

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR MEETING - NOVEMBER 30, 2011

On the 30th day of November, 2011, there was a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' 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; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; Bill Mills, Sheriff; James Jackson, Director of Environmental Health; David Vyoral, Road Engineer; Iris Sanchez, Library Director; Gene Johnson, Airport Manager; Justin Cook, IT Director; Diane McGinnis, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2; and Pam Heard, District Clerk.

The Meeting was convened at 2:00 p.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

None.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 14, 2011 and Special Meeting of November 18, 2011.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

LIBRARY CLOSING

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve request of Library for permission to close on Saturday, December 10, 2011, for their Christmas Party.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CODE

Judge Mills reported receipt of "Revocation of Order delegating duties under Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code to County Court at Law for recording in the Commissioners' Court minutes.

(Revocation inserted)

GIFT OFFER - HISTORICAL PRESERVATION PURPOSES

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to accept the gift offer of Lots 7-9, Blk E, Live Oak Heights Addition from Dr. And Mrs. Gary L. Gilbert under the terms set forth in the Special Warranty Gift Deed presented to

Commissioners' Court today; authorize County Judge to take all actions and sign all documents necessary to finalize this transfer before December 31, 2011 through a title company of his choice, with Aransas County bearing all closing costs up to \$2,500.00 utilizing HOT funds in Venue tax fund and taxes being prorated and a sincere thank you to the Gilberts for their generous gift. Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Copy of deed inserted)

EXTENSION OF AIRPORT LEASE - PHI

Motion was made by Commissioner Cole and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve extension of PHI, Inc. 2-year Airport lease to a 5-yr lease to make both PHI leases renewal at the same time. Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Lease inserted)

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT - CITY OF ROCKPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve and authorize County Judge to sign interlocal agreement with the City of Rockport regarding the disaster recovery round 2.2 drainage improvement grant for South Rockport. Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Interlocal inserted)

RESOLUTION - BLOCK GRANT FUND AWARD

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Resolution #R36-2011 designating Urban Engineering as administration and engineering service providers for the 2011 Texas Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund Award.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Resolution inserted)

RESOLUTION - BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Resolution #R37-2011 designating authorized signatures for the 2011 Texas Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Resolution inserted)

PROCLAMATION - DISASTER FOR ARANSAS COUNTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve extending Proclamation #P07-2011 "Declaration of Disaster for Aransas County" for drought related red. Question. Motion carried with Commissioner Casterline abstaining. It is so ordered.

(Proclamation inserted)

RADIO CONSOLES FOR DISPATCH/COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Lee Zapata, City of Rockport Dispatch Director, told the Court the dispatch center needs new equipment that will cost approximately \$45,000.00.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve request of Sheriff and Communications Director to replace four (4) radio consoles for Dispatch/Communications Center contingent on City of Rockport participation.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

JUVENILE CASE MANAGER - TRAINING

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve adoption of juvenile case manager minimum training and education standards pursuant to SB 61.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

VALIC RETIREMENT PLAN

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve and authorize County Judge to sign a letter authorizing changes to the Valic retirement plan administrator/sponsor.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Letter inserted)

COUNTY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve and authorize County Judge to sign certification of Commissioners' Court approval of Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) proposed 2012 budget for County Assistance Department.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Budget inserted)

COUNTY ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Cole and seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize County Assistance Department to apply for and accept Walmart Hunger Outreach Grant Program contributions and to utilize these contributions to purchase turkeys, hams and other food items to distribute during the December commodities handout. Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Grant inserted)

UPDATE - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Commissioner Cole gave an update on the Economic Development Council (EDC). He reminded the Court \$15,000.00 was approved when the County joined the Corpus Christi Economic Development Council. They have not been able to fulfill their obligation. The County has paid \$3,750.00. Commissioner Cole stated he feels the EDC should be further along than it is. He has a meeting scheduled with AEP and will come back next month to discuss setting a policy for the County.

Commissioner Chaney suggested the County get involved with San Patricio County instead of Corpus Christi.

PLOTTING THE COURSE PRO INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Representatives from the Aransas County Independent School District appeared before the Court to discuss their "Plotting the Course PRO", a program which allows students to work and learn a possible career. The students look for jobs in fields of interest to them. Judge Mills stated his only feedback from Department Heads was no money was budgeted. Commissioner Smith suggested the funds should be budgeted under the Commissioners' Court and not the individual departments.

(Program details inserted)

OFFICIAL BONDS

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve public official bond on Barbara Ann Nowotny, JP Court Clerk.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Bond inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

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

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

REPORTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

There were none.

PRESS QUESTIONS

Norma Martinez with The Rockport Pilot had no questions.

The Court did not hold closed session.

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