

MINUTES OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

SPECIAL MEETING - DECEMBER 15, 2017

On the 15th day of December, 2017, there was a Special Meeting of the Commissioners' Court at the Aquarium at Rockport Harbor Education Center, 706 Navigation Circle, Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, with the following members present: **C. H. "Burt" Mills, Jr.**, County Judge; **Jack Chaney**, Commissioner, Precinct 1; **Brian Olsen**, Commissioner, Precinct 3; and **Valerie K. Amason**, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were **Alma Cartwright**, Treasurer; **Pam Heard**, District Clerk; **Suzy Wallace**, Interim County Auditor; **Bill Mills**, Sheriff; **Latisha Murphy**, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge; **David Reid**, Road Administrator/Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Jacky Cockerham**, Assistant County Auditor; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **Valerie Gonzalez**, Environmental Health Director; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager; **Michele Bennett**, Elections Administrator; **Mike Koerner & Will Whitson**, Long Term Recovery Specialists;

Members of Local City Government, Community Groups and other Interested Parties present:

City of Rockport Council Members: **C. J. Wax**, Mayor;

Greg Harlan, Owner of "The Grant Connection";

Ric Young, Aransas County Republican Chairman;

Wendy Laubach, Candidate for County Commissioner, Pct. 4-4A;

Donna Woolston, Staff Reporter for the Rockport Pilot Newspaper;

Eleanor Dearman, Reporter for the Corpus Christi Caller-Times;

The Meeting was convened at **9:30 a.m.** at which time a quorum was declared by Judge Mills, WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had and done to wit:

ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

1. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to **TABLE** approval allowing Michelle Bennett permission to go out for bids for a new electronic voting system.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.
2. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Olsen to approve authorizing the County Judge to sign a service proposal with Grant Connection to assist with the preparation and submission of amended grant applications for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grants, submitted for RESTORE Act grants to reflect changes related to Hurricane Harvey.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.
3. Motion was made by Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve seeking Request for Qualifications (RFQs) for architectural services as soon as practical, to design a new courthouse for Aransas County.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

*No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 9:38 a.m. on a motion made by
Commissioner Olsen and seconded by Commissioner Chaney.*

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

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