

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR MEETING - AUGUST 1, 2016

On the 1st day of August, 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 **Kristen Barnebey**, County Attorney; **Alma Cartwright**, Treasurer; **Pam Heard**, District Clerk; **Lezlie Kirk**, County Auditor; **Michele Bennett**, Elections Administrator; **Linda Garcia**, Executive Assistant to the County Judge; **David Reid**, Road Administrator/Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Timilu Latham**, Chief Deputy County Treasurer; **Dave Colmer**, Senior IT Tech; **Russ Walker**, IT Tech; **Pat Rousseau**, Human Resources Director; **Carrie Arrington**, Office & Contracts Manager for the County Attorney's Office; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager; **Lee Zapata**, Communications Center Administrator; **Rick McLester**, Aransas County Emergency Management Coordinator/Fire Marshall and Town of Fulton Chief of Police;

Members of Local City Government, Community Groups and other Interested Parties present were **C. J. Wax**, Mayor, City of Rockport; **Barbara Gurtner**, Ward 4 City Council Member; **Robert V. Henderson**, Financial Advisor with RBC Capital Markets, San

Antonio, Texas; **Brian Olsen**, Unopposed Candidate for Precinct 3 Commissioner in upcoming 2016 General Election; **Norma Martinez**, Managing Editor of the Rockport Pilot Newspaper; **Jonathan Charleston**, The Coastal Bend Chronicle On-Line Newspaper; and **Thea Edmundson**, Resident;

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

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Smith to:

1. Approve Minutes from the Commissioners' Court Regular Meeting of July 25, 2016.

2. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court 2016 Commissioners Education Certificate of Completion for Leslie Casterline, County Commissioner Precinct 2.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS & LEASES

3. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the proposed Interlocal Agreement with Comal County for a Short-Term Shelter during a Mandatory Evacuation.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE

4. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to **TABLE** (previously tabled item of 07/25/2016) Aransas County to revise its vesting schedule with the Texas County & District Retirement System to allow participants to become fully vested after either 5 years or 8 years of service rather than 10 years as our plan is currently written.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

5. Closed Session.

6. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Budget Line Item Transfers.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

7. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Accounts Payable.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

Discussion on the 2017 Preliminary Budget began with Lee Zapata reporting back to the court and stating that the previously quoted percentage of 41.2% for the County's portion of the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Rockport and the Town of Fulton was correct. She stated that she has also worked up a report on the cost of service for 2017. Commissioner Smith questioned the total amount of her budget and she replied that the \$316,000 is personnel only and \$335,000 is the bottom figure, this after moving the Tower over to Dispatch from the Sheriff's budget. Lezlie Kirk presented a preliminary figure of total revenues in the amount of \$8,225,000 and stated that until Jeri Cox comes up with the effective tax rate, I cannot figure an accurate amount. Commissioner Smith stated that if you look at the tax rate from 2015 to 2016 there is an increase of 5/100's of a cent, that is very little growth. Lezlie said she will bring an updated printout of the projected fund balance to Wednesday's Budget Hearing.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS &

DEPARTMENT HEADS WHEREIN NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

There were none.

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

REGARDING WHICH NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

There were none.

The Court entered into closed session at 9:28 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 10:16 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:

5. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve consideration and action on Resolution R-17-2016 authorizing publication of notice of intention to issue certificates of obligation. Question. Motion carried unanimously. It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 10:19 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles.

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

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