MINUTES OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

WORKSHOP MEETING - JULY 18, 2016

On the 18th day of July, 2016, there was a Workshop Meeting of the Commissioners' Court in the Election & Voter Registration Office, 602 E. Concho St., Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, with the following members present: C. H. "Burt" Mills, Jr., County Judge; Leslie "Bubba" Casterline, Commissioner, Precinct 2;; Betty Stiles, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and Valerie K. Amason, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were **Michele Bennett**, Elections Administrator; **Collin Jackson**, IT Director;

Members of Local City Government, Community Groups and other Interested Parties present were **Brian Olsen**, Unopposed Candidate for Precinct 3 Commissioner in upcoming 2016 General Election;

The Meeting was convened at **9:12 a.m**. at which time a quorum was declared by Judge Mills, WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had and done to wit:

ITEM FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

Discussion regarding the new Voting System "Verity" for Aransas County as presented by Hart Intercivic.

Felice Liston, Director of Sales, introduced the latest technology in polling place voting equipment. The equipment meets approved specifications required by the State of Texas and the Federal Government. Hart Intercivic is the only "certified" company providing these types of electronic services for Texas voting purposes.

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Equipment currently used by the Aransas County Elections Division which meets the 2002 voting system guidelines, is outdated and the replacement parts are no longer being produced. Hart's Verity line, which has a technological life of about ten to twelve years, meets the 2005 certification guidelines.

Hart's quote of \$329,000 includes forty standard voting units and ten disabled (ADA approved) voting units along with other various equipment components, first election training, and one year licensing and support. There was discussion concerning the need for four voting sites and a recommendation to re-evaluate actual needs for suppling three voting sites and to re-submit a bare bones quote.

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at _____ a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner _____ and seconded by Commissioner _____.

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

VALERIE K. AMASON,

EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT