

MINUTES OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

WORKSHOP MEETING - MAY 9, 2017

On the 9th day of May, 2017, there was a Workshop Meeting of the Commissioners' Court in the Emergency Operations Center in the Sheriff's Office, 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; **Brian Olsen**, Commissioner, Precinct 3; **Betty Stiles**, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and **Valerie K. Amason**, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were **Alma Cartwright**, Treasurer; **Pam Heard**, District Clerk; **Jeri Cox**, Tax Assessor-Collector; **Bill Mills**, Sheriff; **Michele Bennett**, Elections Administrator; **Rene Butler**, Maintenance Director; **Suzy Wallace**; 1st Assistant County Auditor; **Anna Marshall**, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor; **David Reid**, Road Administrator/Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Jacky Cockerham**; Assistant County Auditor; **Dave Colmer**, Senior IT Tech; **Pat Rousseau**, Human Resources Director; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **Valerie Gonzalez**, Interim Environmental Health Director; **Iris Sanchez**, Library Director; **David Klanika**, Lieutenant/Jail Administrator; **John Gutierrez**, Chief Deputy Sheriff; and **Rick McLester**, Emergency Management Coordinator;

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

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

The Meeting was convened at 3:04 p.m. at which time a quorum was in attendance, WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had and done to wit:

ITEM FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

Hurricane Preparedness presentation for Aransas County from the Regional Pool Alliance and North Star Recovery.

Rodney Sikes with Regional Pool Alliance: The most important thing the County can do is have documentation because, when a disaster occurs, FEMA will ask for maintenance records on machinery, roads, etc. Our company will come in after the fact and help you with that. Something you might not have considered, take for instance the road crews, do you take any of your tools with you when you leave, such as chain saws or shovels? You will most likely need these when you return and if left behind, they may be gone or damaged.

Bobby Chason with the Northstar Recovery Services: We are the group that will come in and help you get up and running. We are pre-approved by the insurance company and we don't have to sit and wait for adjustors, we document as we work and when the adjustor shows up we give him the information we have gathered and then continue our work.

Bobby explained that Northstar Recovery is one of the largest disaster recovery companies in the United States, and their parent company, Northstar Group, is the largest Asbestos Abatement Demolition Company in the world.

We are a \$700 million a year company, so our financial viability is very strong, we do losses all over the country. Everything we do is data driven with a detailed scope of work, itemized room

by room, the amount of damage and where it's affected. We also have ROM "rough order of magnitude" and usually, within 72 hours, we will have a number to present to our point of contact, the adjustor, and the insurance company. Four years ago we did a pre-loss assessment, we are going to do a refresh while we are here.

John Kunnert with Northstar's Business Continuity Division: We have a Recovery Services contingency plan which provides information, data, and knowledge obtained on the client, pre-disaster, which determines how we manage and respond to a loss with the correct equipment. We have an alliance with United Rentals which enables us to get the equipment needed to have the client up and running again, things such as power, HVAC, cooling, heat.

Our Pre-Loss Assessment Compendium, which is a basic accounting of the client's information, such as where your key infrastructure is, your critical buildings, external and internal operation of buildings, what powers them and keeps them cool, and whether there is asbestos containing material. As we tour the insides of your buildings we document equipment, obtain plate data from pumps, motors, and switchboards. All information will be kept on the cloud where the data is sharable. Our Project managers will understand who you are and who the points of contact are. They will meet with these people and maintain a dialogue. We also use a program called E-Spatial where we have access to Army Corp data, geological aspects of your area, and flood maps.

Rodney Sikes: I want to add, when we come in, we bring our own people, equipment, generators and fuel to help you recover. Are there any questions?

Rick McLester: As the Emergency Management Coordinator, I'm having a hard time getting my mind around knowing when we need to call you and when we need to call Garner, if the damage is facility related, we county on you guys, right? But when you threw in the curve about the streets and the chainsaws?

Rodney Sikes: You can use Garner and Northstar, that's two different companies, doing two different documentations to have recover for the county in two different ways, whether it's insurance or once you get into a FEMA related issue. Documenting recovery of the facilities will be necessary to present to FEMA.

Travis McDavid: Yes, be clear, when he talks about roads and infrastructure, that's not insurance, that's the FEMA portion of it, so what you utilize Northstar for, outside of the facility related issues, is entirely up to the County, but they are going to document the recovery of facilities in the same fashion that they would for any infrastructure project for FEMA, because you will have issues that will not be covered through the recovery process, things that will be necessary to submit to FEMA, and FEMA's requirements, 99 % of the time, are much worse than the Insurance Carriers. One of the reasons we use Northstar is because of their size; because they are involved in almost every event that occurs; and because of their interaction with FEMA on a regular basis; and more importantly they are involved with the audit process after all of those events. They get critiqued on everything that they do. Northstar understands the FEMA process

and they will continue to work while the money issues are being worked out.

The meeting adjourned at **3:54 a.m.** with no action taken.

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

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