

MINUTES OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
REGULAR MEETING - JULY 9, 2012

On the 9th day of July, 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; David Reid, Drainage Engineer; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; Pam Heard, District Clerk; David Vyoral, Road Administrator; Bill Mills, Sheriff; 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

There were none.

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 June 25, 2012.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

TEXAS MARITIME MUSEUM - HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the Texas Maritime Museum, Inc. Second Quarter 2012 hotel occupancy tax funds expended.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

SERVICE AGREEMENT - THE GRANT CONNECTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve and authorize County Judge to sign a service agreement with The Grant Connection to prepare and administer a grant proposal to the Texas Natural Resources Trustee Program for natural restoration projects in Corpus Christi Bay, Nueces Bay, and surrounding coastal areas.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

(Agreement Inserted)

LITTLE BAY HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve and authorize County Judge to sign a letter of support to partner with the Aransas County Navigation District to complete the Little Bay Habitat Restoration Project and provide full fiscal administration only for said project.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

THREE-WAY STOP SIGN

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve placing a three-way stop sign at the intersection of Bishop Road and Garrett.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

(Petition inserted)

COUNTY FIRE MARSHALL APPOINTMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve reappointment of Rick McLester as Aransas County Fire Marshall effective July 1, 2012, for a period of two (2) years ending June 30, 2014.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE - WEST TULE CREEK

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to accept proposal from Naismith Engineering, Inc. To provide a conceptual design for a pedestrian bridge at West Tule Creek as a part of the bridge and kiosk at West Tule Creek Project (Aransas Pathways Project 011).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

(Proposal inserted)

SMALL PROJECT CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve and authorize County Judge to sign small project construction agreement with Naismith Engineering, Inc. to provide a conceptual design for a pedestrian bridge at West Tule Creek as a part of the bridge and kiosk at West Tule Creek Project (Aransas Pathways Project 011).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Agreement inserted)

COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve and authorize County Judge to sign programmatic year 2012 Community Services Block Grant Program (CSBG) subcontract with Bee Community Action Agency which represents the allocation of prior years' leftover funds to be expended through the Aransas County Assistance Department during May 1, 2012 and July 31, 2012.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Subcontract inserted)

TCDRS RETIREMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the clarification of employee types for certain appointed and temporary employees as they relate to participation in the mandatory TCDRS retirement.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Clarification inserted)

INDIGENT HEALTH CARE

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to disapprove the continued expenditures of the indigent health care program beyond the mandatory amount of 8% of the GRTL.

Question. Motion carried with Commissioner Chaney voting "no."

It is so ordered.

EARLY VOTING CLERKS - PRIMARY RUNOFF

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve appointment of Ann Woods, Margaret Vidal, Pinky Gonzalez, Johnnie Callam, Carolyn Cox, Pat Barker, and Olivia Zambrano as Early Voting Clerks for the Republican and Democratic Primary Runoff to be held July 31, 2012.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

OFFICIAL BOND

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve public official bond on Pattie V. Rousseau, Deputy County Treasurer/Human Resources.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

(Bond inserted)

COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT - JUNE, 2012

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve County Treasurer's report for June, 2012  
Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

INDIGENT HEALTH CARE REPORT - JUNE, 2012

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve indigent health care report for June, 2012.  
Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve budget line item transfer presented by County Auditor Kirk accepted by Court.  
Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

(Transfer inserted)

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.

PRELIMINARY 2013 BUDGET

Judge Mills reported he and Auditor Kirk met with elected officials and department heads to discuss their budget requests. Ms. Kirk stated the certified tax rolls would not come out until July 25<sup>th</sup>. She gave each Commissioner copies of the budget requests turned in to allow them time to review the requests. Some department heads asked for individual increases, some asked for consideration of raises; some asked for additional software. Commissioner Casterline requested a list of the IT requests by department. The County Attorney requested software and scanners.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS &  
DEPARTMENT HEADS WHEREIN NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

There were none.

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

There were none.

PRESS QUESTIONS

Norma Martinez with The Rockport Pilot wanted to clarify Mr. Thompson's statement that he spent eight (8) hours on his time sheet when the budget line item transfer was presented. Commissioner Smith replied he understood Mr. Thompson to state he spent eight (8) hours filling out paperwork on his projects.

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The Court entered into closed session at 9:50 a. m. as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to discuss real estate negotiations, including Tiger Field; and 551.072 to discuss and review current litigation issues; and resumed Open Meeting at 10:05 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:  
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No further business presenting, the Court adjourned on a motion made by Commissioner Smith duly seconded by Commissioner Chaney.

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

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