

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - JUNE 11, 2018

On the 11th day of June, 2018, there was a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court in the Commissioners' Courtroom in the County Courthouse, located at 2840 Highway 35 North, 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; **Brian Olsen**, Commissioner, Precinct 3; **Betty Stiles**, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and **Valerie K. Amason**, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were **Jerry Brundrett**, County Surveyor; **Jeri Cox**, Tax Assessor-Collector; **Kristen Barnebey**, County Attorney; **Alma Cartwright**, Treasurer; **Suzy Wallace**, County Auditor; **Bill Mills**, Sheriff; **Latisha Murphy**, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge; **Sue Pash**, Chief Deputy Treasurer; **David Reid**, Road Administrator/Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Jacky Cockerham**, Assistant County Auditor; **Linda Doane**, Human Resources Director; **Ralena "Misty" Kimbrough**, Collections Specialist; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **Valerie Gonzalez**, Environmental Health Director; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager; **Rene Butler**, Maintenance Supervisor; **William Whitson**, Long-Term Recovery Specialists;

Members of Local City Government, Community Groups and other Interested Parties present:

City of Rockport Council Members: **Pat Rios**, Mayor; **Barbara Gurtner**, Ward 4;

Keith Barrett, Harbor Master;

Aransas County Historical Commission: **Pam Stranahan**, Chair; **Mike Geer**, Vice Chair; **Carol Thompson**, Treasurer; **Linda Garcia Haynes**, Secretary; Other members: **Jerry Brundrett**; **Kathie Gribble**; **Barbara Gurtner**; **Gail Johnston**; **Janet Taylor**; **Sandra Garrison**; **Pat Rousseau**; **Sherry Collins**; **Betty Stiles**, Court Appointed Liaison;

Mike Probst, Editor and Publisher of the Rockport Pilot Newspaper;

The Meeting was convened at **9:00 a.m.** at which time a quorum was declared by Judge Mills, WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had and done to wit:

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Hello, my name is Monica Burdett, I currently serve as commissioner on the Texas Historical Commission and I just happen to live right here in Rockport. It is my pleasure and honor to be here today for this noteworthy occasion. The mission of Texas County Historical Commissions is to assist County Commissioners Courts and Texas Historical Commission in the preservation of historic cultural resources in their own counties. Each year the Texas Historical Commission awards the distinguished service award to County Historical Commissions that document well rounded preservation programs to save the history and character of Texas. Of 193 County Historical Commissions that applied in 2017, only 80 were awarded the Distinguished Service Award. I'm happy to announce that the

Aransas County Historical Commission has been awarded the 2017 Distinguished Service Award and this is not the first, second or third time, this is the eighth consecutive time. Some of the activities of the Aransas County Historical Commission that merited the 2017 award are the planning, implementation, and completion of the Aransas County Historic Resources Survey. Survey areas included the Historic Heritage District and Live Oak Heights, which is old Rockport. Also the ongoing Aransas County Oral History Archive Project whose 2017 oral histories included History of the Arts in Aransas County, Culinary History of Aransas County, and participation in the Aransas County Stroll through Rockport, which encouraged healthy living with a walk that had stops at Historic Rockport locations and the Community Garden. I congratulate the 2017 Board of Directors and their leadership in the Aransas County Historical Commission. It is with great pride and admiration that the County Judge, Burt Mills and I present the 2017 Distinguished Service Award to the Aransas County Historical Commission.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve:

2. Minutes from the Regular Meeting of May 29, 2018 and the Special Meeting of June 5, 2018.
3. F&J Lodging LLC d/b/a Balboa Courts Property Tax Payment Refund Request for an erroneous payment in the amount of \$7,587.84.

(Inserts)

4. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court, Certificates of Attendance presented to C. H. "Burt" Mills, Jr., Aransas County Judge, Leslie Casterline, County Commissioner, Brian Olsen, County Commissioner, and Mike Koerner, Director of Long Term Recovery from the 2018 Coastal Bend Hurricane Conference.
5. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court the District Court Order appointing Angela S. Wallace as the Aransas County Auditor for a term of two years, effective June 1, 2018.
6. **PULLED, WILL MOVE TO A FUTURE AGENDA** - (Declaring Vehicle and Equipment List as surplus to clear for sale by auction. The list is to include awarded seizures, storm damaged vehicles and budget replaced units).
7. Declaring Auditor's Surplus List as surplus to clear for sale by auction.
8. **PULLED, WILL MOVE TO A FUTURE AGENDA** - (Declaring Sheriff's List of Seized Property awarded by courts available to clear for sell by auction).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COUNTY REPORTS

9. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve recognizing and accepting a grant with certificate from North Texas Book Festival, Inc. in the amount of \$525.00 awarded to the Aransas County Library because of Hurricane Harvey and is

(Inserts)

to be used for programs that will further literacy or books that the Aransas County Library may need for a library program.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COUNTY ROADS

10. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Order #0-05-2018 Closing, Abandoning and Vacating a 16-foot Alleyway in Blocks 38 & 51, Bellevue Addition, Aransas County, Texas.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS & GRANTS

11. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the purchase of In-Code HR Module for \$20,250.00 plus the possible additional cost for training expenses.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

12. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Vital Statistics Contract between the Department of State Health Services and Aransas County.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

13. **THIS ITEM WENT INTO CLOSED SESSION.**

(Inserts)

14. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve applications for (5) projects that are part of the Hazardous Mitigation Plan. The projects are Little Bay, Cove Harbor, Shell Ridge Road, Fulton Beach Road, and Lamar Beach Road.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

15. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve the new airport sign that will replace the previous sign destroyed by Hurricane Harvey and which will be paid for by insurance.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

16. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve allowing Airport Manager to accept a bid from Shoreline Plumbing for \$21,249.00 to convert the Airport T Hangars from non-potable well water to city water.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

17. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Waste Services Agreement with Valley Solvents and Chemicals.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE

18. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve May 2018 Indigent Healthcare Report.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

19. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the Extension of Rental Support to South Texas Family Planning & Health Corporation in the amount of \$750.00 per month, for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, to be paid out of the Health Care Sales Tax Fund.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

20. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve authorizing the County Treasurer to purchase and/or distribute approximately 200 fans for an estimated cost of \$4,000.00 from the Aransas County Assistance Program and be given to qualified Aransas County residents.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

21. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve, pursuant to Local Government Code Sec. 132.002, authorizing the County Treasurer to transact regular automatic bank drafts from individual's bank accounts to satisfy their court ordered payments at the directive of other collection departments.

(Inserts)

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

22. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve pursuant to Local Government Code Sec. 132.003, authorizing the County Treasurer to charge a processing/administrative fee for each bank draft transaction.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

23. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Budget Line Item Transfers of which there were none.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

24. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities with a change in the check to pay visiting Judge Stan Turpen, an increase in the amount of sixteen dollars.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS &

DEPARTMENT HEADS WHEREIN NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

Suzy Wallace: Next week we will begin our Budget Workshops, so if anyone has any questions or needs to rearrange their schedule you can contact either myself or Jackie.

(Inserts)

Ronnell Burke: Another Chance RFT, the ones that work with us to network dogs out, they did over 600 dogs in a two year time frame so over 600 dogs have left Aransas County. In addition to that we have a lady that does network for the cats, as well, and each week we are getting about 7 out, which is pretty amazing for cats. We have had a pretty high number of cats and kittens coming in just in the last few weeks but she's been working hard to get them to Austin, Leander, and various locations.

Judge Mills: Great, they're doing a great job and so are you and your department. Ok, so now we are going to go into closed session.

The Court entered into closed session at 9:26 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 10:23 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:

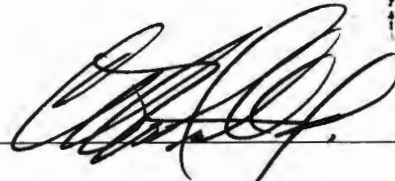
13. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Tower/Radio proposal which increases the cost by about \$90,000 because of the soil samples on the elevated water table that we have here and my assumption that they are going to come back with a changed contract in the next two weeks.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 10:24 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Chaney.



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



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