

MINUTES OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - OCTOBER 08, 2018

On the 8th day of October, 2018, there was a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 2840 Hwy 35 N, Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, with the following members present: **C. H. "Burt" Mills, Jr.**, County Judge; **Jack Chaney**, Commissioner, Precinct 1; **Leslie "Bubba" Casterline**, Commissioner, Precinct 2; **Brian Olsen**, Commissioner, Precinct 3; **Betty Stiles**, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and **Valerie K. Amason**, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were **Jerry Brundrett**, County Surveyor; **Kristen Barnebey**, County District Attorney; **Alma Cartwright**, Treasurer; **Pam Heard**, District Clerk; **Suzy Wallace**, County Auditor; **Bill Mills**, Sheriff; **Linda Garcia Haynes**, Executive Assistant to the County Judge; **Sue Pash**, Chief Deputy Treasurer; **David Reid**, Road Administrator/Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Jacky Cockerham**, Assistant County Auditor; **Collin Jackson**, IT Director; **Linda Doane**, Human Resources Director; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **Valerie Gonzalez**, Environmental Health Director; **Carrie Arrington**, Office & Contracts Manager for the County District Attorney; **Dana Justice**, Paralegal, County District Attorney's Office; **Ronell Burke**, Animal Control Director; Members of Local City Government, Community Groups and other Interested Parties present:

Long-Term Recovery: **Kim Foutz and Randall Freeze**, Long-Term Recovery Specialists;

City of Rockport Council Members: **Barbara Gurtner**, Ward 4;

Members of Local City Government, Community Groups and other Interested Parties present:

**Kevin Jamison**, Director & Vice-President of Elsley, LLC, Residential/Commercial Housing Plans & Builder/Developer;

**Keven Carruth**, City Manager, City of Rockport;

**Linda Johnson**, Citizen;

**Wendy Laubach**; Candidate Elect for Commissioner, Pct. 4;

Aransas County Historical Commission: **Pam Stranahan**, Chair; **Mike Geer**; Vice Chair; **Carol Thompson**, Treasurer; **Linda Garcia Haynes**, Secretary; Other members: **Jerry Brundrett**; **June Gregory**; **Pat Rousseau**, **Barbara Gurtner**; **Sandy Garrison**; **Betty Stiles**, Court Appointed Liaison; **Collin Jackson**, Advisor; and **Monica Burdette**, Commissioner, Texas Historical Commission;

**Mike Probst**, Editor and Publisher of the Rockport Pilot Newspaper;

The Meeting was convened at **9:00 a.m.** at which time a quorum was declared by Judge Mills, WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had and done to wit:

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

There were none.

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. Recognize and Present Proclamation #P-06-2018, proclaiming the month of October as "Texas Archeology Month".
2. Recognize and Present Resolution #R-15-2018, that Aransas County approves naming the new Airport Hangar the "Eugene Johnson Community Hangar" in memory of his many years of

dedicated service to Aransas County and his vision for a new state of the art community hangar at the Aransas County Airport.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve:

3. Minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 24, 2018, Special Joint Meeting of September 27, 2018, and Special Meeting of October 2, 2018.
4. Official Public Bond Continuation Certificate for Kimberly Morales, Executive Assistant for Road and Bridge.
5. Official Public Blanket Bond for the County Clerk's Office for the Deputy Clerks.
6. Proclamation #P-06-2018, proclaiming the month of October as "Texas archeology Month".
7. Resolution #R-15-2018, that Aransas County approves naming the new Airport Hangar the "Eugene Jonson Community Hangar" in memory of his many years of dedicated service to Aransas County and his vision of a new state of the art community hangar at the Aransas County Airport.
8. Acknowledging receipt of and recording in the Minutes of the Commissioners' Court, Certificates for successful completion of the "Stop the Bleed, Save a Life" Bleeding Control Basic v. 1.0 Course presented September 2018 by the Aransas County Sheriff's Office and the Aransas County Medical Service, Inc. for Ermalinda Alvarado, Jacky Cockerham, and Tana Taylor of the Auditor's Office; Christy

(Inserts)

Gibson, Christella Hernandez, Gayle Otto, Jessica Delgado, Jo Ann Juarez, Melissa Brown, Ralena "Misty" Kimbrough, and Valerie Amason of the County Clerk's Office; Betty Watson, Harriet Layne, Jacob Warren, Melissa Bolt, Pam Heard, Stephanie Abbott, Suzy Ward and Zach Westlake of the District Clerk's Office; Linda Garcia-Haynes and Latisha Murphy of the County Judge's Office.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

**COUNTY ROADS**

9. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve authorizing the Road & Bridge Department to advertise for a Public Hearing to discuss road improvements and assessments of costs for Deer Run Lane, as per Texas Transportation Code Chapter 253.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

10. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve Order #0-09-2018, an Order to close, abandon and vacate a 40-foot roadway in between Lots 111 & 112, 113 & 114, in the Coleman Fulton Pasture Company Subdivision, Aransas County, Texas; that the Unimproved Roadway be closed and abandoned with a 20' Utility Easement (10' each side of existing City of Rockport water line) being retained.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, GRANTS & LEASES

11. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve accepting proposal from J. J. Fox Construction, Inc. for South Lake Road Improvements and authorize the County Judge to sign a contract with J. J. Fox Construction, Inc. for said improvements.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

12. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign a Two-Year Renewal Extension of Depository Contract with Prosperity Bank, increasing the interest rate from .40% to 1.00% and leaving all other existing terms and conditions the same.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

13. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Resolution #R-16-2018, authorizing execution of an Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for a Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Project.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

ORDINANCES

14. Approval of proposed Revised Abatement of Public Nuisance Ordinance #O-10-2018 to address FEMA requirements for demolition, updates to the law and issues encountered by Environmental Health went into closed session.

(Inserts)

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE

15. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the September 2018 Indigent Healthcare Report.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

16. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve Amendment to Employee Handbook Leave Policy.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

17. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Budget Line Item Transfers of which there were none.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

18. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities with one additional payment of \$434.50 to Legal Shield.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS &

DEPARTMENT HEADS WHEREIN NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

There were none.

(Inserts)

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*The Court entered into closed session at 9:16 a.m. to discuss and review potential litigation issues and other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1)(a); and to discuss real estate negotiations, including Pathways Projects pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072; and resumed Open Meeting at 10:26 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:*

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14. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve proposed Revised Abatement of Public Nuisance Ordinance #O-10-2018 to address FEMA requirements for demolition, updates to the law and issues encountered by Environmental Health.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

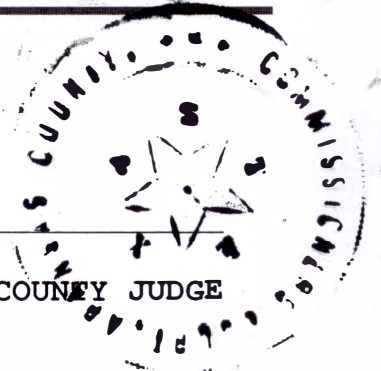
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*No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 10:27 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Stiles.*

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C. H. "BURT" MILLS, JR., COUNTY JUDGE



VALERIE K. AMASON,

EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT