

MINUTES OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

SPECIAL MEETING - DECEMBER 28, 2010

On the 28th day of December, 2010, there was a Special 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; Charles Smith, Commissioner, Precinct 3; and Peggy L. Friebele, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were Richard P. Bianchi, County Attorney; Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; James Jackson, Environmental Health Director; Dee Oliver, County Treasurer; Bill Mills, Sheriff; and Pam Heard, District Clerk.

The Meeting was convened at 9:00 a.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 Chaney to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 13, 2010.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

TERMS OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Motion was made by Judge Mills and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to set the terms of Commissioners' Court for 2011 on the second Monday and last Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PTS PRESENTATION

Charlie Hunnicutt from PTS was in Court to give a presentation on the PTS software used for law enforcement; however, a motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to table the presentation.

Prior to the vote being called, Sheriff Mills explained that this was to be a presentation of information only. He said issues arose after the City of Rockport chose to reject use of the Tyler Technologies Odyssey software. Sheriff Mills stated that issues had come up in the last week regarding splitting the jail from the Sheriff's Department for the purposes of conversion; this, he stated, will create problems.

Commissioner Chaney stated he was not on the Court when it started looking at Tyler; however, since then the Court looked at all the information and weighed the best options. Chaney then asked Sheriff Mills why he was coming to the Court "at the last minute." Sheriff Mills replied he asked to come to the Court when he found out Tyler is trying to split his office and that just occurred two weeks ago. Sheriff Mills added "the Court's original intent to create an integrated department goes out the window when they split the jail and Sheriff's office." Sheriff Mills stated there were three (3) software vendors present at this meeting willing to come up with a solution to integration. Commissioner Chaney said this has been on the table for months and asked why, now that the Court is on a "deadline," are they coming up with solutions.

County Clerk Friebele pointed out that none of the elected officials or department heads who use the current systems have said there is a problem or asked for a change. "The Court is the only one who sees a problem."

Judge Mills stated in the four years he has been involved he has listened to representatives from eDoc, PTS and Tyler. Tyler has gone through three IT directors and four IT departments and they all said Tyler is the way to go. Friebele responded, "but they are not the one's using the system." Judge Mills then called for the vote; Friebele pointed out this is not an action item on the agenda. County Attorney Bianchi stated they could take action.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

SHERIFF - VACANT POSITION

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve request of Sheriff to fill a vacant budgeted Deputy Sheriff position.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

INTOXILYZER PROGRAM - CONTRACT

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve 2011 intergovernmental agreement between the counties of San Patricio and Aransas for the intoxilyzer program.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Agreement inserted)

FORENSIC EXAMINATION - DRISCOLL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve letter of agreement between Driscoll Children's Hospital and Aransas County for fees of forensic examination to be performed in suspected child sexual abuse cases and to authorize County Judge to sign the same.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

OFFICIAL BONDS

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve public official bonds on Diana Rinche McGinnis, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2; and Anna M. Marshall, Deputy Tax Assessor-Collector.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Bonds inserted)

PASSPORT TRAINING CERTIFICATES

Judge Mills presented for recording in the Commissioners' Court minutes certificates of completion of passport acceptance agent training from the U. S. Department of State Bureau of Consular Affairs Passport Services for Pam Heard, District Clerk; Bonnie Sweo, Chief Deputy District Clerk; and Elsie Marshall, Jenice Pruitt, Melissa Rogers, Betty Watson, and Diana Leonard, Deputy District Clerks.

(Certificates inserted)

COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve County Treasurer's report for November 2010.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

INDIGENT HEALTH CARE EXPENDITURES

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve indigent health care expenditures for November 2010.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

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

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Transfers inserted)

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the accounts payable.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PRESS QUESTIONS

Norma Martinez with The Rockport Pilot questioned the need for the year-round bond for Diana Rinche McGinnis as Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2. Judge Mills stated she is bonded year round because they do not know when she will be appointed in Judge Patrick Daly's absence.

Ms. Martinez also questioned the Court's action in regard to the agenda item "presentation from PTS" which was not listed as an action item.

Charles Stewart from The Herald asked if anything had been signed with Tyler Technologies. Judge Mills replied they were having a meeting that afternoon; if there are no other problems, the contract will be signed today. Mr. Stewart requested a copy of the contract.

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

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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