

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - APRIL 14, 2014

On the 14th day of April, 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 Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; David Reid, Drainage Engineer; Bill Mills, Sheriff; John Strothman, Project Manager; Gene Johnson, Airport Manager; Pat Rousseau, Human Resources Director; Rick McLester, County Fire Marshall; Iris Sanchez, Library Director; Kristen Blanford, Assistant County Attorney; James Jackson, Director of Environmental Health; and Richard Bianchi, County Attorney.

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

No citizens asked to be heard.

PRESENTATION

Aransas County Fire Marshall Rick McLester gave a report on racial profiling. No traffic stops were made; nothing to report.

ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 24, 2014 and Special Meeting of March 28, 2014.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

ROCKPORT-FULTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce First Quarter 2014 Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds Expended.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

PROCLAMATION - FAIR HOUSING MONTH

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Proclamation #P-01-2014 declaring the month of April 2014 as "Fair Housing Month in Aransas County."

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Proclamation inserted)

AIRPORT LEASE

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve request of Airport to allow Rotorcraft Leasing to sublet their leased property, excluding the fuel system, to Vertical Flight Technologies for a period of one year.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

The consensus of the Court was to include a clause that the facility could be used in case of an emergency such as the oil spill that recently occurred.

COMMISSIONER PARKING

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve reserving two (2) parking places along the South side of the Courthouse for County Commissioners.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

OFFICIAL BOND

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Public Official Bond Continuation certificates on Vergie Jenice Pruitt, Deputy District Clerk; Ralena F. (Misty) Kimbrough, Deputy County Clerk; Julie Kay Gifford, Deputy County Treasurer; Myra Ann Vasquez, JP#1 Chief Court Clerk; and Gwynn Lumpkin, County Attorney Paralegal.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Bonds inserted)

RELEASE PLEDGED COLLATERAL - AMERICAN BANK

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the release of pledged collateral by American Bank (the depository bank) on seven (7) municipal bonds and authorize the County Treasurer to sign all necessary releases and confirmations.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(List inserted)

CLOSING - PUBLIC LIBRARY

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve closing the Aransas County Public Library from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. on May 2, 2014 for maintenance. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

TREASURER'S REPORT - MARCH 2014

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the County Treasurer's Report for March 2014. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

INDIGENT HEALTH CARE REPORT - MARCH 2014

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve indigent health care report for March 2014. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney 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

Commissioner Chaney reported Bee County will no longer be participating in Head Start through the Bee Community Action Agency. Under the circumstances, Chaney recommended the Court look at alternatives for rural transportation. This change will take place within the next two (2) or three (3) months. Chaney also

reported a meeting with TXDOT will be held on Thursday and he should have more information at that time.

Judge Mills reported he and Commissioner Smith made a trip up to Port O'Connor to check out the progress in cleaning up the recent oil spill. The kick-off for Cedar Bayou will occur tomorrow (April 15th) and he saw no reason to delay it.

County Treasurer Cartwright reported on the Courthouse landscaping project that is in progress. This project was made possible through cooperation of Commissioner Stiles, Ms. Cartwright and the Master Gardeners.

Tax Assessor-Collector Cox stated her office is having a software conversion and will be closed two (2) or three(3) days next week. Director of Environmental Health Jackson stated he spoke with FEMA regarding the questions the County had on the new maps they are working on. FEMA replied they would have an answer soon. Jackson also reported the house in the 700 block of North Doughty has been boarded up.

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

There were none.

PRESS QUESTIONS

Norma Martinez with The Rockport Pilot had no questions.

The Court held no 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