

# MINUTES – Regular Meeting

## Aransas County Commissioners Court



9:00 AM – Monday, January 26, 2026

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met on **26th DAY of JANUARY, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. AT THE ARANSAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 308 N. LIVE OAK, ROCKPORT, TEXAS, 78382.** The meeting video recordings are available by following this link: [Commissioners Court Minutes and Agendas \(aransascountytx.gov\)](#), then scroll to the bottom of the page and select the date you wish to view.

Present: **Ray A. Garza**, County Judge  
**Jack Chaney**, Commissioner Precinct 1-1A  
**Leslie Casterline**, Commissioner, Precinct 2  
**Pat Rousseau**, Commissioner, Precinct 3  
**Robert Dupnik**, Commissioner, Precinct 4-4A

### I. CALL TO ORDER

*Video Time 5:29*

### II. INVOCATION

*Video Time 6:07*

### III. PLEDGES

*Video Time 7:21*

### IV. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

*Video Time 7:49*

### V. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

*Video Time 8:07*

☛ There were none

### VI. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Presentation from Joe Broussard, a representative from Alcoholic Anonymous, to speak to the court about a program they have introduced into the jail – Sheriff Mills/Judge Garza – Judge Garza

*Video Time 8:12*

### VII. CONSENT AGENDA

2. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the January 8, 2026 Special Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
3. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the January 12, 2026 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
4. Accept a donation from the Les and Mary Puckett Children's Foundation in the amount of \$2,000.00 to the Aransas County Public Library – Iris Sanchez/Judge Garza

*Video Time 13:35*

☛ **Motion to accept the consent agenda:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline

☛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

### VIII. COUNTY REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

5. Presentation from Jake Powell, PE, CFM of Pape-Dawson Engineers, LLC, on the status of the Aransas County Master Drainage Plan, CDBG MIT-MOD Grant Contract No. 24-065-128-E986 – Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza

*Video Time 14:09*

6. Discuss, approve or disapprove Resolution #R-01-2026, a resolution of the Aransas County Commissioners Court authorizing county staff to complete and submit an application to the Juvenile Justice and Youth Diversion Grant Program to the Office of the Governor and designating the County Judge as the County's authorized office for this grant – Judge McGinnis/Judge Garza  
Video Time 22:31
  - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
  - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
7. Discuss, approve or disapprove redefinition of the Shell Ridge Road project in view of funding considerations – Commissioner Rousseau/Judge Garza  
Video Time 26:38
  - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
  - ★ **Amended motion to table:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
  - ★ **Vote to table:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
8. Discuss, approve or disapprove recognizing the recently purchased Copano Cove/Bailey Ranch property as an eco-tourism site to be included as an additional Aransas Pathways venue – Commissioner Rousseau/Judge Garza  
Video Time 34:07
  - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
  - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

**IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN - NONE**

**X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS**

9. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing County Judge to execute Hiring Resolution #R-02-2026, awarding the contract for the Website Design Services Request for Proposal (RFP) to Juicebox Interactive, in the bid amount of \$64,750.00; and to execute necessary documents – Collin Jackson/Judge Garza  
Video Time 35:02
  - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
  - ★ **Amended motion to table:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
  - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
10. Discuss, approve or disapprove a utility easement at the airport for AT&T to install a fiber optic line to a private hangar – Mike Geer/Judge Garza  
Video Time 48:19
  - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
  - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
11. Discuss, approve, or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign the Notice of Award and to sign all necessary documents to execute the professional engineering contract between Aransas County and Half Associates, Inc., for the Aransas County Concho Street Stormwater Quality Project in the total amount of \$93,300 - Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza  
Video Time 49:43
  - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
  - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

**XI. PLANNING AND BUDGET**

12. Discuss, approve or disapprove a Debt Management Policy – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza  
Video Time 51:17
  - ★ **Motion to approve with a few corrections in the documentation:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

13. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities –  
Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Video Time 55:02

★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

**XII. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND DEPARTMENT HEADS  
– NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN**

Video Time 1:01:11

★ Judge Garza, recognizing Ginger AgriLife

★ Jacky Cockerham

★ Ginger & Meagan, 4H update

★ Commissioner Dupnik

**XIII. REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST – NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN**

Video Time 1:11:02

★ Judge Garza, Grand Opening, Ribbon Cutting for the Community Center and Courthouse

**XIV. CLOSED SESSION**

14. Convene into a Closed Session in accordance with Texas Government Code §551.071, 551.072 – 551.076, 551.086, 551.087, 551.089 to consult with counsel Marsha Perez of Chaves, Obregon & Perales, LLP, or other retained Counsel, on matters related to any items posted on this agenda, and receive legal advice about pending settlement offers, or other attorney-client privileged matters that may be discussed in an Executive Session, including, but not limited to, the items listed below:

i. Discuss the Downtown Anchor Project with counsel Will W. Allensworth, including the County's permissible actions under its various contracts and reports on proposed mediations, insurance claims, and /or formal review; and

iii. Discuss personnel matters and update the Court on future plans involving this personnel matter, pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, PERSONNEL MATTERS; CLOSED MEETING

a) This chapter does not require a governmental body to conduct an open meeting:

1) To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee, or

2) To hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee

b) Subsection a) does not apply if the officer or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing, requests a public meeting.

Video Time 1:11:29

★ **Motion to move into closed session:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline

★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

★ Judge Garza called for a ten-minute recess before entering into closed session.

Video Time 1:13:31

**XV. OPEN SESSION**

15. Reconvene into Open Session – Judge Garza

Video Time 1:23:09

⊛ **Motion to reconvene into open session:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau

⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

16. Discuss and engage the services of Will W. Allensworth, Allensworth Law, to represent Aransas County in matters related to the Courthouse project – Marsha Perez/Judge Garza

Video Time

⊛ **Motion to discuss and approved to engage in services of Will W. Allensworth, Allensworth Law, in closed session, related to the Courthouse project:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline

⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

17. Discuss and take action on other matters discussed in Closed Session – Marsha Perez/Judge Garza

⊛ **There was no action taken**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Video Time 1:23:47

⊛ **Motion to adjourn:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

⊛ **Meeting adjourned at 10:33 AM**

**ARANSAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT**



*Ray A. Garza*

Ray A. Garza, County Judge

*2/09/2026*

Date signed.

*Misty Kimbrough*

Misty Kimbrough,  
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

*2-9-26*

Date signed and attestation.

