

ORIGINAL

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR MEETING - OCTOBER 26, 2015

On the 26th day of October, 2015, 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; **Pam Heard**, District Clerk; **Richard Bianchi**, County Court At Law Judge; **Timilu Latham**, Chief Deputy Treasurer; **Lezlie Kirk**, County Auditor; **Linda Garcia**, Executive Assistant to the County Judge; **David Vyoral**, Road Administrator; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **Michele Bennett**, Elections Administrator; **Gavin Harrison**, Training Coordinator and **John Gutierrez**, Chief Deputy for the Sheriff's Office; **Pat Rousseau**, Human Resources Director; **Collin Jackson**, IT Director; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager; **Brian Olsen**, resident; **Luis Puron**, Executive Director and **John Speck**, Visual Arts Director for the Rockport Center for the Arts; **Kathy Roberts Douglas**, Chief Executive Officer for the Texas Maritime Museum; **Christopher Mace**, President of the Board of Directors for the Aquarium at Rockport Harbor; **Pat Rios** and **Barbara Gurtner**, City of Rockport Council members.

The Meeting was convened at 9:00 a.m. at which time a quorum was declared by County Judge Mills, WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had and done to wit:

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

Gavin Harrison and John Gutierrez reporting for the Sheriff's Office concerning an Account Issue dealing with Uniform Crime Reporting resulting from the Odyssey Conversion. The low percentage rates for DPS Reporting on case dispositions was found to be a result of the prior District Attorney opening all files before turning them over to Kristen Barnebey, Aransas County Attorney with Felony Responsibilities. This impact has resulted in the County missing out on Grant money from the state. Knowing the reason now that the County was not in the 90% reporting compliance, all parties involved feel that these issues will be resolved going forward.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve:

1. Minutes from the Regular Commissioners' Court Meeting of October 12, 2015.
2. Public Official Bond Rider on Melinda Cobb & Christy Lee Gibson, Deputy County Clerks.

(Inserts)

3. Public Official Blanket Bond Rider on the Groundwater Conservation District Directors.

4. Resolution R-19-2015 Joint Resolution for Joint Primary Election.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

COUNTY REPORTS

5. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the Rockport Center for the Arts Third Quarter 2015 Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Funds expended.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

6. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the Texas Maritime Museum Third Quarter 2015 Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Funds expended.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

7. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve the Aquarium at Rockport Harbor Third Quarter 2015 Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Funds expended.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve request by the Airport Manager to Close Runway 18/36 for two days (November 7-8, 2015) in order to host an Airfield Automotive Exhibition.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

BIDS, CONTRACTS & LEASES

9. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Aransas County and Coastal Plains Community Center.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

10. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to **TABLE** authorizing the County Judge to sign two documents from the Texas Association of Counties: (1) 2016 United Healthcare Renewal Notice and Benefit Confirmation Form and (2) County Choice Silver United Healthcare Member Contact Designation Form.
Question. Motion carried unanimously.
It is so ordered.

11. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve an Equipment Placement Agreement with Coca Cola Enterprises for Vending Machine in the Courthouse.

(Inserts)

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE ITEMS

12. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the Aransas County Resiliency Initiative Plan Development saving and stabilizing county shorelines with living barricades.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

13. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve request from Elections Administrator to Set Standard Pay Rate of \$10.00 per hour for all Part-Time Election Workers. Salary money is available to fund this pay rate for 2015. Budget approved for 2016 reflects Standard Pay Rate of \$10.00 per hour.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

14. Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Resolution #R-14A-2015 authorizing a County Grant of \$35,000 for the Home-Delivered Meals Program (Council on Aging "Meals on Wheels) previously approved at Commissioners' Court Meeting of September 14, 2015. Resolution was amended to include additional wording required by the State.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Inserts)

15. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve Budget Line Item Transfers of which there were none.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

16. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Accounts Payable.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

DRAINAGE EASEMENTS & STORM WATER ITEMS

17. Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Order #O-26-2015 Closing, Abandoning and Vacating a 20' Alleyway (Petition of Mary Tedder for the same as was approved in Commissioners' Court Meeting on October 12, 2015.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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

Betty Stiles commented on the dedication of the Fulton Mansion, how well it went and stated how beautiful it is now after the restoration process has been completed. She also commented that is well worth your time to visit the historic site.

(Inserts)

Lezlie Kirk read the fee report.

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

There were none.

PRESS QUESTIONS

There were none.

*No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 10:12 a.m. on a motion made by
Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Casterline.*

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

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