

MINUTES OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - JANUARY 9, 2012

On the 9th day of January, 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; Russel Cole, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and Peggy L. Friebele, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; James Jackson, Environmental Health; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; David Vyoral, Road Administrator; Pam Heard, District Clerk; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; James Jackson, Director of Environmental Health; Gene Johnson, Airport Manager; David Reid, Drainage Engineer; and Diane Dupnik, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1.

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.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 28, 2011.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PRESENTATION - HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Jackie Shaw, outgoing Chairman of the Aransas County Historical Commission, presented their 2011 Annual Report.

(Report inserted)

ARANSAS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the 2012 appointments to the Aransas County Historical Commission.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Appointments inserted)

PRESENTATION - FORFEITURE PROCEEDS

District Attorney Patrick Flanigan was not at the meeting to present Aransas County's portion of forfeiture proceeds for drug treatment and prevention.

PRESENTATION - FORFEITURE & HOT CHECK BUDGETS FOR 2012

District Attorney Patrick Flanigan was not at the meeting to give a presentation on the forfeiture and hot check budgets for 2012.

ARANSAS PATHWAYS PROJECT

D McLallen, Chairman of the Aransas Pathways Steering Committee, told the Court there were six (6) applicants for the Project Manager position and, a very qualified applicant, Richard Thompson, was selected. Mr. McLallen then went over the Aransas Pathways

Project Inventory page by page after which time, motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the recommended thirteen (13) high priority projects for the 2012 work program of the Aransas Pathways Project as presented. Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Project Inventory inserted)

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS - TERMS 2012

In accordance with Section 27.051, Texas Government Code, motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith that the Terms of the Justice of the Peace Courts be set for the calendar year 2012 at one month terms beginning the fourth Monday of each month.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

BIDS - 2012 ROAD MATERIALS

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to pass award of 2012 road materials to the next meeting.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the 2012 appointments to the Airport Advisory Board.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Appointments inserted)

PUBLIC AUCTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize County Judge to sell at public auction on January 17, 2012, the structure(s) located at 201 N. Magnolia



Street, Rockport, Texas, and execute all such documents as necessary to complete the transaction.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

RURAL RAIL DISTRICT LIAISON

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve appointment of County Commissioner Precinct 1, Jack Chaney, as the Court's liaison to the Rural Rail District.

Question. Motion carried with Commissioner Chaney abstaining.

It is so ordered.

COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT - DECEMBER 2011

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve County Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2011.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

INDIGENT HEALTH CARE COSTS - DECEMBER 2011

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve indigent health care report for December 2011.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

There were no budget line item transfers presented by County Auditor Kirk.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Commissioner Chaney requested a report on the status of the Aquarium Education Center. Commissioner Smith asked if the overage for dispatch was included in this run. Ms. Kirk asked if the Commissioners received a letter on the reason for the overage - overtime and because the City of Rockport is on a different budget year.

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.

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

Judge Mills stated he would be releasing an update on the Cedar Bayou Project.

(Press release inserted)

FEE REPORT

County Auditor Kirk did not read the fee reports received from Justice of the Peace, Precincts 1 and 2, District Clerk, County Clerk and Sheriff for the month of December 2011; she was unfamiliar with the new agenda and did not bring the report.

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

The Global Information System (GIS) presentation has been moved from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. due to the funeral of Sheriff Mills' dad.

PRESS QUESTIONS

Norma Martinez with The Rockport Pilot asked if the presentations by the District Attorney were passed on since he was not present at the meeting; the Court said "yes."

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The Court did not hold closed session.  
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No further business presenting, the Court adjourned on a motion made by Commissioner Smith duly seconded by Commissioner Cole.

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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