

MINUTES OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

WORKSHOP MEETING - SEPTEMBER 11, 2013

On the 11th day of September, 2013, there was a Workshop Meeting of the Commissioners' Court held in the Commissioners' Court, Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, with the following members present: C. H. "Burt" Mills, Jr., County Judge; Jack Chaney, Commissioner Precinct 1; Charles Smith, Commissioner, Precinct 3; Betty Stiles, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and Joy M. Dias, Chief Deputy County Clerk.

Other County Official present was Richard Bianchi, County Attorney; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; and Bill Mills, Sheriff.

Lynn Blumenfeld with the Bee Community Action Agency Rural Transit Authority was also in attendance.

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:

Judge Mills stated the purpose of the workshop was to hold a discussion regarding Bee Community Action Agency Rural Public Transportation Program for Aransas County with Aransas County taking over.

Currently, Bee County is the Administrator with Aransas County being a party to the State grant.

Commissioner Smith stated he would like more up-to-date figures on the cost of running the program.

Bee County cut the hours of the bus drivers thinking ObamaCare went into effect in 2014 when in reality it goes into effect in 2015.

Commissioner Smith questioned the administration costs. He stated Aransas County would have to give some funds to Bee County for them to work on getting grant funds.

Aransas County rider ship numbers are down. Residents can get a ride to go any where in Texas. County Attorney Bianchi asked if going anywhere in the state was a requirement of the grant?

Commissioner Chaney stated the purpose of the workshop was to get questions from the County Treasurer and for the Court to ask her questions. The County cannot get straight answers from the Director in Bee County.

Bee County would pay liability insurance. Commissioner Smith stated there would be a shortfall of \$15,000.00 if Aransas County agrees to take this over and stated the Court needs more refined numbers.

Medicaid riders do not pay to ride; everyone else pays a small amount. Commissioner Chaney and County Treasurer Cartwright stated the County

could use part-time drivers for now. Cartwright stated her office could be used with minimal remodeling.

Ms. Blumenfeld suggested several places for housing the buses including the Airport and the old Fulton Fire Station. Ms. Blumenfeld had several comments in favor of Aransas County taking over the bus service.

Bee County is working with another bus service - LeFleur. Aransas County would have to go through Bee County to contract with LeFleur. The consensus of the Court was more information is needed before a decision can be made.

County Attorney Bianchi stated it would be a tough project to get this out of Bee County. San Patricio County District was suggested as an option along with the Senior Center taking it over.

(Estimated budget & items for consideration inserted)

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned was adjourned 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