

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR MEETING - MARCH 10, 2014

On the 10th day of March, 2014, there was a Regular Meeting of the Commissioner' Court in the Courthouse, 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; Charles Smith, Commissioner, Precinct 3; Betty Stiles, Commissioner, Precinct 4 and Peggy L. Friebele, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; David Reid, Drainage Engineer; Bill Mills, Sheriff; John Strothman, Project Manager; Pam Heard, District Clerk; and Richard Bianchi, County Attorney.

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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

No citizens asked to be heard.

ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 24, 2014.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

AGREEMENT FOR DISPATCHING SERVICES - 2014

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to table approval of intergovernmental cooperation agreement for dispatching services for 2014 with the City of Rockport and the Town of Fulton and return to City of Rockport for consideration of adding parties involved to Dispatching Services Board.

Both Commissioner Chaney and Commissioner Smith stated the agreement needs to include everyone involved in the advisory board. Mayor C. J. Wax asked the Court their reason for rejecting the current agreement. Commissioner Smith asked Mayor Wax what his problem was with this change. Mayor Wax replied the current system is working and he sees no reason for a change.

It was suggested a workshop may be required.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

BANK DEPOSITORY BIDS

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize County Treasurer to go out for bank depository bids.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

REUSABLE COMMODITY BAGS

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to table approval of expending additional funds of up to \$1,500.00 for reusable commodity bags for the County Assistance Department.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

OFFICIAL BOND

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Public Official Bond Continuation certificates on R. Eugene Johnson, Airport Manager, and Betty Lou Watson, Deputy District Clerk.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Bond inserted)

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Judge Mills presented for recording in Commissioners' Court Minutes certificate of completion of 2013 Annual County Investment Academy Education requirements from Texas Association of Counties for Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer.

(Certificate inserted)

TREASURER'S REPORT - FEBRUARY 2014

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the County Treasurer's Report for February 2014.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

INDIGENT HEALTH CARE REPORT - FEBRUARY 2014

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve indigent health care report for February 2014.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

There were no budget line item transfers presented by the County Auditor Kirk.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the accounts payable presented by County Auditor. Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS &
DEPARTMENT HEADS WHEREIN NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

Commissioner Stiles challenged all non-profit and any others who are interested to raise \$250.00 to match the funds donated by The Rocketts to Cedar Bayou.
Commissioner Chaney stated Representative Todd Hunter did a great job on the windstorm insurance.

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

There were none.

The Court entered into closed session at 9:33 a. m. as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.072 to discuss real estate negotiations, including Pathways Projects and Stormwater Management Projects; and resumed Open Meeting at 10:45 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:

POINCIANA WATERSHED DRAINAGE EASEMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to authorize staff to go forward with the (Poinciana) watershed drainage easement alignment and acquisition.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

PAYMENT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY'S LEGAL FEES

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve authorizing payment of County Attorney's legal fees in connection with Quo Warranto Lawsuit.
County Auditor Kirk asked how much the bill was; she had not received an invoice. The Court replied they did not know. Kirk also asked if a budget line item transfer would be needed since there is only \$20,000.00 budgeted for professional services for the entire year. Commissioner Smith Court replied it may be required at a later date but they are not in a position to talk about payments because no invoices have been received.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

PRESS QUESTIONS

Norma Martinez with The Rockport Pilot asked Commissioner Smith to clarify his motion regarding Poinciana.

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned on a motion made by Commissioner Smith duly seconded by Commissioner Chaney.

C. H. "Burt" Mills, Jr. COUNTY JUDGE

PEGGY L. FRIEBELE, COUNTY CLERK &
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT