

MINUTES OF THE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR MEETING - DECEMBER 23, 2019

On the 23rd day of December, 2019, there was a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 2840 Hwy 35 N, Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, with the following members present: **Jack Chaney**, Commissioner, Precinct 1; **Leslie "Bubba" Casterline**, Commissioner, Precinct 2 and Judge Pro-Tem; **Charles Smith**, Commissioner, Precinct 3; and **Valerie K. Amason**, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were **Jerry Brundrett**, County Surveyor; **Alma Cartwright**, Treasurer; **Pam Heard**, District Clerk; **Bill Mills**, Sheriff; **Linda Garcia Haynes**, Executive Assistant to the County Judge; **David Klanica**, Executive Assistant to the County Judge; **Barbara Hanson**, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge; **Jacky Cockerham**, Interim County Auditor; **Tana Taylor**, First Assistant County Auditor; **David Reid**, Road Administrator/Drainage Engineer/Stormwater Management Engineer; **Michael Geer**, Airport Manager; **John Strothman**, Pathways Project Manager; **Rene Butler**, Facilities Director; **Collin Jackson**, IT Director; **Linda Doane**, Human Resources Director; **Iris Sanchez**, County Librarian; **Lori Cesar**, Animal Control Director; **John Gutierrez**, Chief Deputy Sheriff;

Long-Term Recovery Specialists: **Randall Freeze;**

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

City of Rockport Council Members: **Barbara Gurtner**, Ward 4;

Aransas County Citizens: **Melissa Esquivel;**

Aransas County Historical Commission: Betty Stiles, President; Mike Geer, Vice President; Collin Jackson, Secretary; Other members: Jerry Brundrett; Barbara Gurtner; Linda Haynes;

The Rockport Pilot Newspaper: Mike Probst, Editor and Publisher;

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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were none.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

1. Minutes from the Regular Meeting of December 09, 2019 and the Public/Special Meeting of December 16, 2019.
2. Set terms for Commissioners Court for 2020 [2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays (or Tuesday for Monday holiday) of each month, except for August when court will be held every Monday].
3. Set terms for Statutory County Court for 2020 (two terms - January to June and July to December).
4. Set terms for JP (Justice of the Peace) Courts for 2020 (one month terms beginning the fourth Monday of each month).
5. The New 2020 Appointments for the Aransas County Historical Commission.

6. Official Public Bond and Oath for David Klanica, Executive Assistant to the County Judge and Barbara Hanson, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge.

7. Public Blanket Bonds for Interim Auditor and Assistant Auditors.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

**COUNTY LIBRARY**

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve design for the proposed new signage for the Aransas County Library to be paid for by the Friends of the Aransas County Library.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

**COUNTY ROADS & FLOODPLAIN**

9. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the 2020 Road Materials Bids.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

**CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, GRANTS & LEASES**

10. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Resolution #R-44-2019, a Resolution of Aransas County's application for grant funds for a drug testing project to be operated for the 2020 fiscal year as required by the Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Division.

**(Inserts)**

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

**PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE**

11. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the November 2019 Treasurer's Report.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

12. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Resolution #R-43-2019, Authorization for Prosperity Bank Signature Authority and Electronic Banking Services, adding Tana Taylor, Assistant Auditor to signature card at Prosperity Bank effective December 23, 2019.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

13. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve new job descriptions for the Executive Assistant and Administrative Assistant to the County Judge - no new monies.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

14. Accept, acknowledge, and record into the minutes, the retirement of Mike Gordon, Fleet Maintenance Manager as of December 31, 2019.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

**(Inserts)**

15. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve promoting Christopher Randall to Fleet Maintenance Supervisor at a Grade 19-2 in lieu of Mike Gordon's retirement.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

16. Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the County's monthly financial support to Code 3 Emergency.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

18. Motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

**REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS &**

**DEPARTMENT HEADS WHEREIN NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN**

**Jacky Cockerham:** Read the Fees Report

**Alma Cartwright:** I want to thank all departments for their participation in preparing for the Christmas Party.

**(Inserts)**

Commissioner Casterline/Judge Pro-Tem: I just want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and announce that the Courthouse will close at 3:00 p.m. today.

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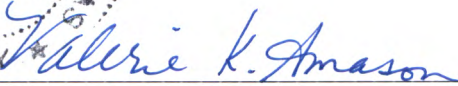
*No further business presenting, the Court adjourned at 9:10 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Chaney.*

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LESLIE "BUBBA" CASTERLINE  
COUNTY JUDGE PRO-TEM



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