

MINUTES – Regular Meeting

Aransas County Commissioners Court



9:00 AM – Monday, February 9, 2026

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met on **9th DAY of FEBRUARY, 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 \(aransascountytexas.gov\)](https://www.aransascountytexas.gov/Commissioners-Court-Minutes-and-Agendas), 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, *was absent at the start of the meeting but came in at [Video Time 13:55](#)*
Leslie Casterline, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Pat Rousseau, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Robert Dupnik, Commissioner, Precinct 4-4A

I. CALL TO ORDER

[Video Time 3:07](#)

II. INVOCATION

[Video Time 3:28](#)

III. PLEDGES

[Video Time 5:21](#)

IV. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

[Video Time 5:48](#)

V. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

[Video Time 6:03](#)

♣ Matt Ocker, will speak during item # 11

VI. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Presentation - General Land Office (GLO) video and debriefing on the Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting for the Aransas County Courthouse, Community Center and Celebration Plaza – Doreen Bronner/Judge Garza

[Video Time 6:13](#)

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

2. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the January 26, 2026 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
3. Discuss, approve or disapprove Jacky Cockerham being appointed County Auditor of and for the County Of Aransas County, Texas, effective February 1, 2026, to serve at the pleasure of the District Judges of the 36th, 156th and 343rd Judicial Districts for a term not to exceed two (2) years and her compensation is set at one hundred and nine thousand nine-hundred fifty-six dollars and eighty-nine cents (\$109,956.89) per annum payable out of the General Fund of Aransas County, Texas, in equal bi-weekly installments together with any and all increases as permitted by law – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
4. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court the 2025 Certificate of Completion for continuing education for Commissioner Rousseau from the County Judges & Commissioners Association of Texas – Commissioner Rousseau

5. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court the 2025 Continuing Education Transcript for Misty Kimbrough, Aransas County Clerk, with 41.20 Credit Hours – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
6. Discuss and accept donation checks totaling \$1,750 for the Aransas County Courthouse Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – Judge Garza
Video Time 14:40
 - ⊛ **Motion to accept the consent agenda:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
 - ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

VIII. COUNTY REPORTS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

7. Discuss and approve the Texas Maritime Museum's 4th Quarter Report – Ashley Pieprzyca/Judge Garza
Video Time 15:07
 - ⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
 - ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
8. Discuss and approve the Friends of the Fulton Mansion's 4th Quarter Report – Jane Hill/Judge Garza
Video Time 22:55
 - ⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
 - ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
9. Discuss, approve or disapprove DPS Profile Report for the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement – Sheriff Mills/Judge Garza
Video Time 38:38
 - ⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
 - ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
10. Discuss, approve or disapprove Resolution #R-03-2026 for FY 2027 Homeland Security Operation Lone Star - Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
Video Time 43:05
 - ⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
11. Discuss, approve or disapprove Appointments/Reappointments for a two-year term per Resolution R-35-2025 to the Aransas County Appraisal District (ACAD) Board of Directors. Each candidate's nomination appears below and will be voted upon separately:
 - A) Janet Hasty is recommended for a two-year reappointment to the ACAD Board of Directors. Term ending date is 12/31/2027.
 - B) Matt Ocker is recommended for a two-year reappointment to the ACAD Board of Directors. Term ending date is 12/31/2027 - Commissioner Rousseau/Judge GarzaVideo Time 44:07
 - ⊛ **Motion to approve (A):** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
 - ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

- ⊛ **Motion to approve (B):** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
- ⊛ Matt Ocker spoke on this item
- ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN – NONE

X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

12. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign a hiring resolution for the Website Design Services Request for Proposals, RFP No. 2025-1201 – Collin Jackson/Judge Garza
Video Time 47:55
 - ⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ⊛ **Amended motion** to include the name of the company Juicebox Interactive, by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
13. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) 697DCM-26-L-00063 with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for land rights and operational authority for FAA owned navigation and weather facilities at Aransas County Airport – Mike Geer/Judge Garza
Video Time 57:18
 - ⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
 - ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
14. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign an Antenna and Equipment Space Lease number 697DCM-26-L-00069 with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for space in the airport terminal to store radios and associated equipment and for land on which sits an existing antenna – Mike Geer/Judge Garza
Video Time 59:58
 - ⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
15. Discuss and acknowledge the County Attorney’s Senate Bill 22 (S.B. 22) Rural Prosecutor’s Office Salary Assistance Grant for Fiscal Year 2026 in the amount of \$175,000 – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
Video Time 1:02:45
16. Discuss and acknowledge the Senate Bill 22 (S.B. 22) Rural Sheriff’s Office Salary Assistance Grant for fiscal year 2026 in the amount of \$350,000 – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
Video Time 1:04:03
17. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Treasurer to apply for and receive the 2026 distribution of proceeds from the Tobacco Settlement Fund from the Texas Department of State Health Services, based on the County’s unreimbursed health care expenditures for calendar year 2025, and to further discuss, approve or disapprove the use of any funds received, by the established Aransas County Tobacco Awareness Program – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
Video Time 1:04:40

- ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
- ✪ **Motion amended to remove:** and to further discuss, approve or disapprove the use of any funds received, by the established Aransas County Tobacco Awareness Program, by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

- ✪ **Vote on to apply and receive:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- 18. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Rockport for the use of the Community Center and Celebration Plaza – Judge Garza

[Video Time 1:08:25](#)

- ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik

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

- 19. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to execute the engagement letter with Will Allensworth / Allensworth Law Firm for legal consulting and professional services related to the closeout of the Community Center Project construction contract, including evaluation of the County's legal rights and obligations – Marsha Perez/Judge Garza

[Video Time 1:12:28](#)

- ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline

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

XI. PLANNING AND BUDGET

- 20. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Aransas County Indigent Health Care Report for December 2025 - Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza

[Video Time 1:13:24](#)

- ✪ **Item struck by Judge Garza:** due to a date error on the agenda, it should have been January 2026

- 21. Discuss, approve or disapprove the renewal of the program agreement with Texas Association of Counties (TAC) for the Affordable Care Act Reporting and Tracking Service (ARTS) and authorizing the County Judge to execute necessary documents – Desiree Upton/Judge Garza

[Video Time 1:14:30](#)

- ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau

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

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

[Video Time 1:15:18](#)

- ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik

- ✪ **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 1:19:53](#)

- ✪ Sheriff Mills

- ✧ Darrell Seibert
- ✧ Commissioner Dupnik
- ✧ Judge Garza
- ✧ Commissioner Chaney

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

Video Time 1:26:29

- ✧ Commissioner Rousseau

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

PUBLIC NOTICE is given that the Commissioners Court may elect to go into an Executive Session anytime during the meeting to discuss matters listed anywhere on the Agenda, when authorized by the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. In the event the Commissioners Court elects to go into Executive Session regarding an agenda item, the section or sections of the Open Meetings Act authorizing the Executive Session will be publicly announced by the presiding officer. In accordance with the authority of the Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.0745, 551.076, 551.086, 551.087, 551.089, the Commissioners Court will hold an Executive Session to consult with attorney(s), including outside legal counsel, on matters related to litigation; and to deliberate regarding real property, contract negotiations, prospective gift(s), personnel matters, county advisory bodies, security devices and deployments, competitive utility matters, economic development negotiations including incentives, and/or security audits or network vulnerability assessments. Upon completion of the Executive Session, the Commissioners Court may in an open session take such action as appropriate on items discussed in an Executive Session.

✧ **There was no closed session.**

23. Consult with counsel pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.071 regarding contemplated and pending litigation related to construction contracts for the Downtown Anchor Project, including evaluation of the County's legal rights, remedies, and obligations under such contracts. – Marsha Perez/Judge Garza

✧ **There was no closed session.**

XV. OPEN SESSION

24. Reconvene into Open Session

✧ **There was no closed session.**

25. Discuss and take any action necessary as a result of executive session discussion – Judge Garza

✧ **There was no closed session.**

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Video Time 1:27:27

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

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

✧ **Meeting adjourned at 10:24 AM**

ARANSAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT



Misty Kimbrough

**Misty Kimbrough,
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court**

2-23-26

Date signed and attestation.

Ray A. Garza

Ray A. Garza, County Judge

2/23/2026

Date signed.