

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - DECEMBER 23RD, 2013

On the 23rd day of December, 2013, there was a Regular Meeting of the Commissioner' Court in the Courthouse, Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, with the following members present: 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 Richard Bianchi, County Attorney; Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; David Reid, Drainage Engineer; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; David Vyoral, Road Administrator; Bill Mills, Sheriff; James Jackson, Director of Environmental Health; Pam Heard, District Clerk.

The Meeting was convened at 9:00 a.m. at which time a quorum was declared by Judge Pro Tem Charles Smith, WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had and done to wit:

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 9th and the Workshop Meeting of December 9, 2013.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

2014 TERMS FOR COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to set the 2014 terms for Commissioners' Court on the second and fourth Mondays of each month except on holidays.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

CONTRACT - JOINT PRIMARY

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to table approval of contract between Aransas County and the Republican and Democratic Parties for a joint primary election.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK GROUPS

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve equalizing Deputy District Clerk groups with no monetary increases (Group 11).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Chart inserted)

REVISIONS - PERSONNEL POLICY

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve revisions to the Aransas County Personnel Policy.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Revisions inserted)

DRAINAGE EASEMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve and authorize the County Judge to sign a drainage easement and excavated material placement agreement from Linda C. Myers, Kent J. Myers and Thomas Corry described as a 19.812 acre area 1 drainage easement and a 10.336 acre area 3 drainage easement described in exhibits attached thereto, subject to verification of clear title through a Title Company.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Easement inserted)

DRAINAGE EASEMENT - ROCKPORT ISLAND, L.P.

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve and authorize County Judge to sign a drainage easement from Rockport Island, L.P. described as a 4.556 acre area 2 drainage easement described in "Exhibit A" attached thereto, subject to verification of clear title through a Title Company.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Easement inserted)

PUBLIC OFFICIAL BONDS

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve public official bond on Anna M. Marshall, Deputy Tax Assessor Collector; and bond continuation certificates for

Sharron L. Loflin and James L. Weston, Aransas County Deputy Sheriffs.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Bonds inserted)

FIVE STAR VITAL REGISTRATION - 2013

Deputy County Clerk Gayle Otto explained what was needed to qualify for this award.

Record in minutes of Commissioners' Court "Five Star Vital Registration - 2013" Local Registrars Aransas County Clerk certificate from Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) presented by the 59th Annual Texas Vital Statistics Conference held December 11-13, 2013 in Austin, Texas.

CORRECTED NOVEMBER 2013 TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve corrected Treasurer's Report for November, 2013. Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the budget line item transfers presented by the County Auditor.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Transfers inserted)

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the accounts payable presented by County Auditor except final check to Tyler Technologies.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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

Sheriff Mills asked if there had been any official feedback on the interlocal agreement for dispatch. Mayor C. J. Wax stated the City was redrafting the agreement because entities had been added that

did not pay. Both Rockport and Fulton felt only paying entities should be on the board. Commissioner Casterline asked who would make the call if EMS vehicles were all out of county when they were needed. There are no ground rules at this point. Recently it took an hour and one-half for response when EMS were out of county. Casterline said there was another ambulance service in the county but they were not called. Commissioner Smith took exception with the stance Rockport and Fulton are taking on the interlocal stating the services should be included on the board so they could participate in decisions regarding them.

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

There were none.

PRESS QUESTIONS

There were none.

The Court entered into closed session at 9:29 a. m. as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to meet with County Counsel on matters protected by the Attorney-Client privilege; and 551.072 to discuss real estate negotiations, including Pathways Projects; and resumed Open Meeting at 10:05 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:

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

CHARLES SMITH, COUNTY JUDGE PRO TEM

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