COX/JUDGE MILLS
16. DISCUSS, APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE **TIME AND DATE TO ADOPT** THE 2016 BUDGET AND 2015 TAX RATE – LEZLIE KIRK/JERI COX/JUDGE MILLS

DRAINAGE EASEMENTS & STORM WATER ITEMS

17. DISCUSS, APPROVE OR DIS APPROVE ACCEPTING GIFT OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS **JANACEK ROAD**, BEING DESCRIBED AS A PRIVATE 60-FT WIDE ROADWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY OUT OF TRACK 34 AND 35 OF COLEMAN FULTON PASTURE COMPANY SUBDIVISION, FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS – CASTERLINE
18. DISCUSS, APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE ACCEPTING A 20-FT WIDE DRAINAGE EASEMENT OUT OF LOT 9 OF UNRECORDED **JANACEK** SUBDIVISION, OUT OF TRACTS 34 AND 35 OF COLEMAN FULTON PASTURE COMPANY SUBDIVISION – CASTERLINE
19. DISCUSS, APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE **AUTHORIZING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING** TO CONSIDER IMPROVEMENTS AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS FOR JANACEK ROAD, IN ACCORDANCE WITH TRANSPORTATION CODE CHAPTER 253 - CASTERLINE

VI. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEADS WHEREIN 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; Economic Developments; 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.**”*

VII. REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST REGARDING WHICH 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) a 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.”

VIII. PRESS QUESTIONS:

At this time, the Commissioners’ Court will accept questions from the press on items related to Agenda items which need clarification or further response. This item is provided as a courtesy to keep the citizens of Aransas County informed.

IX. CLOSED SESSION:

1. COMMISSIONERS’ COURT WILL MEET IN CLOSED SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071 **TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL AND CURRENT LITIGATION AND OTHER MATTERS PROTECTED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE**
2. 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**
3. COMMISSIONERS’ COURT WILL MEET IN CLOSED SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.07A **TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS AND OTHER ISSUES.**

X. OPEN SESSION:

COMMISSIONERS’ COURT WILL RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION AND CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

XI. ADJOURNMENT

DATED THIS THE 6TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2015

NOTES TO THE AGENDA:

- 1) THE COMMISSIONERS’ COURT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RETIRE INTO EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION CONCERNING ANY OF THE ITEMS LISTED ON THIS AGENDA, WHENEVER IT IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY AND LEGALLY JUSTIFIED UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT.
- 2) 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.

COMMISSIONERS’ COURT, ARANSAS COUNTY, 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 bulletin board in the courthouse lobby of Aransas county, Texas on the _____ day of _____, 2015, and said Notice remained so posted continuously for at least seventy-two (72) hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting.

COUNTY CLERK, ARANSAS COUNTY, TEXAS