

ORIGINAL

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
PRE-BID WORKSHOP MEETING - AUGUST 18, 2014

On the 18th day of August, 2014, there was a Special Meeting of the Commissioner' Court held in the Commissioners' Court, 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 Joy M. Dias, Chief Deputy County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were Bill Mills, Sheriff; Collin Jackson, IT Director; John Strothman, Project Manager; and Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor.

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:

ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

UNIFIED COMMUNICATIONS PLATFORM

Judge Mills stated the County phone system and lines are bad. Mr. Strothman stated the main problem is the static. Commissioner Chaney questioned whether the problems are not more with the phone lines rather than the phone system.

Sheriff Mills stated the lack of support since Mr. James Wilson is gone is the big problem. No one in the area works on Nortel and it is hard to get parts.

A gentleman named "Craig" was in attendance; he works on Nortel for the County. He comes from Victoria and he admitted it is hard to find parts and he is in agreement the County needs a new system.

Lee Zapata from 911 says she rarely has a problem and they take many calls.

There were several vendors present. Any new system has most features embedded making it possible to go by department to see what features are wanted. This will affect the monthly cost.

Bids were due September 11, 2014; however, the County is removing this deadline since no specifics have been established. Commissioners are in no hurry to go forward with this. They want employee participation in picking what each office gets. Sheriff Mills wants vendors to know the current design of the County network. The suggestion was made for vendors to work through the County facilities.

In conclusion, Commissioners want IT Director Jackson and Project Manager Strothman to work with a panel of employees to interview

vendors to find out what the vendor has to offer. Hopefully, this will get the vendor list down.

(Vendor list inserted)

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

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

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