

ORIGINAL

MINUTES OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
REGULAR MEETING - MARCH 14, 2016

On the 14th day of March, 2016, there was a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' 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; **Charles Smith**, Commissioner, Precinct 3; **Betty Stiles**, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and **Valerie K. Amason**, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were **Jerry Brundrett**, County Surveyor; **Kristen Barnebey**, County Attorney; **Alma Cartwright**, County Treasurer; **Pam Heard**, District Clerk; **Cassandra Perkins**, Deputy District Clerk; **Lezlie Kirk**, County Auditor; **Bill Mills**, Sheriff; **Michele Bennett**, Elections Administrator; **Linda Garcia**, Executive Assistant to the County Judge; **Suzy Wallace**; 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant County Auditor; **David Vyoral**, Road Administrator; **Jacky Cockerham**; Assistant County Auditor; **Collin Jackson**, IT Director; **Pat Rousseau**, Human Resources Director; **David Reid**, Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **James Jackson**, Environmental Health Director; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager; **Pat Rios and Barbara Gurtner**, City of Rockport Council Members; **Iris Sanchez**, Library Director; **Tom Callan**, Director At Large, Aransas County Groundwater Conservation District; **De McLallen**, Aransas County Appraisal District Chairman of the Board of Directors; **Brian Olsen**, Unopposed Candidate for Precinct 3 Commissioner in upcoming General 2016 Election; **Norma Martinez**, Managing Editor of the Rockport Pilot Newspaper; and **Lynn Baskind**, Friends of the Rockport Community Pool;

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**

Lynn Baskind reported that a Duck Race event will be held at the pool on Saturday, March 19, 2016. This fund raiser will educate lifeguards and also provide swim-fit scholarships. The pool opens at 10:00 a.m. with the race starting at 11:00 a.m. They will also be hosting a silent auction which will include some of the area artists donated items and a bake sale. Lynn also thanked the commissioners' court for their continued support of the pool.

**PRESENTATIONS**

There were none.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

1. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Minutes from the Commissioners' Court Regular Meeting of February 22, 2016 and the Special Meeting of February 26, 2016 after corrections made to two Public Officials titles on Special Meeting minutes.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

**COUNTY REPORTS & APPOINTMENTS**

2. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the reappointment of Travis McDavid to the Aransas County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

3. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve additional recommended appointments of Cassandra Perkins and Jerry Brundrett to the 2016 Aransas County Historical Commission.

Question. Motion carried with Commissioner Stiles abstaining.

It is so ordered.

4. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Resolution #R-07-2016 appointing Judge Mills to the Board of Directors of the Coastal Bend Housing Finance Corporation and Confirming the Articles of Incorporation.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

5. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve request of Library Director, Iris Sanchez, to apply for a \$2,500 Wal-Mart Grant.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

6. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve a contract between Aransas County Elections Administrator and Aransas Pass Independent School District, The City of Aransas Pass and the Aransas County Ground Conservation District for a Special Election to be held on May 7, 2016.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

7. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the Mosquito Control Chemical Bids for 2016 as submitted and also authorizing James Jackson to buy the products at his discretion as needed to keep mosquitos under control.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

COUNTY ROADS

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to **TABLE** authorizing time, terms and conditions of payment for an assessment of construction cost for Janacek Road Improvements, per Transportation Code Title 6, Subtitle C, Section 253.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE ITEMS

9. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve a temporary employee for the period of July 5, 2016 through August 31, 2016 for the County Treasurer's Office to incorporate training in Payroll and Incode prior to current Payroll Clerk's retirement on August 31, 2016 with this employee becoming full time regular effective September 1, 2016 at the current Clerk's hourly rate. Funds are available in the Treasurer's current budget.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

10. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the job description and the

purchase of office equipment for the new position requested in the previous agenda item.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

**11.** Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve request of the District Clerk to hire an additional full time deputy clerk in a pay group 11, approve the job description and the purchase of office equipment for that new position.

Question. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Stiles and Judge Mills voted against the motion.

Motion was made by Judge Mills and seconded by Commissioner Smith to amend the request and approve a part-time clerk at this time, see how it goes and possibly approve a full time employee at a later date.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

**12.** Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to **TABLE** approval of the Aransas County Fund Balance Policy at this time and set this for a workshop meeting on Tuesday March 29, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Question. Motion carried.

It is so ordered.

**13.** Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the Aransas County "Fraud/Cash Handling Policy".

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

**14.** Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve Aransas County Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Pronouncement Statement #34 Policy.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

**15.** Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the Indigent Report for February 2016.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

**16.** Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the Treasurer's Report for February 2016.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

**17.** Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Budget Line Item Transfers.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

**18.** Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Accounts Payable.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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

James Jackson stated that they were out treating water for mosquitos over the weekend.

Lezlie Kirk read the fee report.

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST  
REGARDING WHICH NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

There were none.

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*The Court entered into closed session at 9:57 a.m. to discuss and review potential litigation issues and other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1)(a); and to discuss real estate negotiations, including Pathways Projects pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072; and resumed Open Meeting at 10:46 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:*

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*No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 10:47 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline.*

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C. H. "BURT" MILLS, JR., COUNTY JUDGE

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VALERIE K. AMASON,  
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS' COURT