

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - JUNE 25, 2012

On the 25th day of June, 2012, 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; Russel Cole, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and Peggy L. Friebele, County Clerk. Other County Officers present were Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; David Reid, Drainage Engineer; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; Pam Heard, District Clerk; Bill Mills, Sheriff; Gene Johnson, Airport Manager; Justin Cook, IT Director; Ginger Easton-Smith, Extension Agent; and Richard Thompson, Project Manager.

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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

Carolyn Cauley, Aransas County Historical Commission President, gave a presentation on the status and update of Commission activities. Ms. Cauley stated this was just a presentation - not a request for additional funding. The Commission has plans to purchase a laptop computer and a \$1,300.00 software program to list all the historical items they currently have. They will also increase the number of meetings they hold.

ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Cole and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 11, 2012.

Question. Motion carried with Commissioner Chaney abstaining.

It is so ordered.

2011 FINANCIAL AUDIT

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the 2011 fiscal year comprehensive financial audit of Aransas County as presented by Michael A. Arnold, CPA.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report on Financial Statements inserted)

RESOLUTION - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by

Commissioner Cole to approve proposed performance statement amendment request and Resolution #R-06-2012 for Texas Community Development Block Grant #710019.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Resolution inserted)

ABECO CONTRACTING - AGRILIFE BUILDING

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve paying Abeco Contracting retainage, change orders, and reimbursement of utilities except change order for \$606.00 for water well.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

WIFI - AGRILIFE EXTENSION BUILDING

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve installing WIFI (\$3,183.52) and a cell phone booster (\$1,143.00) in the AgriLife Extension Building.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

THE AQUARIUM EDUCATION CENTER HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve funding of The Aquarium at Rockport for the year on a quarterly basis at 6% of hotel occupancy tax (HOT) collections to be paid based on actual HOT funds collected after the quarter closed.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve funding of The Aquarium Education Center budget from hotel occupancy tax to be disbursed at the beginning of each quarter based on one-quarter of the annual approved budget.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

SURPLUS ITEMS FOR PUBLIC AUCTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Cole to declare as surplus for public auction list of items on inserted exhibit awarded to Sheriff's Office by seizure and forfeiture and awarded to Aransas County by abandonment. Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Lists inserted)

WALMART HUNGER OUTREACH GRANT PROGRAM

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve request of 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.

"DIABETES HANDS-ON" PROGRAM

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve request of County Assistance Department to participate in Corpus Christi Food Bank's "Diabetes Hands-On" Program.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

OFFICIAL BOND

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve public official bond continuation certificate for Justin Cook, IT Director. Deputy County Clerk.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Bond inserted)

CONTINUING EDUCATION CERTIFICATES

Judge Pro Tem Smith presented for recording in the Commissioners' Court Minutes continuing education certificate for Deputy Treasurer Pat Rousseau to Texas Association of Counties (TAC) 2012 County Management Institute held May 2-4, 2012 in Austin.

(Certificate inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

There were no budget line item transfer presented by County Auditor Kirk.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Cole 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

Commissioner Chaney complimented Pat Rousseau, Deputy County Treasurer, on her promptness in assisting him and on her professionalism.

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

There were none.

PRESS QUESTIONS

Chuck Stewart with The Rockport Pilot asked if a copy of the financial audit would be put on the County web page; County Auditor Kirk replied it would as soon as Mr. Arnold adds the statistical data to the report.

The Court did not hold closed session.

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

Charles Smith, JUDGE PRO TEM

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