

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - AUGUST 27, 2012

On the 27th day of August, 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; Leslie "Bubba" Casterline, Commissioner, Precinct 2; Charles Smith, Commissioner, Precinct 3; Russel Cole, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and Joy M. Dias, Chief Deputy County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were Richard Bianchi, County Attorney; Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; David Reid, Drainage Engineer; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; Pam Heard, District Clerk; David Vyoral, Road Administrator; James Jackson, Director of Environmental Health; Gene Johnson, Airport Manager; David Reid, Drainage Engineer; 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.

PRESENTATIONS

Karol Scardino, representing the Babes on the Bay (a subsidiary of CCA Texas), presented a check in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the Cedar Bayou/Vinson Slough Project.

ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the minutes of the Budget Workshop Meetings of August 8 and 9, 2012, the Regular Meeting of August 13, 2012, Special Meeting of August 13, 2012, Public Hearing of August 20, 2012 and the Special Meeting of August 20, 2012 with one addition to the August 20th meeting concerning the Elected Officials Salaries. Commissioner Smith wants to add the County Court at Law Judge salary is to be set at the minimum provided by State Law. Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

ARANSAS COUNTY HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATION

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve applying check in the amount of \$4,250.00 received from Aransas County Healthcare Organization, a now defunct organization, to Aransas County Medical Services (EMS). Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT NO. 710019

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve and authorize County Judge to sign Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Texas Community Development Program Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 710019.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Amendment inserted)

JET-A SELF-SERVE FUEL DISPENSER

Gene Johnson, Airport Manager, said he received only one bid for the dispenser. It was from Bassco Services, Inc. for \$42,580.00. Commissioner Smith asked when it would pay for itself and Johnson said that was hard to say, probably 8-10 years.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Cole to award bid on Jet-A Self-Serve Fuel Dispenser at the Aransas County Airport to Bassco Services Inc.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

WEST TULE CREEK WATER QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Drainage Engineer Reid spoke and said there was money left over from the original contract with J J Fox Construction and this will use the balance.

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve and authorize County Judge to sign change order #1 for construction contract of J J Fox Construction, Inc. for the West Tule Creek Water Quality Enhancement Project.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Change order inserted)

NAISMITH ENGINEERING - ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE SERVICES

Drainage Engineer Reid spoke and said this involved a CIP project.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve and authorize County Judge to sign cost proposal of Naismith Engineering, Inc. to provide environmental clearance services involving drainage crossings along TXDOT right-of-ways in Aransas County.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Proposal inserted)

ARANSAS PATHWAYS - BIRDING VENUE NAME

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Aransas Pathways recommendation to name a birding venue in Fulton, Texas, "The Linda S. Castro Bird Sanctuary" (Aransas Pathways Project #023).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

BUILDING DEMOLITION

Commissioner Casterline questioned Road Administrator Vyoral if Road and Bridge could find time to do this project and he indicated they were too busy.

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to award bid for the demolition of a building and removal of all associated debris as part of the Ephemeral Pond Project (Aransas Pathways Project #023) to P&D Trucking, Fulton.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

ARANSAS PATHWAYS PROJECT #023

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve and authorize County Judge to sign a small project construction agreement with P&D Trucking of Fulton, Texas, for the demolition of a building and removal of all associated debris as part of the Ephemeral Pond Project (Aransas Pathways #023).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Agreement inserted)

ARANSAS PATHWAYS PROJECT #042

Commissioners Smith, Casterline and Judge Mills stated the Stormwater Committee needs to be involved in this proposal and asked Drainage Engineer Reid not to take the grant unless the committee approves.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve and authorize County Judge to sign a service agreement with The Grant Connection to prepare and administer a grant proposal to the Texas General Land Office for a specific restoration project on the Henderson Tract (Aransas Pathways #042).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

REFUGE REVENUE SHARING

County Treasurer Cartwright showed the distribution calculated by the tax rate and by the tax levy.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve distribution of tax levy of \$110,069.00 of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Refuge Revenue Sharing Act annual payments to local governments for lands under their administration for fiscal year 2011 received in 2012.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Distribution inserted)

INMATE MEDICAL CARE

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve a one-year extension of the provider contract with Randy Bingham in regards to inmate medical care.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Extension inserted)

PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve a one-year extension of the provider contract with Jerry's Pharmacy and HEB Pharmacy in regards to pharmaceutical services for the Aransas County Indigent Health Care Program.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Extension inserted)

PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES - DETENTION CENTER

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve a one-year extension of the provider contract with Diamond Pharmacy Services in regards to pharmaceutical services for the Aransas County Detention Center inmates.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Extension inserted)

EMERGENCY DENTAL SERVICES - DETENTION CENTER

This item was tabled.

TCDRS PLAN - 2013 COLA FOR RETIREES

Pat Rousseau, Deputy Treasurer in charge of Human Resources, presented a chart for retiree's COLA. All commissioner's discussed the cost to the County and the time it takes to pay it off.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cole and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the TCDRS plan of 30% CPI, year 2013 cost of living adjustments (COLAs) for retirees.

Question. Motion carried with Commissioner Smith voting "no."

It is so ordered.

(Chart inserted)

RESOLUTION - COST SHARING WITH STATE OF TEXAS

County Treasurer Cartwright requested Emergency Medical Services be included in the optional health care expenses.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve Resolution #R09-2012 authorizing the adoption of certain optional health care services which are credited expenses towards Aransas County's 8% gross revenue tax levy (GRTL) which establishes the beginning of cost sharing between Aransas County and the State of Texas.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Resolution inserted)

2011 GENERAL FUND TAX LEVY

Judge Mills reported receipt of the 2011 General Fund Tax Levy from Aransas County Tax Assessor-Collector Cox for recording in the Commissioners' Court Minutes. The report stipulates 8% of the gross revenue tax levy (GRTL) for the Aransas County Indigent Health Care Program Fiscal Year September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013.

(Receipt inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

County Auditor Kirk reported there were no line item transfers.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

County Auditor Kirk asked payment of the bond for Deputy Treasurer Darlene Irwin be added to the bills.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the accounts payable presented by County Auditor, including bond for Irwin.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

ROAD AND BRIDGE CREW PAY GRADES

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline and Cole to approve all Road and Bridge crew pay grades set to pre-Ray and Associates standards.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PRELIMINARY 2013 BUDGET

County Auditor Kirk gave everyone involved a new Proposed 2013 Budget.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS &
DEPARTMENT HEADS WHEREIN NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

There was discussion on where the step increases for some employees should come from. Everyone will have to do a review for a step increase. The budget will have to be adjusted for the COLA on retirees.

Director of Environmental Health Jackson reported he has not been doing too much sampling for West Nile as we do not have many mosquitoes to test.

County Treasurer Cartwright reported we have \$1,600.00 to apply to the Health Fair for employees doing Healthy County.

County Attorney Bianchi informed the court his office has a car for county use on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays.

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Pam Stranahan reported the moving of the Bruhl house went smoothly and there was a video shown of the move. She also gave photos to the Commissioners.

PRESS QUESTIONS

No press questions were asked.

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

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

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