

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - DECEMBER 8, 2014

On the 8th day of December, 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 Kristen Blanford, County Attorney; Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; David Reid, Drainage Engineer; Pat Rousseau, Human Resources Director; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; Bill Mills, Sheriff; Collin Jackson, IT Director; David Vyoral, Road Administrator; Iris Sanchez, Library Director; Michael Geer, Airport Manager; and John Strothman, Project Manager. 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

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

Gloria Ramos, Executive Director of R.E.A.L. Inc. introduced Martin Ornelas, Director of Transportation Services of the Coastal Bend, who gave a presentation on transportation services of the Coastal Bend. They have had a 31% increase in transportation services due to Aransas County Calls. They took over for Bee County.

(Presentation inserted)

ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the minutes of the Regular and Special Meetings of November 24, 2014.

Question. Motion carried with Commissioner Chaney abstaining.

It is so ordered.

GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve and authorize County Judge to sign a grant administration services contract with GrantWorks, Inc. for 2014 program year Texas Community Development Block Grant Program contract number 7214009 as administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA).

Question. Motion unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Contract inserted)

VETERANS AFFAIRS - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve and authorize County Judge to sign a memorandum of understanding between the United States Department of Veterans Affairs Houston VA Regional Office Houston Regional Loan Center (RLC) and Aransas County for RLC staff (Darrell Dishongh) parking of one (1) personally-owned vehicle and government-owned vehicle during typical and non-typical business hours on County property.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Memorandum inserted)

AQUARIUM BUILDING

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve accepting the Aquarium building as donated by Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

STOP SIGNS - FIRST AND SOUTH VERNE STREETS

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to table approval of installing stop signs at the intersections of First and South Verne Streets.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

CONTRACT - 2011 CIP PROGRAM

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to award Tropical Contracting (low bidder) the base bid contract of \$494,670.00 for the construction of TXDOT roadway culvert crossing funded by the 2011 CIP Program.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Contract inserted)

FINAL PLAT - THE BOARDWALK UNIT 2

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve final plat (replat) of The Boardwalk Unit 2, described as Lots 1-11, Block 2, St. Charles Bay, Aransas County, Texas.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Plat inserted)

REIMBURSEMENT - MARKETING ACTIVITIES

After a lengthy presentation by Tom Callen, motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve reimbursement of \$10,000.00 for certain costs of marketing activities of Pathways Project incurred by the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce, including an overview of the marketing program and budget for 2013 and 2014.

Question. Motion carried with Commissioner Stiles abstaining.

It is so ordered.

(Letters inserted)

RESOLUTION - STATE WATER BOTTOMS PUBLIC

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Resolution #R23-2014 in support of the State, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), all the citizens, the seafood industry, and commercial and recreational fisheries in keeping "The State Water Bottoms Public." Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Resolution inserted)

AGREEMENT - ENTERPRISE ENROLLMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve and authorize County Judge to sign Enterprise Enrollment Agreement for Microsoft Enterprise licensing in connection with State of Texas Department of Information Resources Contract #DIR-SDD-2503 for services already budgeted for 2015 at a cost of \$66,382.80 for three (3) years.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Agreement inserted)

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve declaring as surplus and authorizing the donation of remaining County printers to the Odyssey After School Program.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(List inserted)

PROJECT MANAGER - SALARY

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve placing Project Manager's salary under the Aransas County Pay Schedule Group 24.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

CLAWS FOR GRADALL - LINE ITEM TRANSFER

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to authorize purchase of claws for new Gradall for Road and Bridge and associated line item transfer.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PUBLIC OFFICIAL BONDS

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve bond continuation certificate on Susan E. Pash, Deputy Treasurer.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Bond inserted)

AMERICAN BANK SECURITIES

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve release of all remaining securities pledged as collateral by American Bank as County funds are removed from American Bank.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

CONTINUING EDUCATION - TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR

Judge Mills presented for recording in the Commissioners' Court Minutes 2014 annual continuing education transcript for Jeri Cox, Tax Assessor-Collector.

(Transcript inserted)

COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT - NOVEMBER 2014

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve County Treasurer's report for November 2014.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

INDIGENT HEALTH CARE REPORT - NOVEMBER 2014

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

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve budget line item transfers presented by County Auditor.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Transfers inserted)

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Smith 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

Retired Airport Manager Gene Johnson invited the Court to a Master Planning meeting for the Airport on Wednesday, December 10, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. at the Agrilife Building. Johnson also introduced the new Airport Manager Michael Geer.

Commissioner Stiles reported taking data to TXDOT regarding the number of deaths on Highway 35. TXDOT stated the majority of accidents were animal related. They are doing a larger strip in the road.

County Treasurer Cartwright reported on the County's participation at the Tropical Christmas held this past weekend. She also reported receipt of a check in the amount of \$2,150.00 from TAC for employees who participated in the health care assessment online. Judge Mills reported the retirement of County Clerk Friebele at the end of the month. With the help of Friebele's Chief Deputy Joy Dias, Judge Mills had the statistics of Friebele's office over the last twenty-one (21) years. He said many funny things about her tenure noting she was never one not to speak her mind. He invited everyone to a retirement reception after court was over.

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

There were none.

PRESS QUESTIONS

Norma Martinez with The Rockport Pilot ask the Court if the Tyler Technology invoice was included in the accounts payable and whether the contract allowed non-payment. Judge Mills replied the invoice was not included and a workshop would be held December 9, 2014 to review all unfinished projects. The County does not want to pay for something they have not received. Martinez also ask whether both the Aquarium and the Education were funded by the County. She was told they are funded by the County from separate funds.

The Court did not hold closed session.

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