

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR MEETING - MARCH 12, 2012

On the 12th day of March, 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; and Peggy L. Friebele, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were Richard Bianchi, County Attorney; Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; Bill Mills, Sheriff; Pam Heard, District Clerk; James Jackson, Director of Environmental Health; 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.

PRESENTATIONS

Extension Agent Ginger Easton-Smith presented a slide show with highlights from the Aransas/San Patricio Agriculture & Homemaking (A&H) Show held in January, 2012, at the San Patricio County Fairgrounds. Ten (10) participants made the auction and brought in a total of \$25,450.00.

(Presentation inserted)

Pat Hopper representing the Friends of the Pool and Aquatic Center Board made a presentation requesting hotel/motel tax for the promotion of the Aquatic Center as an additional local resource for area tourists and visitors. The funds they were requesting were to develop a web site. The Branding Arsenal prepared a one-year web site budget for them.

Sheriff Mills gave a presentation on his Annual Forfeiture Budget.

(Budget inserted)

ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

ROCKPORT COMMUNITY AQUATIC CENTER

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Judge Mills to authorize the use of hotel-motel tax (HOT) funds for use in promoting the pool as an attraction contingent on the City of Rockport and Town of Fulton participating by dedicating hotel-motel tax to the promotion proportional to their support of the community pool.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

SHERIFF - RECEPTACLE AT DETENTION CENTER

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve request of Sheriff for the purchase and placement of an \$850.00 receptacle in the parking lot area of the Detention Center for the collection and disposal of old prescription drugs from citizens in conjunction with the school district Aransas County Citizens Against Drug Abuse); funding provided equally by forfeiture and DEA funds.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 5, 2012.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

ANNUAL BUDGET - AQUARIUM EDUCATION CENTER

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline 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 Casterline to table authorization of 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 Casterline to table authorization of funding for The Aquarium at Rockport Harbor, Inc. from hotel occupancy tax.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

MIDAMERICAN ENERGY - EXTENSION OF CONTRACT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve a four-year extension of contract with Midamerican Energy for electricity.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Contract and prices inserted)

OFFICIAL BOND

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve public official bond on Jo Ann Juarez, Deputy County Clerk.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Bond inserted)

BEE COMMUNITY ACTION BLOCK GRANT - 2012

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve and authorize County Judge to sign the Bee Community Action Agency (BCAA) Subcontract No. 6112001290-A for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program Year 2012.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Subcontract inserted)

TREASURER'S REPORT - FEBRUARY 2012

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the Treasurer's Report for February 2012.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

INDIGENT HEALTH CARE - FEBRUARY 2012

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve indigent health care report for February 2012.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

There were no budget line item transfers presented by County Auditor Kirk.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline 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 thirty-eight (38) pounds were lost by fifteen (15) participants in the Weight Watchers program the first week.

Judge Mills reported April 28th and May 19th more oysters shells will be put in the waters by Goose Island State Parks to form new reefs.

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

There were none.

PRESS QUESTIONS

Norma Martinez with The Rockport Pilot clarified that the hotel/motel tax funding for the community pool was approved contingent to the City of Rockport and Town of Fulton participating in proportional shares.

Ms. Martinez also clarified the Bee Community Action Block Grant was for the assistance program.

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