

# MINUTES – Regular Meeting

## Aransas County Commissioners Court



9:00 AM – Monday, March 9, 2026

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met on 9th DAY of MARCH, 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 \(aransascourt.com\)](https://www.aransascourt.com/minutes-and-agendas), then scroll to the bottom of the page and select the date you wish to view.

Present: **Jack Chaney**, Commissioner Precinct 1-1A  
**Leslie Casterline**, Commissioner, Precinct 2, *acting Pro Tem*  
**Pat Rousseau**, Commissioner, Precinct 3  
**Robert Dupnik**, Commissioner, Precinct 4-4A

Absent: **Ray A. Garza**, County Judge

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Video Time 4:31

### II. INVOCATION

Video Time 4:56

### III. PLEDGES

Video Time 6:51

### IV. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Video Time 7:20

### V. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Video Time 7:45

- ★ Matt Hesley, read by Commissioner Casterline, as Pro Tem

### VI. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS-NONE

### VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the February 13, 2026 Special Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
2. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the February 23, 2026 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza

Video Time 9:47

- ★ **Motion to accept the consent agenda:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
- ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

### VIII. COUNTY REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS – NONE

### IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN - NONE

**X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS**

3. Discuss, approve or disapprove hiring Appraisal & Collections Technologies, LLC for property tax collection software services and authorize the Tax Assessor-Collector and County's Contracts and Procurement Specialist to negotiate a contract – Anna Marshall/Judge Garza

Video Time 10:03

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

⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

4. Discuss, approve, or disapprove consideration and appropriate action to formally de-obligate and return unexpended award funds in the amount of \$80,000.00 for the Airport Kayak Launch Site Improvements Project (Project #2615) to the Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program (CBBEP), and authorize the County Judge to execute all necessary de-obligation and closeout documentation – Rene Butler/Commissioner Rousseau/Judge Garza

Video Time 15:31

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

⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

5. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorization for Aransas County Animal Care Services to apply for a grant from Petco Love Animal Welfare Organization for a Mobile Pet Adoption & Emergency Unit; and authorize the County Judge to execute all necessary documents related to the application and acceptance of said grant. – Caitlin Frazier/Judge Garza

Video Time 17:23

⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

**XI. PLANNING AND BUDGET**

6. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Aransas County Indigent Health Care Report for February 2026 – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza

Video Time 25:14

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

⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

7. Discuss, approve or disapprove the December 2025 Auditor's Monthly Financial Report – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Video Time 26:35

⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik

⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

8. Discuss, approve or disapprove Ratification for Payment of Accounts Payable and Payroll Liabilities between August 1, 2025 through February 23, 2026 – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Video Time 27:12

⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

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

Video Time 31:00

- ⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by  
Commissioner Rousseau
- ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

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

Video Time 30:59

- ⊛ Commissioner Dupnik, requested Darrell Seibert to speak about the rain and drainage  
flow

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

Video Time 34:13

- ⊛ Martin DeLeon, Navigation District 100-year celebration
- ⊛ Laura McCorkle, Oyster Fest update

**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.*

10. Consult with counsel pursuant to §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/Will Allensworth/Judge Garza
11. Consult with counsel pursuant to §551.071 regarding legal issues and attorney-client matters related to the County's participation in TIRZ No. 1 and the proposed interlocal agreement – Marsha Perez/Commissioner Rousseau/Judge Garza
12. Consult with counsel regarding pending litigation styled *Tim Lott v. Cheryl Davidson, William Mills, et al.*, Cause No. 26-0022, in the District Court of Aransas County, Texas, including discussion of strategy, defenses, and the engagement of outside counsel, Marsha Perez of Chaves, Obregon & Perales LLP, to represent the County and Sheriff in said matter – Marsha Perez/Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
13. Consult with counsel pursuant to § 551.071 regarding engagement and execution of an agreement with Identity Theft Guard Solutions, Inc. d/b/a IDX for incident response and

notification services related to a cybersecurity matter, and related cyber liability matters submitted to the Texas Association of Counties Risk Management Pool. –

Marsha Perez/Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

14. To hear and deliberate regarding a formal grievance filed by a County Attorney employee serving as Victim Assistance Coordinator, pursuant to the Aransas County Employee Handbook grievance procedures Section 1C-18, and §§ 551.071, 551.074 –

Marsha Perez/Desiree Upton/Commissioner Rousseau/Judge Garza

15. To hear and deliberate regarding a formal grievance filed by the County Information Technology Director pursuant to the Aransas County Employee Handbook grievance procedures Section 1C-18, and §§ 551.071, 551.074 –

Marsha Perez/Desiree Upton/ Commissioner Rousseau/Judge Garza

**Sec. 551.074. 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 hearing.**

Video Time 37:23

✪ **Motion to move into closed session:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

- ✪ **Commissioner Casterline, acting as Pro Tem called for a ten-minute break prior to moving into Closed Session**

Video Time 42:13

**XV. OPEN SESSION**

16. Reconvene into Open Session.

Video Time 54:31

✪ **Motion to reconvene into open session:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik

✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

17. Discuss and consider action to approve and authorize the County Judge to execute an agreement with Identity Theft Guard Solutions, Inc. d/b/a IDX for professional incident response and related support services. – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Video Time 56:13

✪ **Due to a numerical mistake in the agenda this item was struck, with no action**

18. Discuss and take action as necessary as a result of executive session discussion.

Video Time 56:26

✪ **To correct the numeration that showed item 17 to be 18 I move to approve the engagement of legal counsel Marsha Perez of Chaves, Obregon & Perales, LLP to represent the County and Sheriff Mills in the matter styled Tim Lott v. Cheryl Davidson, et al., Cause No. 26-0022:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

- ⊛ There will be no action taken on items 10, 11, 13-15 that were discussed in Closed Session.

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

Video Time 57:55

- ⊛ **Motion to adjourn:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
- ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered
- ⊛ **Meeting adjourned at 11:47 AM**

**ARANSAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT**



*Ray A. Garza*

Ray A. Garza, County Judge

*3/23/26*

Date signed.

*Misty Kimbrough*

Misty Kimbrough,  
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

*3-23-26*

Date signed and attestation.