



THE STATE OF TEXAS    §  
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COUNTY OF ARANSAS   §

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

## **RESOLUTION #R24-2011**

### **A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AN ARANSAS PATHWAYS STEERING COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, The Aransas County Commissioners' Court shall create, establish, or appoint, as may be required by the laws of the State of Texas, or deemed desirable by Commissioners' Court, such boards, commissions and committees as it deems necessary to carry out the functions and obligations of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, Aransas County Commissioners' Court shall, by resolution, prescribe the purpose, composition, function, duties, accountability and tenure of each board, commission or committee where such are not prescribed by law; and

**WHEREAS**, the voters of Aransas County, in an election held May 14, 2011, Approved, by a margin of 70% to 30%, the Aransas Pathways Project for funding by the existing Aransas County Venue Tax.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Commissioners Court of Aransas County, Texas, that the Aransas Pathways Steering Committee is hereby established as follows:

- Section 1: Purpose
  - The purpose of the Steering Committee will be to:
    - Provide overall vision and planning for the Aransas Pathways Project.
    - Provide recommendations to Commissioners' Court regarding project prioritization, overall and individual project budgeting, project implementation and public information programs relating to the Aransas Pathways Project.
    - Provide ongoing oversight of project development and operation as needed and in accordance with Commissioners' Court approved plans and budget.
- Section 2: Appointments:
  - The Aransas Pathways Steering Committee shall consist of at least 13 non-employee members which will include a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, a Secretary, representatives of the four political entities in Aransas County (Aransas County, the City of Rockport, the Town of Fulton, and the ACND) as well as representatives from key stake holder groups (initially a Birding, Historical, Trails and Pathways, Hotel/Motel Industry, The Rockport-Fulton Chamber, and an At-Large Representative). Representatives of other stake holder groups may be added as appropriate.
  - Committee membership will be by recommendation of the Committee and appointment by Commissioners' Court.
  - All voting members will be qualified voters in Aransas County.
  - All voting members will serve two year terms but will continue to serve until their successors are appointed and qualified. No Committee member shall serve more than two consecutive terms.
  - Members will serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties when authorized in advance by the County Judge in a manner consistent with Aransas County Personnel Policies.

- The Aransas Pathways Project Manager shall be a non-voting ex-officio member of the Committee, shall report regularly to the Committee and be subject to Committee oversight.
- The initial Committee members shall be: De McLallen, Chairman; Tom Callan, Vice Chairman; Rockport Representative, C.J. Wax; County Representative, Charles Smith; Fulton Representative (TBA), Navigation District Representative, Tommy Moore; Chamber Representative, Krystal White (Alternate, Diane Probst); Birding Representative, Deborah Corpora; Historical Commission Representative, Pam Stranahan; Trails Representative, Earl Matthew; Hotel Representative, Brian Olsen; and At-Large Representative (TBA).
- Section 3: Organization:
  - The Aransas Pathways Steering Committee shall hold one regular monthly meeting and other special meetings as deemed necessary.
  - The Committee shall elect a Chairman, a Vice Chairman and a Secretary.
    - The Chairman will be responsible for the calling and conduct of all meetings.
    - The Vice Chairman will act in the absence of the Chairman.
    - The Secretary will be responsible for the preparation and posting of meeting agendas as required by law, will keep a permanent record of all proceedings of meetings, and will submit a copy of said proceedings to Commissioners' Court following each meeting.
  - The Steering Committee may appoint Sub-Committees to provide expert advice in such areas as it may deem appropriate. These Sub-Committees and their members will not be voting members of the Steering Committee.
  - The Steering Committee may receive staff support when necessary from the County and/or from other political entities as arranged by the County Judge subject to appropriate agreements between the County and the other entity being in place.
  - All meetings of the Aransas Pathways Steering Committee will be open to the public and in conformance with the rules and regulations of the Texas Open Meetings law.
    - A majority of the voting members of the Steering Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
    - Any voting member who is absent from three consecutive meetings of the committee without the approval of the Chairman or Vice Chairman shall be automatically dismissed from membership and replaced via the appointment procedure describe above.
    - Meetings shall be held at the Aransas County Service Center with scheduling approval of the Road the Bridge Administrator. Alternate meeting locations may be approved by the County Judge.

**RESOLVED AND PASSED** by the Aransas County Commissioners' Court by affixing our signatures this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.

  
 C.H. "BURT" MILLS, JR., County Judge

  
 JACK CHANEY, Commissioner Pct. 1-1A

  
 LESLIE CASTERLINE, Commissioner Pct. 2

  
 CHARLES SMITH, Commissioner Pct. 3

  
 RUSSEL COLE, Commissioner Pct. 4-4A

ATTEST:

  
 PEGGY L. FRIEBELE, County Clerk

