

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

SPECIAL MEETING - APRIL 15, 2011

On the 15th day of April, 2011, there was an 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; Leslie "Bubba" Casterline, Commissioner, Precinct 2; and Charles Smith, Commissioner, Precinct 3; Howard Murph, Commissioner, Precinct 4; Peggy L. Friebele, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were Richard P. Bianchi, County Attorney; and Pam Heard, District Clerk.

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:

PRESENTATION/REPORT REDISTRICTING

Vanessa Gonzalez with Allison, Bass & Associates, LLP gave a presentation on the firm's initial assessment of Aransas County, Texas for purposes of redistricting evaluation. Since Aransas County deviated in excess of ten percent (10%), redistricting is required. Ms. Gonzalez went through each page of the assessment noting that Precincts 1 and 4 were short residents and Precincts 2 and 3 were over. After going through the assessment, Ms. Gonzalez opened a computer program that had census blocks showing residents and their nationality. Census blocks were moved between the precincts so the County could be apportioned more equally and so Hispanic voters could be added to Precinct 2. Ms. Gonzalez will prepare a preliminary map from this exercise and send it to the Court in approximately a month. A public hearing must be held prior to submitting the redistricting plan to the Justice Department in August of 2011. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Murph to adopt the findings of fact regarding political boundaries of Aransas County, Texas following publication of 2010 census data and order for redistricting of political boundaries and to authorize County Judge to sign the same.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Order inserted)

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Order O-01-2011 establishing criteria for redistricting of county political boundaries.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Order inserted)

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

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

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