

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 **26th day of AUGUST, 2019 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. 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 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.

V. PRESENTATIONS

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

1. **Presentation of author, Suzanne Reuber's latest book, Roadmap to Recovery**, to be given to Judge Mills and County Commissioners – Suzanne Reuber

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.

2. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the **Minutes** from the 1st Public Tax Hearing of August 19, 2019, the Public Hearings and Regular Meeting Agenda of August 19, 2019 and the 2nd Public Tax Hearing of August 22, 2019 - Valerie Amason/Judge Mills

3. Discuss, approve, or disapprove **accepting the new books**, *Roadmap to Recovery* from author Suzanne Reuber – Judge Mills
- **COUNTY POLICY & PROCEDURES**
 4. Discuss, approve, or disapprove **Order #O-12-2019**, Third Amended Rules of Procedure, Conduct, and Decorum, at Meetings of the Aransas County Commissioners’ Court, incorporating new Texas legislation to become effective September 01, 2019 – Kristen Barnebey/Judge Mills
- **COUNTY REPORTS**
 5. Discuss, approve, or disapprove **accepting a donation of \$1,784.90 from the Aransas Bird and Nature Club** for the purchase of two benches to be located at Connie Hagar Cottage Sanctuary – John Strothman/Judge Mills
- **COUNTY ROADS & FLOODPLAIN**
 6. Discuss, approve, or disapprove **Order #O-13-2019**, **granting a variance** from original Order #O-02-2016 Aransas County Floodplain Management and Watershed Protection Order, Article 5 – Provisions for Flood Hazard Reduction, Section B – Specific Standards, Subsection 4 – Manufactured Homes, which prohibits the placement of manufactured homes and recreational vehicles in FEMA Zone (V) and Coastal (A) Zone – Katherine Comeaux/David Reid/Judge Mills
- **CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, GRANTS & LEASES**
 7. Discuss, approve, or disapprove and authorize the County Judge to sign a **Proposal for Financial Assistance (PFA) for the Department of State Health Services (DSHS)**. This PFA is dedicated to funding vector control activities with a strong link to hurricane recovery and/or preparedness activities. The funds target jurisdictions within the 2017 Governor’s 60 county Hurricane Harvey Disaster Declaration. Aransas County Vector Control is within Governor Abbott’s 60 county Disaster Declaration counties and the funding will enhance current vector/mosquito control operations by allocating funds for purchasing pesticides, equipment, and other resources identified by the local health departments as expenditures or needs following the hurricane – Valerie Gonzalez/Judge Mills
 8. Discuss, approve, or disapprove **Resolution #R-29-2019**, a Resolution of Aransas County, Texas authorizing the submission of a **Hurricane Harvey Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)** grant application to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) 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 CDBG-DR Program, contingent upon any comments that may be received during the 30-day comment period ending August 21, 2019 – GrantWorks, Inc./Judge Mills
 9. Discuss, approve, or disapprove **Resolution #R-32-2019**, a Resolution of Aransas County, Texas, authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program application to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) for the **2019-2020 Colonia Planning Fund** 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 TxCDBG Program. The requested amount of TxCDBG funds is a maximum of \$34,250 for the Oakdale/Hills Village and Market Street/Peninsula Oaks Colonia Area Plan – GrantWorks, Inc./Judge Mills

10. Discuss, approve, or disapprove **Resolution #R-33-2019**, a Resolution of Intent of the Commissioners Court of Aransas County, Texas, to pursue a Texas Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) grant application process for the creation of a **Micro-Hospital** to serve the medical needs of Aransas County – Judge Mills
 11. Discussion on an **Interlocal Agreement between Aransas County and Aransas County Medical Services, Inc.** [*Tabled from 08/19/2019*] – Patricia Arnold/Judge Mills
 12. Discuss, approve, or disapprove and authorize the County Judge to sign an **Interlocal Contract with Department of Information Resources (DIR) and an Affirmation Statement of DIR's Managed Security Services (MSS) Program** in order to receive an election security assessment – at no charge to Aransas County – through the Secretary of State's Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds – Michele Bennett Carew/Judge Mills
 13. Discuss, approve, or disapprove and authorize the County Judge to sign a **grant contract with Tocker Foundation and accept a \$30,500 award** for the purpose of creating a Discovery Garden and Imagination/Seating Area at the Aransas County Public Library – Iris Sanchez and Melodee Field/Judge Mills
- **PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE**
14. Discuss, approve, or disapprove **adopting Elected Officials Salaries, Expenses and Other Allowances for 2020** – Suzy Wallace/Judge Mills
 15. Discuss, approve, or disapprove **adopting the 2020 Budget** – Suzy Wallace/Judge Mills
 16. Discuss, approve, or disapprove **adopting the proposed Tax Rate** of \$0.451453 per \$100 Value as the 2019 Tax Rate – Jeri Cox/Judge Mills
 17. Discuss, approve, or disapprove **adopting the 2019 Tax Roll and Levy** – Jeri Cox/Judge Mills
 18. Discuss, approve, or disapprove **Resolution #R-31-2019** for the 2019 Tax Roll, Levy and Rate (Special Note: Because the proposed rate exceeds effective rate, the vote on the resolution setting the tax rate must be a record vote) – Jeri Cox/Judge Mills
 19. Discuss, approve, or disapprove **ratifying the Property Tax Increase reflected in the 2020 Budget** – Suzy Wallace/Judge Mills
 20. Discuss, approve, or disapprove **new job description and pay group for the Airport Attendants**; market comparison and a multitude of duties which require a wide array of expert skill, attention to detail and months of training require a higher pay group. New job description will move the attendants from Pay group 12 to 15 beginning December 16, 2019 for the 2020 budget year – no new monies – Mike Geer/Linda Doane/Judge Mills
 21. Discuss, approve, or disapprove **Budget Line Item Transfers** – Suzy Wallace/Judge Mills
 22. Discuss, approve, or disapprove **Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities** – Suzy Wallace/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 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.**"*

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 **TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL 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.***

X. OPEN SESSION

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

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Posted @ 3:40 PM
FILED
AT 3:32P M.
AUG 22 2019
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 _____, 2019, 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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