

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
PUBLIC HEARING - AUGUST 25, 2014

On the 25th day of August, 2014, there was a Public Hearing of the Commissioner' Court held in the Commissioners' Court, 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 Jeri D. Cox, Tax Assessor/Collector; and Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor.

The Meeting was convened at 8:30 a.m. at which time a quorum was declared by County Judge Mills, WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had and done to wit:

ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

2014 TAX INCREASE

Judge Mills stated the purpose of the public hearing was to hear public comments on the 2014 tax increase used to fund the 2015 budget. Bill McPherson and Donita McPherson were the only public members present. The Court ask Tax Assessor-Collector Cox to explain the proposed increase in taxes. Commissioner Smith stated the biggest issue causing the increase was personnel costs. Mr. McPherson complained he pays taxes and gets no services from the County. He lives on Silver Leaf, a private road, and it gets no maintenance. His neighbors are asking him when he will be doing the repairs. He also stated they called the Sheriff's Office to come out to pick up a criminal and the Sheriff's Deputies would not take him because he had a sore. He contacted the Sheriff but got no response from him.

The Court told Mr. McPherson road repairs do not come out of the General Fund but out of the Road and Bridge Fund.

Norma Martinez with The Rockport Pilot ask what the overall impact to the budget was and was told \$478,950.45.

 No further business presenting, the Court adjourned on a motion made by Commissioner Chaney duly seconded by Commissioner Casterline.

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

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