

MINUTES OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - DECEMBER 27, 2012

On the 27th day of December, 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; Betty Stiles, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and Peggy L. Friebele, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were Richard Bianchi, County Attorney; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; David Vyoral, Road Administrator; Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; Gene Johnson, Airport Manager; Pam Heard, District Clerk; James Jackson, Director of Environmental Health; Bill Mills, Sheriff; and Richard Thompson, Project Manager.

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.

ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 10, 2012.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

TERMS OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT - 2013

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to set the terms of Commissioners' Court for 2013 for the second and fourth Monday of each month except on holidays.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COUNTY JUDGE PRO-TEM

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve 2013-2014 appointment of Charles Smith as County Judge Pro-Tem to serve as Presiding Officer of the Court in all matters which require the action of the County Judge in the event of the County Judge's absence or recusal.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

ARANSAS COUNTY APPRAISAL BOARD

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve re-appointment of Travis McDavid and rescinding appointment of De McLallen to the Aransas County Appraisal Board for 2013-2014 term.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

BIDS - MOSQUITO CONTROL CHEMICALS

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve request of Environmental Health Director to go out for bids for 2013 mosquito control chemicals.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PRELIMINARY CLOSING - ALLEYWAY

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to disapprove preliminary closing of alleyway in Block 351, Manning Addition.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

RESOLUTION - GOLF CARTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Resolution #R21-2012 requesting our legislators to support an addition to the Transportation Code Section 551.404 to allow use of golf carts and utility vehicles on certain roads in the unincorporated areas of the County.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Resolution inserted)

RESOLUTION - VENUE TAX PROJECTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Resolution #R22-2012 requesting our legislators to support an amendment to Local Government Code Section 334.024<sup>©</sup> to include new ballot language for venue tax projects.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Resolution inserted)

FENCE COST - FIRING RANGE

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve cost of \$5,660.52 to S & J Fence Company for fence addition to the firing range at the County yard on FM 2165 with expense for same to be funded by the Sheriff's Department

(\$2,000.00 from jail training; \$2,000.00 from Sheriff's training; and remainder from forfeiture funds).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Bids inserted)

LIABILITY INSURANCE

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve renewal of Texas Association of Counties (TAC) insurance policies (general liability, law enforcement liability, public officials liability, and automobile coverage) at a cost of \$236,321.00 (a decrease of \$56,796.00).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Loss/cost analysis inserted)

"ABUNDANT FUNDS" TRANSFER

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve transferring "abundant funds" in the amount of \$179,761.92 from CO's 2003 I&S to letter bonds 2012 I&S.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

PUBLIC OFFICIAL BONDS

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve public official bonds on Harry "Doc" Thomas, Constable, Precinct 1; Charles Phillips, Constable, Precinct 2; Lendon Jack Chaney, County Commissioner Precinct 1; Charles Smith, County Commissioner Precinct 3; Richard Bianchi, County Attorney; William "Bill" Mills, County Sheriff; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; Jeri Cox, County Tax Assessor-Collector; and bond continuation certificates on Sharron L. Loflin and James L. Weston, Deputy Sheriffs and Barbara A. Atkinson, Deputy Treasurer.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Bonds inserted)

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Judge Mills presented for recording in the Commissioners' Court minutes certificate of course completion issued by Texas Attorney General to Open Meetings Act and Public Information Act for Betty Stiles, County Commissioner, Precinct 4.

(Certificate inserted)

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Judge Mills presented for recording in the Commissioners' Court minutes certificate of completion for Peggy Friebele to Secretary of State's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Election Law Seminar for County Election Officials held August 20-22, 2012.

(Certificate inserted)

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Judge Mills presented for recording in the Commissioners' Court minutes certificate of completion of 40 hours of Investment Education for Alma Tamburin Cartwright as County Investment Officer.

(Certificate inserted)

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Judge Mills presented for recording in the Commissioners' Court minutes certificate of completion for Alma Tamburin Cartwright to 2012 Texas Public Funds Investment Conference held November 15-16, 2012 in Houston, Texas.

(Certificate inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline 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 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

Road Administrator Vyoral reported one of his employees, who was in severe pain, stopped at the Urgent Care Center in Portland and was administered morphine that caused an allergic reaction. He just got out of ICU at Spohn Hospital and hopefully will be home soon.

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

There were none.

PRESS QUESTIONS

There were none.

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

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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