

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - NOVEMBER 14, 2011

On the 11th day of November, 2011, 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 Richard P. Bianchi, County Attorney; 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; Justin Cook, IT Director; David Reid, Drainage Engineer; and Bill Mills, Sheriff.

The Meeting was convened at 2:00 p.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 Cole to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 26, 2011 and Special Meetings held October 27 and November 4, 2011. Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

RESOLUTION - POSTMASTER OF FULTON

Judge Mills acknowledged receipt of a resolution from the State of Texas and the Honorable Todd Hunter, District 32 State Representative, honoring the services of Paula Bell who retired as Postmaster of Fulton in September 2011 for recording in the Commissioners' Court Minutes.

(Resolution inserted)

PRESENTATION - TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Stephen Ndimma, Public Transportation Coordinator with the Texas Department of Transportation, appeared before the Court to present a plan of action for public transportation in Aransas County.

(Plan inserted)

DISPOSITION OF STRUCTURES

This item will be addressed during closed session.

AIRPORT - LEASE

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve PHI, Inc. leasing additional property on their existing lease for parking at the Airport.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Lease inserted)

ROAD AND BRIDGE - PERSONNEL NAME CHANGE

This item will be addressed during closed session.

ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT - WEST TULE CREEK PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve and authorize County Judge to sign the engineering services contract with Naismith Engineering, pertaining to the West Tule Creek Project, not to exceed \$246,400.00.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Contract inserted)

ARANSAS PATHWAYS PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the specific project description (SPD) for the Aransas Pathways Project.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Description inserted)

RURAL RAIL DISTRICT - RESIGNATION

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to accept the resignation of Rebekah Lee from the Rural Rail District.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

RURAL RAIL DISTRICT - APPOINTMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve appointment of John Moore to fill the vacant position on the Rural Rail District.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT - CITY OF ROCKPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve intergovernmental agreement with the City of Rockport regarding the appointment of their Director of Parks and Leisure Tom Staley to serve as Project Consultant to the Aransas

Pathways Venue Project.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Agreement inserted)

STATUS CHANGE - IT TECHNICIAN

This item will be discussed in closed session.

UNIFORM DAILY FEE - ANIMAL SHELTER

Motion was made by Commissioner Cole and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve establishment of a \$30.00 uniform daily fee for animals sheltered at Animal Control.

Question. Motion carried with unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COMMISSARY ACCOUNT PRESENTATION

Sheriff Mills gave an update on medical expense recovery from inmate fees and presented a \$6,000.00 Commissary Account check to Aransas County.

(Inmate request for Medical Assistance form inserted)

SECTION 125 CAFETERIA PLAN

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve and authorize County Judge to sign Section 125 Cafeteria Plan Adoption Agreement 2012 for employee health care benefits.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Agreement inserted)

RESOLUTION - CAFETERIA PLAN

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve and authorize County Judge to sign Section 125 Cafeteria Plan 2012 Certificate of Resolution #35-2011.

Question. Motion carried with unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Resolution inserted)

RETIREE MEDICAL BENEFITS

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve and authorize County Judge to sign (1) 2012 renewal notice and confirmation for United Healthcare retiree medical benefits; (2) appointment of member contact for Aransas County; and (3) acknowledge compliance with retiree program requirements and procedures.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Confirmation inserted)

OFFICIAL BONDS

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve public official bond continuation certificates on David J. Reid, P.E., County Drainage Engineer, and John W. Mullan, County Maintenance.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Bonds inserted)

COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT - OCTOBER 2011

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

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

INDIGENT HEALTH CARE COSTS - OCTOBER 2011

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

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve budget line item transfers as presented by County Auditor Kirk.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Transfers inserted)

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the accounts payable presented by County Auditor including out of sequence checks.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Out of sequence checks list inserted)

FEE REPORT

County Auditor Kirk read fee reports received from Justice of the Peace, Precincts 1 and 2, District Clerk, County Clerk and Sheriff for the month of October 2011.

(Report inserted)

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

None.

PRESS QUESTIONS

None.

The Court entered into closed session at 2:43 p. m. as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to discuss real estate negotiations and 551.072 to discuss and review current litigation issues; and resumed Open Meeting at 3:16 p.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:

DISPOSITION OF STRUCTURES

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Cole to advertise no longer than thirty (30) days with sign at the 301 N. Magnolia Street, Rockport, Texas, location and hold an auction at 10:00 a.m. on January 3, 2012.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

ROAD AND BRIDGE - PERSONNEL NAME CHANGE

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve request of Road and Bridge Administrator to change the pay group and title of the Sign Maintenance Technician from 12 to 13 and to Sign Maintenance/Administration.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Job description inserted)

STATUS CHANGE - IT TECHNICIAN

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve elevating John Owen, IT Technician, from part-time status to full time at a pay group and step 17-3 effective immediately.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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

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

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