

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - FEBRUARY 27, 2012

On the 27th day of February, 2012, 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; Russel Cole, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and Peggy L. Friebele, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were Richard Bianchi, County Attorney; Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; Gene Johnson, Airport Manager; David Reid, Drainage Engineer; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; Bill Mills, Sheriff; Pam Heard, District Clerk; and Richard Thompson, 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.

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 February 13, 2012 and Special Meeting of February 21, 2012.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

H.O.T. FUNDS - COMMUNITY POOL

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to table request of Rockport Parks and Leisure Services Director for H.O.T. funds to develop a marketing and advertising program to attract outside area visitors to the Community Pool.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

BIDS - MOSQUITO CONTROL CHEMICALS

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to award bids for mosquito control chemicals to low bidders as recommended by Environmental Health Director

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Bids inserted)

BIDS - BRUSH GRINDING

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve bids for grinding brush at the Transfer Station to Austin Land Service as recommended by Environmental Health Director.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Bids inserted)

CIAP PROJECT DESIGNATION

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve designating current CIAP Tier 1 Project as Tier 2 and current Tier 2 Project as Tier 1.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

"FLACO" - SURPLUS

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Cole to declare "Flaco" the narcotics dog as surplus due to health issues and transfer ownership to the handler, Chris Molina.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

ANNUAL BUDGET - AQUARIUM EDUCATION CENTER

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Cole to table approval of the annual budget for the Aquarium Education Center.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

FUNDING - AQUARIUM EDUCATION CENTER BUDGET

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Cole to table funding of the annual budget for the Aquarium Education Center from hotel occupancy tax.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

FUNDING - THE AQUARIUM AT ROCKPORT HARBOR, INC.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Cole to table funding for The Aquarium at Rockport Harbor, Inc. From hotel occupancy tax.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE - GSM INSURORS

After a lengthy discussion of the variables in the insurance bid, motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the three-year interlocal at a cost of \$173,719.00 renewing the property and casualty insurance with GSM

Insurors subject to working out a one-year "opt out".

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Bid inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

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

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Transfers inserted)

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Cole 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

County Treasurer Cartright reported on the Healthy County Wellness Programs, including the health assessment, Weight Watchers and Sonic Boom Challenge. The County receives \$25.00 per employee who participates in the health assessment and Sonic Boom Challenge.

(Report inserted)

Commissioner Chaney reported the Transfer Station is looking great and recommended a visit.

In reply to County Auditor Kirk's earlier statement that Judge William Adams had been keeping the Juvenile Detention budget down the last few years and alerting the Court that this may go over budget, County Attorney Bianchi stated the County has had some serious juvenile offenses and they do not want to release anyone because of the budget.

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

There were none.

PRESS QUESTIONS

Pat Blair with The Herald asked what the CIAP Tier 1 project was that they were changing - Little Bay Project.

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 Cole.

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

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