



# MINUTES – Regular Meeting Aransas County Commissioners Court

9:00 AM – Monday, February 23, 2026

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met on **23th 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 \(aransascourttx.gov\)](https://www.aransascourtminutes.com), 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 4:35](#)

## II. INVOCATION

[Video Time 4:56](#)

## III. PLEDGES

[Video Time 6:55](#)

## IV. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

[Video Time 7:23](#)

## V. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

[Video Time 7:34](#)

☛ Marilyn Stoner

## VI. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Presentation from Travis James providing an update on the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) #1, including progress and overview – Judge Garza

[Video Time 7:59](#)

☛ Noted issue with audio feed

[Video Time 11:21](#)

## VII. CONSENT AGENDA

2. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Minutes from the February 9, 2026 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza

[Video Time 24:38](#)

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

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

## VIII. COUNTY REPORTS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

3. Presentation and discussion of the 2025 annual update of the Pathways Strategic Plan from Aransas Pathways Steering Committee (APSC) Chair, Rich Connell – Commissioner Pat Rousseau

[Video Time 24:53](#)

4. Discuss and approve the Rockport Cultural Arts District 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report for 2025 – Jennifer Day/Judge Garza  
Video Time 34:50
  - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
5. Discuss, approve or disapprove Resolution #R-04-2026 designating County Judge, Ray Garza as the Authorized Official for Aransas County’s existing FY 2025 Homeland Security Operation Stonegarden Grant Program, Grant Number 3171811, effective March 1, 2026 – Jacky Cockerham / Judge Garza  
Video Time 49:10
  - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

#### IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN

6. Discuss, approve or disapprove Conceptual Plan to subdivide 2720 State Highway 188, a 5.856 acre tract on Port Bay – Katherine Comeaux/Judge Garza  
Video Time 50:00
  - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
7. Discuss, approve or disapprove a request for variance on County minimum lot size requirements to replat 129 & 130 West Glen Oak Dr – Katherine Comeaux/Judge Garza  
Video Time 53:14
  - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
8. Discuss, approve or disapprove Order #O-02-2026 regarding the status of the unnamed right-of-way which intersects Shell Ridge Road directly to the north of 2301 Shell Ridge Road – Katherine Comeaux/Judge Garza  
Video Time 54:39
  - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

#### X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

9. Discuss, approve or disapprove the use of any Tobacco Settlement Funds received from the State by the established Aransas County Tobacco Awareness Program – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza  
Video Time 57:40
  - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
10. Discuss, approve or disapprove and authorize the County Judge to sign G&W Engineers Amendment #05 as a change of scope for modification for the Transfer Station generator, DR-4332-0203 at a total cost of \$6,000. G&W Engineers provides professional services for three FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), disaster recovery-approved generator projects via Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Sub-Awards with TDEM (Texas Division of Emergency Management) –

Elle Morales/Judge Garza

Video Time 1:01:54

- ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
- ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

**XI. PLANNING & BUDGET OFFICE**

11. Discuss the recommendations and actions taken following the outside auditor’s review of fiscal years 2023 and 2024 – Judge Garza

Video Time 1:05:02

- ✪ **Motion to discuss:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

12. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Renewal of Property and Mobile Insurance to include Windstorm for the period of March 3, 2026 – March 2, 2027 and authorize the County Auditor to pay the premium – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Video Time 1:15:14

- ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
- ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

13. Discuss, approve, or disapprove December 2025 Auditor’s Monthly Report – Jacky Cockerham

Video Time 1:17:51

- ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
- ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

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

Video Time 1:19:35

- ✪ **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 & DEPARTMENT HEADS -- NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN**

Video Time 1:22:13

- ✪ **There were none**

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

Video Time 1:22:30

- ✪ Laura McCorkle – Oyster Fest
- ✪ Kathy Kane – Fulton Mansion & Navigation 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- ✪ Commissioner Dupnik – Plaque in the Plaza with the Letter from the Alamo
- ✪ Jerry Brundrett – thankful for the work of the Pathways Committee
- ✪ Mike Geer – Emergency Management

**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, 551.075, 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.

15. 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  
Video Time 1:28:19

⊛ There was no closed session

**XV. OPEN SESSION**

16. Reconvene into Open Session

⊛ There was no closed session

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

⊛ There was no closed session

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Video Time 1:28:23

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

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

⊛ **Meeting adjourned at 10:24 AM**

**ARANSAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS’ COURT**



*Ray A. Garza* Judge  
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3/9/2026  
Date signed.

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

3-9-26  
Date signed and attestation.