

ORIGINAL

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

WORKSHOP MEETING - OCTOBER 27, 2014

On the 27th day of October, 2014, there was a Workshop Meeting 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 Joy M. Dias, Chief Deputy County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were Collin Jackson, IT Director and Michele Bennett, Elections/Voting Assistant.

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

NEW VOTING SYSTEM - "VERITY"

Judge Mills stated the purpose of the workshop meeting was to have a discussion regarding the new voting system "Verity" for Aransas County as presented by Hart InterCivic.

Felice Listron and Ken Tretheway with Hart InterCivic gave a demonstration on the new voting equipment. The voting system is called "Verity". You can go all electronic or you can add paper ballots. They told the Court the system has not been approved by the State of Texas yet but should be approved in January. Young County has purchased the new equipment and two (2) out of State counties have also purchased it.

Ms. Bennett told the Court the current equipment was purchased in 2006. The Hart representatives stated they have a "buy back" offer for old equipment. Without the "buy back" or discounts the current price for the equipment would be \$270,000.00

The Court asked Ms. Bennett why she wants new equipment and she stated for now she just needs additional equipment because we have no backups if we have a failed machine. Hart representatives pointed out they are still manufacturing and servicing the current equipment. They gave options on financing the equipment and also suggested the County start building a reserve for future purchases.

No further business presenting, the Court moved on to the Regular Meeting without adjourning the workshop.

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

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