

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - JANUARY 13, 2014

On the 13th day of January, 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 Joy M Dias, Deputy County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; David Vyoral, Road Administrator; David Reid, Drainage Engineer; Bill Mills, Sheriff; James Jackson, Director of Environmental Health; Pat Rousseau, Human Resources Director; and Iris Sanchez, Library Director.

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.

PRESENTATIONS

Chairman Greg Harlan of the Aransas County Historical Commission presented their 2013 Annual Report.

(Report inserted)

ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 3, 2014.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

TERMS OF JP COURT FOR 2014

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to set terms for Justice of Peace Court for the calendar year 2014 at one month terms beginning the fourth Monday of each month.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

LIBRARY CLOSING FOR TRAINING

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to allow the Library to close on January 15 and 16, 2014 for Library program training.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

ARANSAS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve recommended appointments to the 2014 Aransas County Historical Commission.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Recommendations inserted)

CEDAR BAYOU/VINSON SLOUGH - CONSTRUCTION BID

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to award construction bid to RLB Contracting, Inc. for the Cedar Bayou/Vinson Slough Restoration Project.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Bid inserted)

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT - CEDAR BAYOU

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve memorandum of agreement with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department providing details of TPW'S provision of \$3 million for Cedar Bayou.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Memorandum inserted)

GUIDELINES FOR TAX ABATEMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve adopting guidelines and criteria for granting tax abatement.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Guidelines Inserted)

OFFICIAL BOND

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Public Official Bond for Susan E. Pash, Deputy Treasurer.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Bond inserted)

INTEREST INCOME

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to disapprove request of Treasurer to apply all interest income earned on all funds to the fund that earned it.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

TREASURER'S REPORT DECEMBER 2013

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the County Treasurer's Report for December 2013 subject to addition of transfers being made.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

INDIGENT HEALTH CARE REPORT - DECEMBER, 2013

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve indigent health care report for December 2013.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

There were no budget line item transfers presented by 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

Director of Environmental Health Jackson reported no outside repair had been done on the house on North Doughty.

Commissioner Chaney complimented the staff at the Transfer Station and reminded Mr. Jackson that he wants a cost of handling brush.

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Commissioner Chaney expressed his condolences to the family of Charlie Marshall who passed away on February 10, 2014. Judge Mills added no one would know all the behind the scene work Mr. Marshall did for the county especially helping the indigent of the County.

PRESS QUESTIONS

Norma Martinez with The Rockport Pilot asked what the final bid was on the Cedar Bayou/Vinson Slough Project. Commissioner Smith replied \$6,698,256.00. Ms. Martinez also asked Judge Mills if he had discussed the proposed tax abatement with the School. Mills replied the school and Rockport and Fulton. Martinez requested the Court to allow her to ask further questions after closed session.

The Court recessed at 9:40 a.m. and entered into closed session at 9:41 a. m. as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to discuss real estate negotiations, including Pathways Projects; and 551.072 to discuss and review current litigation issues; and resumed Open Meeting at 10:51 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:

POINCIANA STORMWATER DRAINAGE PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve contracting with attorney for condemnation/litigation necessary for Poinciana stormwater drainage project.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

POINCIANA STORMWATER DRAINAGE EASEMENT

No action was taken on this item.

Ms. Martinez asked the Court if County Attorney Bianchi was discussed during closed session. Judge Mills replied he was and there would be something on the next agenda.

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

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

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