

ORIGINAL

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR MEETING - APRIL 13, 2015

On the 13th day of April, 2015, there was a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' 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 Valerie K. Amason, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were Kristen Barnebey, County Attorney; Bill Mills, Sheriff; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; Pam Heard, District Clerk; Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; Linda Garcia, Executive Assistant, County Judge's Office; David Reid, Drainage Engineer; Pat Rousseau, Human Resources Director; Collin Jackson, IT Director; Gene Johnson and Michael Geer, Airport Managers; James Jackson, Environmental Health Director; John Strothman, Pathways Project Manager; Timilu Latham, Chief Deputy County Treasurer; Iris Sanchez, County Librarian; Pat Rios and Barbara Gurtner, City of Rockport Council Members; Beverly Trifonidis, Rockport Art Association; Diane Probst, President/CEO, Sandy Jumper, Director of Tourism and Jatin Bhakta, Tourism Development Chairman, Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce;

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve The Rockport Center for the Arts First Quarter 2015 Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds expended.

Question. Motion carried uananimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve The Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce First Quarter 2015 Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds expended.

Question. Motion carried uananimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve following consent items:

3. Minutes from the Regular Commissioners' Court Meeting of March 23, 2015.
4. Proclamation P-02-2015 - Declaring the Month of April 2015 as "National County Government Month".

5. Proclamation P-03-2015 - Declaring May 2-10, 2015 as "Travel and Tourism Week in Aransas County".
6. FY2016 Holiday Schedule for Regular County Employees.
7. FY2016 Holiday Schedule for Transfer Station Employees.
8. Re-Appointment of Bob Kuhn to the Airport Advisory Board.
9. Declaring County Auditor's List of Property and Vehicles as Surplus to be sold at Public Auction with the exception of four filing cabinets which will be sold to the Aransas County Municipal Utility District.
10. Library Director's request to use \$1,000.00 Walmart Grant for The Summer Reading Program.
11. Library Director's request for an additional part-time employee from funds already budgeted.
12. Bond Continuation Certificate on Myra Ann Vasquez, JP#1 Chief Court Clerk.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

13. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the 2015 Mosquito Control Chemical bids as highlighted in the attached spreadsheet with the exception of the Malathion (PYROFOS 1.5) to Univar. This product will be purchased from ADAPCO.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Spreadsheet inserted)

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE ITEMS

14. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the County Clerk's request for employing Peeler Mobile Book Preservation to Encapsulate and Deacidificate Archive Records in the clerk's office and to fund project from the County Clerk's Records Archive Fund.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

16. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the County Treasurer's March 2015 Report.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

17. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the County Treasurer's First Quarter 2015 Investment Report.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report Inserted)

18. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the Indigent Health Care March 2015 Report.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

19. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the Budget Line Item Transfers. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

(Insert)

20. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Accounts Payable. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

(Insert)

DRAINAGE EASEMENTS & STORMWATER ITEMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Declaring a Drainage Easement as shown on Exhibit "A" to be in the best interest of the County and authorizing the starting process for obtaining said Easement.

(Exhibit inserted)

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

Commissioner Stiles stated that she and Linda Garcia served as Docents at the Matthews home for the Tour of Homes, they really enjoyed it and met a lot of people, some attending as far away as Taos, New Mexico.

Judge Mills stated the Spring Fling Media and Fishing Guide Event coming up this weekend involves interesting things in Aransas County such as Pathways, Birding, Kayaking and this year Cedar Bayou has been added to the tour. He also stated, to his astonishment almost every media personality invited to this event wants to see Cedar Bayou. Judge Mills has arranged for a boat to take himself, **Aaron Horine**, Senior Coastal Engineer at Coast & Harbor Engineering and **Quentin Hall**, Research Assistant at The Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies out to see Cedar Bayou and they are also scheduled to give a presentation Sunday evening at the Paws & Taws Fulton Convention Center.

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

There were none.

The Court entered into closed session at 9:25 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 9:48 a.m. with all Members present, and further proceeding were had and done to wit:

15. After closed session motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the County Attorney's request for adding/changing job descriptions and setting associated pay group levels for four (4) positions.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PRESS QUESTIONS

Managing Editor for the Rockport Pilot, Norma Martinez: Relating to the County Attorney's office, can you tell me what those job descriptions are?

Judge Mills: One is for an Investigator and the other is for an Administrative Assistant.

Norma Martinez: Can you clarify the change in positions. There were four positions, are there now two? There were two, now there are four, I don't understand.

Kristen Barnebey: There are two different positions, not new, and then two positions that are changing pay grades. So four positions are being affected, nothing is new, it's just all being re-aligned.

Norma Martinez: Do you have that written down somewhere, so I can see the numbers and the changes?

Judge Mills: We can get that for you.

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 9:52 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Smith and duly seconded by Commissioner Casterline.

C. H. "BURT" MILLS, JR., COUNTY JUDGE

VALERIE K. AMASON, COUNTY CLERK &
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT