

MINUTES OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

WORKSHOP MEETING - JUNE 18, 2018

On the 18th day of June, 2018, there was a Workshop Meeting of the Commissioners' Court in the Commissioners' Courtroom in the County Courthouse, located at 2840 Highway 35 North, Rockport, Arkansas 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.

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

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

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:

ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

General discussion of 2019 Budget with elected officials and department heads as scheduled.

Pam Heard, District Clerk: My budget is exactly as it was last year. **Commissioner Olsen:** You're giving us back \$403 in payroll and I talked to Collin this morning and everyone is going to be up in phone and data. **Suzy Wallace:** On the salary piece all the way down to personnel services, that's all actual of what's happening today. These are not what is projected for next year, it's what's happening today with this year's longevity, salary, and all of that. **Commissioner Olsen:** Ok. **Pam:** I've got a couple of new people so that saves us a little on longevity. I know it's going to be a tough year, actually next year is going to be the really tough year, but we are still dealing with the same things, especially in civil cases, they run about 18 months and we have more TWIA, we'll see how that goes for next year, other than that I'm not expecting a whole bunch more people that get divorced that don't have attorneys and that takes more time, but other than that, that's pretty much it. I'm hoping that there will be something for the employees, a little bit of a raise, whether it be steps and or COLA. **Commissioner Casterline:** What would you do if we said you had to make a big cut in your budget? **Judge Mills:** Everybody needs to think about that. **Pam:** I don't know what we'd do, the only thing I could think is in my conferences, we attend two a year and I try to keep it as cheap as I can. **Commissioner Stiles:** One of the things that we might think about is every department needs to cross train as many people as you can so that if there is a cut back you would have someone who could step in and help out. **Pam:** We have several trained in County Court at Law and several in District Court and we all do passports and e-filing.

Iris Sanchez, Head Librarian: The only thing extra that I'm asking for is money to attend a conference in Austin next year. We don't go every year, just once in a while, depending on where it's at. **Commissioner Olsen:** Do you want to buy books for the library? **Iris:** Yes. **Jackie Cockerham:** Books are in Line 591 \$21,000 which is \$1,000 more than last year. **Commissioner Stiles:** Do you have any volunteers? **Iris:** We are getting less and less, we have about six that are still active.

Rene Butler, Facilities Maintenance Director: So, I'm giving a little bit of money back and I'm asking for something that will save you money in the long run. Currently we are paying for an individual to mow the lawns and an individual to landscape, basically in 2017 we paid \$26,105.91 for both. Suzy and I got together and I came up with numbers, if we could hire someone part-time at 30 hours per week with burdens it is \$25,744. We are saving \$19,028 on Maintenance Agreements now because we do not have a chill cooler at the courthouse, just at the jail, I am asking to keep \$15,000 in that fund to pay for unforeseen repairs. **Commissioner Casterline:** Do you have a list of things that we are no longer having to pay for now that we do not have the courthouse?

Rene: I do have one but I do not have it with me. Also, my crew is going to start doing the windows so we will save \$4,000 there. **Commissioner Casterline:** When you were talking about hiring someone to do the lawn, do have somewhere in here where we are going to buy the equipment to do that? **Rene:** I do, that would be a one-time purchase of \$17,000, the mower itself is \$18,770 and our price here in Rockport will be \$13,632 for a commercial grade hustler, which I'm familiar with and have used. I talked to Mike Gordon out at the Road & Bridge Department and he has agreed to do help out with the maintenance, he's also got a trailer to haul our scissor lift. I've got Jesse Chapa who we hired on our crew who has had his own landscaping business and knows how to work on small motors. **Judge Mills:** So you would just need that mower and a couple of weed eaters and whatever? **Rene:** And a multi-use trailer to haul the mower, surplus, and debris, etc. I talked to Taggart Motors in Portland and we can get one for \$2,000. Also, I have Ken-Air, who we work with, give us another well check on air conditioners, our HVAC tech Roberto, is doing an excellent job and saving us money big time and he is perfecting his craft. We do have 4 A.C. condensers, I'm not saying they are going to fail, but that they are on the weak end of things so we did put in the budget for that too. **Commissioner Stiles:** How much was that? **Rene:** That was a total of \$27,200. **Commissioner Casterline:** What line do you have that in? **Jackie Cockerham:** It's not going to show up in this because it's actually in the CO 16's. **Rene:** It's two 3 ½ ton condensers at the Public Safety Center and two 10 ton condensers at the Jail. **Commissioner Chaney:** Are you thinking about, perhaps maybe doing two in this budget and two in the next budget? **Rene:** We can do that, I just want the Court to be aware that there is a big possibility that they will be failing. **Commissioner Casterline:** Now that we have a licensed technician, do you think that we can buy them direct at wholesale price? **Rene:** Yes, we are lining that up with Suzy and we are getting ready to take him to Corpus Christi, probably next week.

Commissioner Olsen: What is the variance in Insurance/Bond Premiums? **Suzy Wallace:** We had a 53 ½ % increase in our insurance rates due to Harvey across the board. Also, with the telephone we did an analysis, with Collin's help, so you'll see the telephone expense going up and also the Insurance/Bond Premiums.

Valerie Amason, County Clerk: I asked for just a little bit more in Office Supplies, since everything just keeps going up. I was going to ask for a raise for one of my employees but she quit this morning so that's off. **Commissioner Stiles:** Remember there are people available through Texas Workforce..

Ralena "Misty" Kimbrough, Collections Specialist: The major change this year is I took warrant round-up out of my budget because it is changing dramatically due to the indigence push within the nation. The other big change is possibly doing away with Lexis Nexis and going with Thomson Reuters "Clear", they have real time information whereas Accurint is a bout 2-4 months, depending on the information. Clear updates every hour on the hour and gives us real time incarceration

and it will greatly improve my ability to find people, not only that but I also do looks at individuals who are requesting court appointed attorneys and it will give us better information on what they have versus what they are saying, where they are living, and their phone numbers, which is always a struggle. **Commissioner Chaney:** Did you work with the JP's on getting that information to them also, I know the Constables are always having trouble finding people. **Misty:** I did not, I let the Sheriff and Kristen Barnebey know that I was looking at this, Sheriff Mills was in on the demonstration and there are a lot of different pieces available depending on what area you are in and what you are wanting. For me it will be about an additional \$2,000 more a year, but I think with the information that we will be getting it will be well worth it. I'm going to do a full presentation for the Court next Monday and I'm getting more contract information on that today. **Commissioner Stiles:** And that amount is reflected in this budget? **Misty:** Yes, it is. **Suzy:** It's under professional services. **Commissioner Olsen:** That's an increase of \$3,300 there and a decrease of \$2,100 in maintenance agreements and is that getting rid of.... **Misty:** That's getting rid of Accurant and going with Clear, it will cost more but I truly believe that it will be worth it. **Commissioner Olsen:** And did you mean to leave off advertising and legal notices? **Misty:** I did, that was what I was going to use for the warrant round-up.

Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer: No changes on this one, the \$3,000 in Office Furniture & Equipment was for a new laptop computer, but that can come out because it will be in Collin's budget. The Insurance/Bonds Premiums is more because of the bond on myself that is paid every four years and I have refigured the amount shown and it will be more.

Alma Cartwright, Hotel/Motel Tax: On revenues my best guess, who knows how many houses are still out there, but according to the Chamber 33% of businesses are back, I don't know so I used a very conservative number on the revenues, it's hard to even fathom so on the analysis I gave you collections were down 72%; venue is down roughly 59%; keep in mind we don't get anything on the Hotel/Motel tax, we get 2% on the venue. On expenditures.... **Commissioner Stiles:** I have a question on Wings Rescue. **Alma:** Right, that's the one I was going to bring up, Suzy how did you come up with a number of \$23,170? **Suzy:** It was the letter they sent us with the cost of the cages and how many they rescued. **Alma:** But that was over a two year period so would you chop that in half? **Suzy:** Yes we could, whatever the Commissioners want us to do. Seeing that the revenue is down, if you look at that front page, my projection at the end of this year is only going to be \$361,000 which doesn't cover the expenditures that we promised, also that is 7% of the revenue, opposed to the Maritime Museum and Rockport Center for the Arts, they are only getting 4%, or do you want to go higher than the other entities that we are supporting? **Commissioner Stiles:** I object to paying them out of HOT Funds to begin with, I don't think fixing birds is a Tourism thing. **Judge Mills:** Birds bring in tourist. **Commissioner Stiles:** They do bring in tourists, but I think it is a stretch. **Commissioner Chaney:** I think we need to automatically adjust all of the people who get the HOT funds, if we are up 5% or down 5% decrease on that amount. They are set on an amount that they want but that's not what we are getting. We are down 73% and that's not going to cover one year's expenditures, if we are down a percentage we need to adjust it by that percentage. **Commissioner Casterline:** If we don't get it they don't get it. **Alma:** Right, and I think that's the way we should do it, that's my recommendation. Of course the Aquarium is on there and that one will not kick in there until they rebuild, so I don't know, anybody have a projection on how long that's going to be? **Commissioner Stiles:** Isn't there some Grant money going towards that? **Judge Mills:** There's all kinds of things we are looking at. **Suzy:** So, on Wings, do you want us to change them to a percentage? **Commissioner Chaney:** I think everyone

should be on a percentage. **Commissioner Casterline:** But if you don't think birds qualify under HOT Funds? **Alma:** I think the bird program does qualify. **Judge Mills:** We do have the funds at the regular pay for one more year, right? **Jackie:** Yes, we kept a reserve. **Alma:** But at the end of the year I project that we will have \$361,000 and that's less than what you are budgeting. You are budgeting \$427,000 at this point. I guess the waterway restoration, we're going to leave that at \$265,000? **Judge Mills:** I don't see how we can do that, but I would love to. **Commissioner Casterline:** I think that's one we should skip this year. **Alma:** So if you take the \$265,000 off of that, it brings the total to back to what we are probably going to have in the fund which means you can't give out anymore, because you are at that point. **Commissioner Casterline:** What are the percentages for the different entities? **Alma:** Rockport Center for the Arts - 4%; Maritime Museum - 4%; Aquarium - 10%; Chamber of Commerce - \$50,000, I don't know what the percentage is on that one. **Commissioner Casterline:** Well the \$50,000 is a new funding that covered the out of town advertising, like Austin & Houston, but the ones that are getting percentages, what are we doing, are we funding them based on like last year or are they going to get 4% based on what we take in, I mean is that going to take a big hit? **Alma:** If you remember, in January we gave them a little extra, you might say, because October, November & December, there was really nothing there, so to help them with their budgets we kind of gave them a little boost. **Commissioner Chaney:** So we need to take them all to a straight percentage? **Alma:** The Chamber comes to 14 ½ percent, you asked me earlier, of what I'm projecting on the revenues. **Suzy:** So do you want us to recalculate based on the percentage basis? **Commissioner Stiles:** I'd like to see it, I mean if we don't have to change it for what we are taking in, but I'd like to see the numbers. **Commissioner Casterline:** Well the \$50,000 deal on the Chamber is that they are advertising for everybody in town. **Suzy:** So are we taking the Waterways Restoration out? Don't forget we have that Go Mesa money we received that I have not got a firm answer on if we can offset that Waterways Restoration. **Judge Mills:** If we can. **Suzy:** We can, I just haven't been told that we can. **Judge Mills:** Ok, let's use Go Mesa for that and put that back in. **Commissioner Stiles:** Do we you a list of all of the funds that we have received so far? **Suzy:** We do, I just don't have it with me. **Judge Mills:** Go Mesa, I was told earlier this year that we were going to get over \$800,000, we got a check for \$423,000, so I'm keeping my fingers crossed that we have another check coming. **Suzy:** But part of that money you want to use in professional services for the Grant writer, so we can leave that in and I'll just put the money towards this? **Judge Mills:** Yes. **Commissioner Casterline:** So what all can you use the Go Mesa money for? **Judge Mills:** We are going to use it for Cedar Bayou restoration. **Jackie:** So I'm going to take the money for Waterways out of Hotel/Motel? **Suzy:** Right. **Alma:** And Suzy, on your front page you gave to me you have a Beginning Unreserved Fund Balance projected, you had \$457,000 and I'm predicting \$369,000, so I don't know where... **Suzy:** Are you talking about this. **Alma:** No, this sheet that you gave me. **Suzy:** You just gave me your predicted and we had already printed this, so that's why there is a difference, so we can update that. **Alma:** Ok.

Alma Cartwright -- Venue Tax: There again, I'm guessing on the Revenues. **Suzy:** I'm sorry, did I miss what we were going to do with the birds rescue? **Judge Mills:** Percentage. **Alma:** My opinion, I would make it at or less than the 4% that the other two are getting. **Judge Mills:** Ok, at or less. (More discussion was had and decision was 4%.) **Alma:** Ok, on the Venue nothing has changed except for I had a question on what goes back to the Venue Project, I don't know how to come up with that number. **Commissioner Stiles:** That's a John Strothman question. I know right now Pathways isn't projecting doing anything. **Commissioner Casterline:** Yeah, I think from what he told me they basically know they are going to have to live within their budget, they are not getting any money

from anywhere else. **Alma:** So the venue projects, Suzy am I right, pays for maintaining them, so the dollar amount for keeping them all going probably is not going to change. **Jackie:** Yes, he's reduced to just the maintenance.

Commissioner Casterline: Have they finished all of the bonds on the CO's? Can we get the information on that? **Suzy:** Yes, you're going to get all of the CO's. **Commissioner Stiles:** The only thing that I know is there is a trails project in combination with TXDot and I don't know where they are on that process. **Commissioner Casterline:** He told me there is a Grant coming up that might cover the one down there in Fulton. **Commissioner Stiles:** Yes, a 75/25 split. **Commissioner Casterline:** I don't know what the time frame is.

Alma Cartwright, Indigent Health Care: Jeri gave me her estimate of numbers, the Indigent Health Care mandatory 8% is based on gross running tax levy, so based on her predictions that's how I came up with \$834,000 for the revenue and then the expenditures are just broken out by the different categories of medicals that we pay and that number could change once we get back to Jeri's final numbers. **Commissioner Chaney:** On line 712, that's a tremendous increase. **Alma:** Like I said, we are going to allocate the whole \$834,000 so if out-patient turns out to be a bad year for that, the money could be moved between them, but I did it on a percentage basis so I don't know which one was more, the out-patient? Brenda could probably explain, but that's an unpredictable, depending whether they go into the hospital or not. **Commissioner Chaney:** We don't pay that unless we have the money from the Health Care Sales Tax, right? **Alma:** Actually we budget what is mandated, we are mandated to spend \$834,000. **Commissioner Chaney:** My question is, I guess, that we stay within the mandate, we are not estimating outside of that? **Alma:** We haven't even gotten up to 6% of it in the last two years. **Commissioner Chaney:** Does the ER help us out with this, are they taking our indigent? **Judge Mills:** The ER cannot accept our program or Medicare. **Alma:** The urgent care can, we're trying to channel more their way.

Alma Cartwright, Health Care Sales Tax: I estimated this revenue the same at 5% on the Health Care Sales Tax and that sales tax hasn't gone down so I think that's a pretty good prediction on that. Aransas County EMS "Allegiance", they are \$130,500, I don't know if that was their request or if that's what we came up with. **Jackie:** That's what we normally pay them, \$10,800 and something a month. **Linda Garcia:** How come the Council on Aging is \$45,000 instead of \$35,000, their letter requested the same thing. **Alma:** I put \$45,000 in there because this is the fund that actually has money sitting there that needs to be..., the Senior Citizen Center, they are doing an excellent job, I know they get funding from a lot of people but I think that in my heart I think we need to support them a little bit more. We've been at the same amount for probably the last 10 years so that there is my request, same as my request for more money for Halo Flight because they do come over here quite often. **Judge Mills:** Something else, in the Ambulance service, how much more property has Rockport annexed because they are responsible for more of this contract. **Commissioner Casterline:** Maybe we should get an audit because we divided up the original contract by percentage. **Commissioner Stiles:** Weren't we also going to do a counselor at the jail? **Alma:** That was what I was going to get to, the Beginning Fund Balance that Suzy gave me for the end of this year is \$738,000 and I came up with \$1,325,000, that's a big difference. The jail, anything that is medical related, can come out of the Health Care Sales Tax, it's for the health care of the community in general. I feel like that is one program that would fit in it and this fund also actually pays the salaries, reimburses the salaries of the nurses. **Commissioner Chaney:** Are you saying take that out of the jail fund? **Commissioner Stiles:** No, well you could, but we can pay

for it out of this fund. **Alma:** There's money there that needs to be spent on a regular basis, but it's got to be community health care related. **Commissioner Stiles:** And we also talked about the food bank. **Alma:** I don't know how the food bank would fit in that category, but nothing that is on her if for the ER so I guess that was one of the things the Court was considering funding which this money could fund the ER in a way that was plausible. **Commissioner Casterline:** You mean if somebody that was indigent, do they go to the ER and they come back and try to collect from you. **Alma:** No, the indigent program is completely different, they go there, ER bills us and we pay it if they qualify in the program. This fund here can help the community, just like we help the ambulance, we can set aside some funds for the ER or the Urgent Care and then anything that is medical related at the jail. **Commissioner Casterline:** How would someone that went to the ER qualify? **Alma:** They would have to go through our channels, that's not what this fund is for, this fund is to outright support them, if you wanted to, just like we give money to the ambulance or halo flight. **Judge Mills:** Any ER or are you talking about Code 3? **Alma:** The legalities, we have to work that out. **Judge Mills:** It would be nice if we could help our indigent in the ER, both ER's. **Alma:** As far as the inmates at the jail or counseling at the jail, I don't know if you want to put a line item in the jail budget, because they used to pay for that out of this fund years ago and I don't know why it changed. **Commissioner Casterline:** We could check into that, the legalities of it. **Alma:** I have a big file on it. **Commissioner Casterline:** We could have something set up in the Jail's budget and then transfer funds out of this fund to theirs as needed.

Alma Cartwright, Assistance Department: I took \$900 out of line 570 for a scanner, because that is going to come out of Collin's budget. **Commissioner Olsen:** It looks like in other services and charges you're giving us money back, that's not a bad thing. **Alma:** Collin said the maintenance went down on the HS system, I guess that's what it was. **Jackie:** Collin gave a breakdown on all of the departments and what departments are getting what. **Commissioner Chaney:** On Seamless.gov, that's going to be an increase next year, has that been accounted for? **Suzy:** Yes. **Alma:** Actually, there is some of that money sitting in Hotel/Motel & Venue Tax because I'm going to use that program so I think there's like \$1,500 in each of those line items to help pay for it, the money was always budgeted in those two to help pay for any collections. **Commissioner Stiles:** Postage, each department has a postage line item, is that how it is? **Judge Mills:** Yes. **Alma:** I don't know about telephones. **Jackie:** We are reviewing those, there has been a lot of changes since the storm, a lot of new lines, lines that were taken away. There was additional internet service due to the storm also and we have to get that into our budget because insurance is not going to continue to pay for that.

Doc Thomas, Constable, Precinct 1: My budget is the same as last year. **Commissioner Olsen:** There's \$200 more in travel & meals. **Doc:** Oh, ok that is because I do a lot of travel out of county to serve stuff and a lot of times I have to sit and wait a while for someone to show up. **Commissioner Chaney:** Are your services up from last year? **Doc:** Yes, with the difficulty of having to find people. **Commissioner Chaney:** What are you serving now? **Doc:** JP, County & District now too. **Commissioner Chaney:** How many of those do you think you do in a year? **Doc:** It probably increased ours by about 100 a year. The thing with District Court is, a lot of times a lot of the witnesses are in Corpus, Beeville, Kingsville, even, sometimes it's maybe a doctor and the doctor may have been working at the emergency room in Portland but now he's in another one somewhere else, medical records at hospitals, all kinds of scenarios. Most of the District Court serves seem to be out of town, than here in town. Some of them are like, get the subpoena at 4:00 p.m.

and the court hearing is the next morning. **Commissioner Casterline:** I think we ought to come with a log of how many they actually do. **Doc:** I have one, I don't turn it in to anyone. The JP's and the other courts could be tracked through those offices. **Commissioner Chaney:** Misty was in here earlier wanting to get a new program with more up to date information, have you been made aware of this. **Doc:** The problem with that is the one's we are dealing with, they are not going to tell anyone their address. **Commissioner Chaney:** I understand that, but it might give you better information sometime. **Doc:** For the last couple of years I've tried to tell the CPS people especially, when you get an address from these people, try to find out how old it is. We went to Sinton to an address which ended up being the Jail and the guy had not been in their jail in four years. **Suzy:** Charlie Phillips budget is the same, no changes there.

John Strothman, Animal Control: **Commissioner Stiles:** Workman's Comp? **John Strothman:** We have a couple of those here, that's just... **Commissioner Casterline:** Suzy, you know you were talking about the Rabies shots. **Suzy:** That's not in John's budget that's in non-departmental.

Commissioner Casterline: Could that be paid out of Health Care Sales Tax? **Suzy:** I'd have to check on that. **Judge Mills:** That would be a good place for that to go. **Commissioner Chaney:** Along with that, I wonder if we could get County employee physicals paid out of that fund, they are in contact with the general public. **Commissioner Olsen:** Jackie, why is the worker's comp so high in this budget? **Suzy:** I'll have to check on that, that might be a... **Commissioner Casterline:** Dog bites? **Suzy:** No, I'll have to check, that might be a typo. **Commissioner Chaney:** John, why the increase in oil, gas and lubricants? **John:** That's a good question, it may be that in the costs last year we were burning more gasoline. **Commissioner Chaney:** Year to date, they are only \$3,500. **Jackie:** That's only through May, so... **John:** The actual costs last year, what was that \$8,159 and we have three vehicles. **Commissioner Casterline:** Did you say the worker's comp is not a good number? **Suzy & Jackie:** We're going to check on that. **John:** We increased animal supply too \$500, that's for dog food, we housed more animals and went over budget last year. **Commissioner Olsen:** You're building repair and maintenance up \$2,000? **John:** I put that in there because we have a small number for Capital Improvements, we bought a new freezer last year, but if something goes down, I didn't want to cut us off there too short. **Commissioner Olsen:** The building is getting older. **John:** Yes, and there are some things in there that need to be repaired, but for the most part it's not too bad. **Commissioner Casterline:** When you got the new freezer, did you take it up out of that hole. **John:** It's outside. What we do have that is eating us up a bit is the old drain system for all of the dog pens, it's got some bellies in it so once or twice a year we are having to power snake through the system because it gets a lot of debris down there. We're trying various drain covers to try and protect it, we had one that fit real good but they lasted about a day because they were rubber. **Ronell Burke:** And the dogs pull them out because they get bored and the excess hair just goes down into the system. **John:** And the plumbing is under the concrete so we're afraid we are going to choke down on the septic, we have a septic pump in the system and I'm afraid we are going to choke the system down if we're not careful with it. **Commissioner Chaney:** Do you every put dish detergent down the drains? It will take that hair and take it on out of the line. **Ronell:** Not in the kennel portions because we use a bleach product there for disinfecting purposes and we don't want to mix the two which could create a gas. **Commissioner Olsen:** Your maintenance agreements are down \$600. **John:** Isn't that our Shelter Pro? That's our computer system. **Commissioner Stiles:** Your pest control spray, is that in your professional services? **John:** No. **Ronell:** I charge it under professional services, yes and that's just for them to come do the office area four times a year, that's \$85 each time. **Commissioner Stiles:** We don't

spray the kennels? **Ronell:** We are not anymore, once we were treating them and then we are washing them down the next day. The fleas and ticks are not under control, "Another Chance" is supplying us with the nice expensive stuff that I have been wanting to buy for years and we are working with the Veterinarian office to get something that has a lower cost. Since we do have the dogs there longer, it's not just that first three days when they get infested, they are getting worse than that so she started providing the next guard Semperica and we have a new product that we are testing right now to see if that works. **Commissioner Casterline:** Are you treating outside the kennels? **Ronell:** Now that we have the outdoor kennels, that's another place that is getting washed down every day. **Commissioner Casterline:** My recollection was that the ticks were coming from the brush and maybe you should go out past where you wash and put some kind of perimeter around. **Ronell:** We have done that in the past, when we've paid for that very nice, expensive \$200 treatment, they weren't completing the spraying unless we were there watching them. The flea and tick preventative has actually worked a lot better in the first few days. This year has just been a lot worse because we have been taking in so many more and they have the infestation when they show up. **Suzy:** I have one more thing, the \$5,030 is correct on the worker's comp. **Commissioner Casterline:** I would think that is a place where you would have people getting bit by cats and dogs, picking up heavy dogs. **Ronell:** The increase in oil, gas & lubricants, we are trying to keep two officers in the field, on the road patrolling, eight hours a day and try to be a little more proactive rather than reactive. **Commissioner Casterline:** What is the percentage now on the calls? **Ronell:** It's the same, the county is still the highest.

Diana McGinnis, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2: I don't have any changes.

Luis Puron, Executive Director - Rockport Center for the Arts: Went over the power point presentation, with a recap of what has happened in the last year and the progress so far this year. **Luis:** We are proposing a \$17,000 budget to be split as follows: advertising, \$4,000; sculpture garden, \$2,000; and the 50th Annual Art Festival to be held July, 2019, \$9,000; and Exhibits \$2,000, so we are asking for \$17,000 today. **Commissioner Stiles:** The sculpture garden, I know that you have entered into an agreement with the Navigation District to extend leaving the sculpture garden where it is. **Luis:** Yes, our lease is until 2025. **Commissioner Casterline:** So you are going to continue to lease where the building was? **Luis:** Yes, that was approved by the Navigation Commissioners' Court. My plan is to keep the sculpture garden looking a wonderful as we can so that when we have visitors this summer that they will see normalcy in that garden. I know it's a lot to ask and I know there are a lot of priorities for the County, but more important I just want you to think about all of the things the Art Center has accomplished in such a short time and we want to be for our visitors in the future. **Commissioner Stiles:** What our problem is Luis is that we are down 72% in HOT Fund Revenue, so if you'll look over here there is a 4% difference for the Center for the Arts. **Luis:** Yes, I would accept that gladly because every dollar and cent counts and when you are working on advertising it's a very expensive thing, I'll probably allocate most of the money toward the Art Festival because that is our biggest event.

John Strothman, Aransas Pathways: This year reflects \$80,000 less budgeted than it was in the previous year, our income dropped basically 50% in the last quarter, we were down by \$20,000 income per month. We are going to cut the grass, collect the trash, and do minor maintenance, we are not going to let the projects fall apart but there will be no improvements, no projects. We will help people with events such as the History Center and groups that are operating in our venues, setting up chairs, tents, etc. It's working in most places where we are getting

volunteers to help keep gardens in place but all in all we are just going to operate on a low budget. I had a little bit of money I had to move around to get a little bit of advertising done. **Commissioner Stiles:** My question to you is the trail, the Capital Budget with TXDot. **John:** We still have money in the bond fund to do the match, in the middle of October when we were in major hurricane recovery, TXDot approved our trail project, which is what we call the Southern Trail, which will go from Cornwall, down Live Oak Street to the southern part of town and it will connect a neighborhood down there with the existing trails. I went to TXDot and told them that we want this project but we are not going to do this project until all of the demo and reconstruction is out of the way. TXDot says I have two years to do the project so we are going to hold off as long as we can to let people get their houses torn down, get their new houses built and then we will begin the project and TXDot will be doing the work, so we won't be responsible for administrative or the labor. The Aquarium Education Center is complete, Northstar finished up the end of last week. They need an administrator to work in the building and they will be ready to go, Tish is keeping a list of the people who want to use the building, and that budget is 50% less than it was a year ago. We don't have to replace the carpet because it's been replaced and all the repairs have been made. I have cut back on the cleaning and we are just going to keep it to a minimum, now all they have to do is find someone to work. **Commissioner Stiles:** I talked to Chris Mace and suggested Texas Workforce. **Commissioner Casterline:** They might be able to find a retired person. **John:** The problem with the Aquarium is they are way behind on the fundraising, unlike everybody else. Insurance will probably cover the structure, but to get everything running like it was will probably take about a million dollars.

Commissioners' Court Budget:

Commissioner Chaney: I have a question on the salary adjustments, the \$50,000, will you explain that to me again? **Suzy:** We put \$50,000 in the budget every year for wish & want so it doesn't throw the individual department budgets over, then at the end of the year we will do a journal entry to.... **Commissioner Chaney:** So that's where the step increases are? **Suzy:** Yes. **Commissioner Chaney:** Then conference & dues? **Linda Garcia:** Next year is a legislative year. **Commissioner Chaney:** Tell us again about the telephone system, why there is such an increase across the board. **Suzy:** Right before Harvey we went to a new phone system and last year with all the chain of events and all that happened, us getting right into budget, we did not make adjustments to offset the new system, so this whole budget year everybody's line item is going to be out of whack, so what we did is, Collin helped us with an analysis and to our best guess we tried to get the phone system charges correct in each department budget for 2019. **Commissioner Chaney:** So we'll see at the end of this current year, a major adjustment in the telephones? So that amount is not going to be that much of a difference next year as it is end of this year? **Suzy:** Right. **Commissioner Casterline:** My understanding was that you didn't really have a handle on what each departments cost was from the previous year. **Judge Mills:** And we found out that we had more telephone lines than we needed so we go rid of some. **Suzy:** And it's still not completely ironed out, there's still work being done so, I mean our numbers may still be a little elevated for what they will be for 2019. **Commissioner Olsen:** You brought up a good idea there, is there a way for you to add all of those increases up. **Suzy:** Yes, we have a spread sheet on that, we can get you what we budgeted for 2018 and what we are budgeting for 2019 and what the difference is. **Commissioner Chaney:** Can you change that in the projected 2018 on each department? **Suzy:** Yes, we can do that. **Commissioner Chaney:** So that makes the variance more in line with what it's actually going to be. **Suzy:** Ok, it won't be a budget line item transfer or an

amendment, it will just be on the projected. **Commissioner Chaney:** So in the final budget we will take that as an amended budget for the current year. **Suzy:** Within each department, it does not throw the department over their budget we are not doing individual line item adjustments within the budget, does that answer your question. **Commissioner Chaney:** Well, it's however you handle it if we can get it within the projected areas of the bottom line, the projected end of year will increase and the proposed will stay the same, but the variance will come way down. **Commissioner Stiles:** And I'd like to throw this out there, the amount of phone calls I get from the offices on my cell phone and we have no cell phone allowance for the commissioners, the Judge has one, I believe, but the rest of us do not, so it would be something that would certainly help my bill, it's just to consider, that's all. **Commissioner Casterline:** Does your bill go up on the phone? **Commissioner Stiles:** Yes, my data use does, sure, the point is it would help defray the cost. **Judge Mills:** What service do you have? **Commissioner Stiles:** AT&T. **Judge Mills:** Well I think AT&T either has one or they are going to get, if your over 55, you can get unlimited data, two lines, for \$70 a month. **Commissioner Casterline:** Mine is unlimited, it's like \$106. **Commissioner Olsen:** Well our \$70 plan will be \$106 after taxes and fees.

11:55 a.m. - Break for lunch.

1:30 p.m. - Resume meeting.

Linda Doane, Human Resources Director: I'm not asking for much, on office supplies I requested an extra \$100 because currently I'm at 62% of my budget for last year and I think it probably has something to do with Harvey, because I'm new in the department I'm not really sure, so I just thought I'd put a little bit of extra there, just in case. The maintenance agreement is new obviously because of INCODE. The conferences is my biggest one that I've requested extra money for, being new I would like to get as much training as I can and my assistant is also not real strong in HR yet so as much training as she could go to, so we tried to budget for as many as we can and I am now the Healthy County Coordinator so I also budgeted for myself to attend the Healthy County Boot Camp. So, for myself to attend the Boot Camp, risk management conferences for both of us, TCDRS conferences and then our membership with SHRM (Society of Human Resource Management), this keeps us up to date with all of the requirements and regulations. **Commissioner Stiles:** Have you seen an increase or decrease in Insurance premiums since Obama Care was enacted? **Linda:** At this point I don't really know to be honest. We've received refunds for our workman's comp and our unemployment this year \$1,084.30, that money is on its way, and then we got the 25/30 for workman's comp for the year, so that's good. **Commissioner Olsen:** When do you think you will know what the premiums will be? **Linda:** I'm expecting it sometime in July. Our TCDRS did go down though, our rate on that, and I did not bring that with me, I think it went down about 20%. **Judge Mills:** Ok, thank you Linda, thank you for jumping in with both feet and doing a good job.

Valerie Gonzalez, Environmental Health: **Commissioner Olsen:** Abatement is down. **Valerie:** Yes, by \$5000. **Commissioner Casterline:** Is Road & Bridge helping out? **Valerie:** They are pretty busy but they have been helping out a little with the stuff that is still out there. So that's all in that department.

Valerie Gonzalez, Transfer Station: **Commissioner Olsen:** I know you got some furniture and equipment this year, do you need anything next year? **Valerie:** No, we took care of two desks that we needed. **Commissioner Stiles:** Have you been getting any kickbacks from people for going up on the rates? **Valerie:** At this point, probably not as much but there are still a few. **Valerie:** So

on this one I'm adding \$6,000 to fuel due to the price increase in diesel. **Commissioner Stiles:** Professional services, can you elaborate a little on that? **Valerie:** We have our grinding, our solid waste disposal, tire disposal, paint disposal, all of that falls under that category. **Commissioner Olsen:** And then utilities, you're going up \$700? **Valerie:** I guess that is projected, I don't know, I don't pay the utilities. **Suzy:** We'll look into that. **Commissioner Olsen:** I think maybe everyone's utilities have gone up a little. **Commissioner Casterline:** Let's talk about the, ok, we went up on the rates, but at the same time we changed to where we are taking out whatever the fees from the Auditor's office, stuff like that, which is not the increase, what about that? **Valerie:** Some of it. **Commissioner Casterline:** So what do we need to do to do a little something different? **Valerie:** Part of the increase is going to be to purchase the new Mack Truck, not this coming year but the following year, I have to change out the trucks and that is \$280,000, so with any of the extra I plan to purchase that truck. **Commissioner Casterline:** So how much is the administration fee and the... **Jackie:** Well, what we did last year is \$250,000 for admin fees and that's not just our office, that's everybody. **Commissioner Casterline:** Ok, so we essentially move the money from one pot to the other and where we really needed it was at the Transfer Station. That's my personal opinion. I don't know if we want to talk about doing something different on that, I think we need to keep regular rates. **Valerie:** No, I don't think we need to raise the rates anymore, if we do that will cause illegal dumping. **Judge Mills:** Are you still having to close early? **Valerie:** No, like the last hour and a half we will only take truck loads rather than trailers. **Commissioner Casterline:** So are we thinking about changing our permit to increase the number of containers in case this happens again to us? **Valerie:** If you would like to do some kind of contingency we could work on that. **Commissioner Chaney:** We probably need to look at increasing our capacity anyway because the County is going to be growing with the amount of jobs coming into this area. **Judge Mills:** Yes, more containers might help. More contractors also. **Valerie:** More staff, staff is the problem. If that's something that you want me to do we will need to increase overtime pay. **Commissioner Casterline:** If we have another storm, do we have a backup company to bring in containers? **Judge Mills:** I don't know, I will have to look into that. **Commissioner Olsen:** Valerie, the City of Rockport was talking about their garbage contractor maybe discontinuing the recycle collection due to the reduction of recycling in China, will that have an effect on us? **Judge Mills:** It's gone from 50 cent a ton to like a nickel or something. **Valerie:** No effect on us because the only thing that would probably be sent over there would be our plastics and we send one container every six months and we don't actually get revenue from the plastics. **Commissioner Chaney:** What about the \$31,288 increase in Line 103? **Valerie:** That's because we now have a full time cashier and a part-time rather than two part-times. **Commissioner Casterline:** Where are you at on driver's now? **Valerie:** We did get a new driver, his concern is pay because he comes from a big company where they didn't have the insurance taken out so he saw bigger paychecks, but he's still here. **Judge Mills:** But as soon as something comes up he'll be gone.

Valerie Gonzalez, Mosquito Control: **Commissioner Olsen:** Are we going to have any more Aerial assaults? **Valerie:** Possibly, in about a week. No change in here except for telephone. **Commissioner Casterline:** Do you have chemicals on hand. **Valerie:** Yes. **Commissioner Casterline:** Quite a bit? Because it seems like in the past about the time the mosquitos showed up we were out. **Valerie:** Yes, usually, but because we didn't have as much rain we haven't had to use much and so we had extra after the storm. **Commissioner Casterline:** How's that PPDR (Public Protection and Disaster Relief) and stuff? **Commissioner Stiles:** Are we almost through? Well, I knew we had

like 72 or 73 applications, I just wondered where we are in the queue. **Valerie:** The first batch was 99% complete, the second batch FEMA has thrown a bunch more paperwork at me, so the one's that we did go out and do site inspections for the Corps, we have to do them all over again and that was about 60 of them, maybe 75. **Commissioner Casterline:** Can people still file for it? **Commissioner Stiles:** No. **Commissioner Casterline:** That's already cut off? **Valerie:** I think that's what caused the, let me throw some more paperwork at you so you don't do this again. **Judge Mills:** I talked to George P. Thursday and told him we were still having problems with the bays, he immediately called Pete Phillips and came back and told me, I got ahold of Pete, he's going to take care of it and call you. He called me when I was talking with George P., I said I'm talking to your boss now, what do you want to say? He said, well whatever my boss wants, so he said he'd get back with us real soon. **Valerie:** I had sent out for our permits with the Corps of Engineers, we have to get a permit from them, I've talked with TECQ to see if I need any permits from them. I've contacted the Texas Historical Commission to get with the archaeologist to make sure I'm not pulling out any shipwrecks. **Commissioner Stiles:** On the fence line I can't tell you how awesome it looks, I don't know what you have done with that one boat, but the residents are very, very, happy and they said Crowder did a super job. **Valerie:** Hopefully, the canals are next. **Commissioner Stiles:** Thank you, you do an awesome job for us.

Steve Sims - Fire Marshall, Rockport Fire Station: I've been chasing controlled burns most of the day so far, it rained a little bit so everybody thinks they can burn now. Just to give you a rundown, responses for this past year 2017, we had 342 calls in the City of Rockport, 219 in Aransas County, 26 Mutual Aid calls, between Fulton, Lamar, and out of county for a total of 587 calls. That put us at 61% in the County, and 59% in the City of Rockport. We had 370 incident hours, 3,676 man hours, 4,156 training hours, 800 hours maintenance, 400 hours officers meeting and training, 1,250 hours schools, 240 hours reporting, and 145 community service hours. So, that's a total of 11,972 hours for the year. Our budget we have set for this year totals \$163,329, our main expenses are \$14,000 for gas and oil; \$37,000 for truck maintenance and repair; \$2,000 for bunker gear maintenance; \$4,200 for A&M Fire School training; \$31,500 for insurance; \$26,700 for utilities; \$5,500 for office expense; \$25,000 for fire equipment & radio maintenance; \$3,000 for state certification; and \$14,429 for other unknown expenses that might pop up. We're really not asking for any increase, we will work with what we have because I know the community is hurting. **Judge Mills:** I just want to tell you that we are proud that we have fire departments like yours in our community, you all do a phenomenal job.

Suzy Wallace, County Auditor: **Commissioner Olsen:** They are asking for \$500 more in office. **Suzy:** As of today we are fully staffed Ermalinda, we graciously stole her from the Tax Office and she will be doing Internal Audits. I have turned over the payroll audit to Tana and I may be a little late in the morning because she may need some help auditing the payroll. **Commissioner Olsen:** So how did you get away with \$700 less in telephone? **Suzy:** In all of the detail it just seemed like we were budgeting more than we actually had. **Commissioner Olsen:** Ok, and you are going to an additional conference? **Suzy:** Well we've got new people, so not only Jackie and I, but Tana will need to take Ermalinda. And then Tammy, new to accounts payable, will also need some INCODE training. We are going to sign her up for some on-line training also. **Suzy:** That's pretty much it, we did increase our office supplies by \$500 simply because we have a whole new body and we need to outfit that desk. **Commissioner Casterline:** The stuff that you're doing on the Grants to do long term recovery... **Suzy:** No sir, I'm not doing that yet. **Commissioner Casterline:** But, are you going to be? If we get a Grant aren't you going to have to... **Jackie:** One of the things that

we just did on RFP was to have a Grant Administrator. **Suzy:** But we don't know for sure how much the Grant Administrator is going to do, if they are going to be just consulting or they are going to be hands on. **Commissioner Casterline:** But you could possibly be getting some time and expense from some of those, but we won't know until you find out what the job description is. **Jackie:** One of the questions the court had earlier was who the Inmate Doctor was, it was Jack Brackin and we didn't know whether you wanted to appoint someone new. **Judge Mills:** I don't know of anyone that would want to do it at a hundred dollars a month. **Jackie:** No, at a hundred dollars a month, that's not a lot. **Commissioner Olsen:** Do we need to look at any more of these pages, 44-45? **Suzy:** The General Fund Revenues, Transfers In, Commissioners' Court, we've already discussed that one this morning. Non-Departmental, I saw William and he said he was going to be getting us something for Long Term Recovery. **Judge Mills:** Yes, we talked about that this morning at the 8:00 a.m. meeting and I said how much you think? And he said \$4,000 - \$5,000. **Suzy:** And what is this going to be for? **Judge Mills:** For office supplies and travel expenses. **Suzy:** And you want it to go into non-departmental? **Judge Mills:** I think that's where it should go, I don't think it needs to go in any more departments. I hope we get to keep them a long time but we're going to have to get real creative coming down to July 31st. **Suzy:** We can go ahead and update that one now if you want to. **Commissioner Casterline:** What page is that? **Jackie:** 19. **Judge Mills:** He's supposed to get that to me tomorrow, so I'll let you know. **Suzy:** Ok. Well did you want to look at the non-departmental, other than that, now? **Judge Mills:** Ok. **Commissioner Olsen:** The office supplies \$1,500 mark. **Suzy:** I had spoken with Linda on a lot of this and she had asked me to add in a temporary salary line, but since this does not reflect any changes in payroll this time, just so you are aware that this is on the wish list to add that in and it will go into the next.... **Commissioner Casterline:** Temporary salary for doing what? **Suzy:** A temporary line to cover between her and Tish if they have a need to cover the office if they are both in Commissioners' Court, Budget Hearings, that sort of thing, they will have a body to answer the phones and be there for mail deliveries. **Commissioner Olsen:** We'll look at that one. And then the \$1,500? **Judge Mills:** Insurance is still paying Mike Koerner's salary? **Suzy:** We are reporting it to insurance, yes sir. **Judge Mills:** We might need to think about putting him in somewhere. **Suzy:** I think we did, he's under 410, \$50,000 professional services. **Judge Mills:** That's right we talked about that earlier. **Linda Garcia:** And I had added a couple hundred dollars to the conference line for non-departmental to send Tish to a conference or two. In November she is going to two Excel classes. **Commissioner Stiles:** What do you need to learn in Excel? **Linda:** Oh my, we use it for Budget stuff, all kinds of things, also for the Historical Commission we use Excel. **Alma:** I would like to see a class held here for all employees because everyone uses Excel like crazy. **Commissioner Casterline:** Well find someone to do it. **Commissioner Olsen:** Equipment Rental up \$32,000? **Linda Garcia:** The postage machine and the meter itself, they are charged separate and the Xerox copier. **Commissioner Olsen:** That seems like a lot. **Linda:** It does. **Alma:** That's \$3,700 a month, it's about right.

Beverly Trifidonis, Rockport Cultural Arts District: Beverly went over the power point presentation (see attached) and then stated that they are asking for \$5,000 to market the Kite Festival in April, 2019 and some site select cultural activities over 2019. **Commissioner Stiles:** Is some of this going to overlap with what the Chamber efforts are? **Beverly:** No, the Chamber's scope is much wider than ours and we are talking to them so, for example, they are not doing any billboards or regional advertising, theirs is further away, so one of the Grants I've written for on an HOT group is to say "Right now when we are getting right back up, we need people to be aware, we need people to come from Corpus for the day, not all of it is big event things" so

we're going to do that. I'm talking with Sandy and making sure that we add a new piece and that we are not overlapping what they are doing. We are taking the downtown, a particular group, while they are working on a much broader perspective. We are getting a lot of support, Pam Heard is helping us and Michelle Simmons with New Beginnings is excellent, she just joined the Cultural Art District Board and she is helping us build an excellent relationship with downtown businesses and we are thrilled to be a part with the Ed Foundation on the shopping tournament. **Commissioner Stiles:** Well we are down 72% on our HOT Funds so we are having to reduce. **Beverly:** Yes, I'm aware of that, we are asking for consideration, we know there is no entitlement, but we would just like your serious consideration. **Commissioner Olsen:** It's so good to have you back in the community. **Judge Mills:** I'm sure the organization is going to do well with you as the director. Thank you.

Alma: I have an update on the Healthcare Sales Tax if you want to hear that real quick, basically the Statute says, use of taxes, the County may only provide health care services in the County period. Of that, it can establish the Hospital District, you know we have that option, but that's where the indigent health care program that's in it. So back in 2010 we budgeted all of the inmate prescriptions, inmate medical and doctors, we put that in this fund, transportation, that was part of the bus service when the Council on Aging had it, we had that in there, inmate Federal prisoner was in there and their dental, pre-employment physicals were in there and immunizations had \$10,000 but I think that was our Health Fair money, but that could include the rabies, and EMS, Tri-County, Halo, and all the others. **Judge Mills:** We get reimbursed for the Federal inmates. **Alma:** Maybe that's why it came out, there was \$13,000 budgeted for them.

Commissioner Casterline: What is our surplus in that fund? **Alma:** Keep in mind that we have ceased moving money to the indigent health care program out of health care sales tax this year because it had enough money to carry its own, so if we don't do that in the remaining revenues we have come in at the end of the year 1.3 million will be the fund balance. **Commissioner Casterline:** Well anything that we can pay out of this fund, figure what the surplus should be and let's use this money for those that qualify. **Suzy:** Before our next meeting we'll find out how much we are talking about.

Bill Mills, Sheriff - Sheriff's Office: **Commissioner Olsen:** Miscellaneous Repairs & Maintenance is up \$14,000. **Sheriff:** That was for the installation of mobile data/digital terminals in the vehicles, that's an insurance payment so I don't know if FEMA's going to pay for any of those or if we are going to have to. We had a company bid on them last year and that was about the cost. **Jackie:** This should be covered by insurance. **Sheriff:** Well if insurance covers it, then we won't have that. **Commissioner Olsen:** You're saving \$90,000 on Machinery & Equipment. **Sheriff:** Because the fleet has already been replaced, we received all of the new cars, but we left \$40,000 in just in case one of these gets wrecked or something. In a few years we will have to start budgeting to rotate those out again. **Commissioner Chaney:** We've been into about two years now, but the training academy, how's that coming? **Sheriff:** It's grown into a lot more, we were doing real well before the storm, the legislature came out and said we were only going to have to have courtroom security specialists, which was a forty hour course, we had a gentleman named Harris who was going to come teach that from Galveston, in February it got cancelled because we didn't have any motel rooms, but since the storm the EOC was used for every meeting in town. But the last month and a half months to two months we have gone back to our four eight hour classes, the mandated classes that we are trying to get knocked out, TCOLE required. We have ventured out and done a lot of training with the school district and other entities in the county, we've gone into their facility and taught active shooter response courses, we are trying to shore up some of the soft

target areas. We have training scheduled in late August or September to teach stop the bleed, which is the third part of that active shooter training and part of that is the installation of the kits that are pre-packaged for you to use in a trauma situation, not restricted to shooters, but somebody could end up getting injured and cut off a finger or severely cut their leg, so we will have people better prepared to respond to that, other employees and other people in the community. Through the mandated courthouse security deal, Judge Bianchi and I have addressed a plan that we are bringing to court on our proposals for the Courthouse Security plan and part of that is to bring the stop the bleed, active shooter & response to active shooter to the Courthouse. In the past we did an active shooter, but these other two have come up, trying to make us more aware of what we can do in that 40 seconds or the few minutes before an ambulance arrives which could very well determine if someone survives or not. Because of current events all across the country we've been getting a lot of requests and Gavin's going to teach a course to Board of Realtors in their facility and they are looking to make a donation back to the County for the training academy. I'm not sure how that money would flow or how it's handled but it's possible through the training academy and where we are at and not being able to conduct the classes that we had historically done because of Harvey and the redefined use of the training center. **Commissioner Chaney:** So it's really expanded then. **Sheriff:** Yes sir, in its target and its base. There are classes scheduled the next few days, Jail related classes and I think one is an Intermediate Spanish course, in the EOC today. **Commissioner Chaney:** Are you getting a lot of requests for us to put on training? **Sheriff:** Yes sir, outside of law enforcement and in the community and it really worked well with the school district because we went through a 3 or 4 month planning session, scheduled meetings that involved Fire, EMS, the PD, all agencies, we did walk-through's at the school, we did threat assessments on each campus and sat down a mock scenario, R. J. Thomas came over so we had a third party throwing in scenarios. It was an opportunity for the school district to bring all of their senior personnel, every department had all of their administrators attend and that took us into each individual campus. Live Oak is pretty much out of the way and we are picking up Fulton where we went out and did several different sessions with 6-7 teachers at a time and tried to build upon the active shooter scenario to where it covers more than that type of event and tried to keep them mindful of the fact that it might not even be at the school, it could be at church, HEB, or wherever. So the whole community is benefitting from what we are doing. Because of what we did at the school, I have sent out requests for donations to three organizations to put the kits in each classroom for the stop the bleed, Bianchi and I included, and we also did the Courthouse Security. The School District was going to order around \$20,000 worth of these kits, the cost wasn't going to be that much here in the courthouse because we have 15 offices as opposed to \$300 classrooms.

Commissioner Casterline: Are you going to offer these classes to local businesses? **Sheriff:** Yes, we would like to have target groups of 10-15 people, if they get too much bigger than that you can't sit down and spend the quality time with them, but if they are smaller than that you're wondering if this is a good use of Gavin's time. **Commissioner Chaney:** How's your staffing coming along? **Sheriff:** The jail has stabilized quite a bit, right now we have 2 vacancies, we are still seeing people leave and right now it's not just the salaries, it's the burn out of driving back and forth, a lot of them have been having to live in Corpus, last month we were down six employees, so we have begun to fill them but we are finding that it is a younger age group. **Commissioner Olsen:** Maybe they will stick around. **Sheriff:** Hopefully, I don't know, but we're not having to report to the Commission that we're down 6 or 7 people.

Sheriff: In the Jail environment we are finding a change that is going to come about, we're

finding that the Cable is not going to be provided for free anymore, we did through the forfeiture fund, pay for the conversion equipment, but \$700 will only buy me a year, the commissary account is what we pay for it out of but it would not be able to sustain that at the billing rate that we're looking at, but I did put it in there for the \$4,300 and that's combined with the overage on the telephone, line item 421. **Commissioner Styles:** We were discussing the Health Care Sales Tax, Alma do you want to tell him what you found out? **Alma:** In 2010 all of the jail's medical, dental, and prescriptions, all of that was paid out of Health Care Sales Tax, I didn't know if you wanted it sitting in the jail budget, or to be paid out of the Health Care Sales Tax? **Judge Mills:** Why did we change that? **Alma:** Then in 2011 or 2012, we switched it back to the jail's budget. **Sheriff:** I don't know, I can go back and look through my books. **Alma:** We were also discussing that if you got a counseling program going that we would pay that out of Health Care Sales Tax and then possibly the trauma kits could be paid out of that also.

Commissioner Casterline: Rather than taking money from the general fund, we'd look at some of these other funds that we could get the money from. **Sheriff:** Well the lab work that we order cannot be paid through the Indigent Health, because the doctor is running it through his billing with us and that creates a problem, so the solution is to add \$8,000 or \$10,000 to the jail budget, run the receipts and bring them into the auditor and pay it that way. It's because of Rural Health guidelines, we are having a hard time figuring out how to pay for it or how to get money to him. **Commissioner Casterline:** Well, you all get together and figure out what we can do and just do it and let us see how it affects everything. **Commissioner Olsen:** Small Equipment, line 575, you had \$78,000 budgeted for 2018 and \$47,718 for next year. **Sheriff:** The first part of the year after the storm I had shut the staff down with no major purchases until we figured out where we stood this year, I didn't want to get near the end of the year and us be broke, when we got together, the Auditor's office and the Judge, were putting the budget together they were comfortable with going ahead and proceeding with replacing things that had been built into this year's budget, so some of that stuff we went ahead and took care of and took it out of what we had, the stove, mixer, replaced one dryer, still had one to replace and a lot of it was all commercial grade stuff, none of it cheap, this was the new convection oven and a lot of it had been in the jail since it was built, the 6 burner gas range/grill, the second dryer, it was \$37,000 worth and we took it out of this year so we won't need that for next year. **Commissioner Olsen:** Very good.

Bill Mills, Sheriff - License & Weights: We filled that position, I don't know where North Star is at on that but both scales are operational but the power has to be reconnected. DPS came out and changed signage, it's a bigger sign so both of them has to be changed out in order to be compliant with DPS guidelines for the weigh stations. The officer has finished the training and is making stops on the road right now but there have been some changes in guidelines which makes it a little tougher to use the weigh stations, DPS is of the opinion that the County L&W officer doesn't have the authority to turn the lights on. It takes a license & weight DPS trooper to turn on the lights, now if we look at a truck and it looks overweight we can make that stop and weigh them but you can't just randomly, arbitrarily, pull them in for a weight check unless you are a licensed weight officer. My argument to that is if you're not going to come do it you can't tell us not to do it, this is about the safety security on the roadway and the damage that is occurring to the roads. **Commissioner Stiles:** Good job Sheriff, you always do a good job.

Judge Mills: Unless Judge Dupnik has something different going on in her budget, tell her not to worry about coming in.

No further discussion presenting, the Court adjourned at 3:31 p.m.



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



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