

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - DECEMBER 22, 2014

On the 22nd 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 and Valerie K. Amason, County Clerk (Elect).

Other County Officers present were Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; Pat Rousseau, HR Director; Kristen Blanford, County Attorney; Stan Turpen, Assistant County Attorney; Collin Jackson, IT Director; Bill Mills, Sheriff; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; David Vyoral, Road Administrator; John Strothman, Project Engineer; James Jackson, Director of Environmental Health and David Reid, Drainage Engineer.

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.

PRESENTATION

There were none.

ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 8, 2014, Workshop Meeting of December 9, 2014, and Special Meeting of December 16, 2014.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

SET TERMS FOR COMMISSIONERS' COURT FOR 2015

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to set the terms of Commissioners' Court for 2015 for the second and fourth Monday of each month (except when there is a holiday, it will be held on Tuesday), except the month of August when Commissioners' Court will meet every Monday.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COUNTY JUDGE PRO-TEM - APPOINTMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve 2015-2016 appointment of Charles Smith as County Judge Pro-Tem to serve as presiding officer of the

court in all matters which require the action of the County Judge in the event of the County Judge's absence or recusal.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

ROCKPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT - NEW ADDITION

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to authorize a new addition at the West Terrace location for the Rockport Volunteer Fire Department at their expense.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Plans Inserted)

ORDER OF APPOINTMENT - ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to accept order of appointment of Michele Bennett as Elections Administrator for Aransas County.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Order inserted)

SET BOND FOR ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR AND ASSISTANT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to set bond amount for Elections Administrator and Assistant Elections Administrator at \$5,000.00.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT - ANIMAL CONTROL

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve extending Aransas County's 2014 intergovernmental agreement with the City of Rockport for Animal Control subject to review of costs.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

Motion was made by Judge Mills and seconded by Commissioner Casterline that Aransas County will retain control of Animal Control services for 2015.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

ANIMAL CONTROL - FEES FOR 2015

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to make no changes to Animal Control fees for 2015.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(2014 fees inserted)

BIDS - 2015 MOSQUITO CHEMICALS

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve request of Environmental Health to go out for 2015 mosquito chemical bids.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

INDIGENT HEALTHCARE SOLUTIONS

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to authorize County Judge to sign a memorandum of understanding with Indigent Healthcare Solutions (IHS) for a two-year extension of the software agreement.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Memorandum inserted)

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT INTOXILYZER PROGRAM

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize County Judge to sign an interlocal agreement between the counties of San Patricio and Aransas for the intoxilyzer program and technical supervisor services.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Agreement inserted)

PERMEABLE PARKING LOT - HENDERSON HABITAT PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to reject bid for the permeable parking lot at Henderson Habitat Project.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

INSURANCE POLICIES

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve renewal with Texas Association of Counties (TAC) of Aransas County insurance policies (general liability, law enforcement liability, public officials liability, and automobile coverage).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT - COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the creation of the position of Executive Assistant - County Judge's Office and the setting of the pay group level (15).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT - SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the creation of the position of Executive Assistant - Sheriff's Office and the setting of the pay group level (15).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

SECTION 125 PREMIUM ONLY PLAN

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the Section 125 premium only plan amendment for IRS Notice 2014-55 and authorize County Judge to sign the premium only plan amendment and certificate of adopting resolution.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Amendment and Resolution inserted)

PUBLIC OFFICIAL BONDS

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve public official bonds on C. H. "Burt" Mills, Jr., County Judge; Leslie "Bubba" Casterline, County Commissioner, Precinct 2; Betty Stiles, County Commissioner, Precinct 4; Richard Bianchi, County Court at Law Judge; Valerie K. Amason, County Clerk; Pam Heard, District Clerk; Alma Tamburin Cartwright, County Treasurer; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; Diane Dupnik, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1; Diana Rinche-McGinnis, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2; and bond continuation certificates on Sharron L. Loflin and James L. Weston, Deputy Sheriffs.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Bonds inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

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

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

Sheriff Mills reported overcrowding in jail due to DPS backlog on drug testing at their lab.

Sheriff Mills also reported the firing range is opening back up. (Sheriff's Letter Inserted)

Auditor Kirk read fee reports for the Month of November, 2014. (Report Inserted)

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

There were no reports.

PRESS QUESTIONS

Harley Hoot with the Rockport Pilot wanted to clarify the Animal Control Agreement. Commissioner Smith stated we will share costs based on the number of calls. Smith also stated the 2015 budget will need to be amended.

The Court entered into closed session at 9:45 a. m. to discuss and review potential litigation issues and other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1)(a); and to discuss real estate negotiations, including Pathways Projects pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072; and resumed Open Meeting at 10:25 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:

LAND ACOUISITION

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to table the acquisition of 47.148 acres of land out of Lots 17-19, and 24-26, Coleman Fulton Pasture Lots Subdivision to be used as a regional stormwater management facility as recommended in the Aransas County Stormwater Master Plan. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

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

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

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