

COMMISSIONERS COURT
Aransas County, Texas
Ray A. Garza, County Judge

Jack Chaney
Commissioner, Pct 1-1A

Leslie Casterline
Commissioner, Pct 2



Pat Rousseau
Commissioner, Pct 3

Robert Dupnik
Commissioner, Pct 4-4A

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING AND AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that a **Regular Meeting** of the above named Commissioners Court will be held on the **10th DAY of MARCH, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. AT THE AQUARIUM EDUCATION CENTER LOCATED AT 706 NAVIGATION CIRCLE, ROCKPORT, TEXAS, 78382.** Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need assistance should contact the County Judge's office at (361) 790-0100 two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. **To watch the meeting, visit:** here <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTxprR-CFvaZfapOVcLeDWQ/live>. The following subjects will be discussed at this meeting:

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. INVOCATION**
- III. PLEDGES**
- IV. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**
- V. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

At this time, comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter that is not on the Agenda. To address the Commissioners, please sign the Public Participation Form located at <https://actxgov.seamlessdocs.com/w/ccpublicparticipation> or sign the Public Participation Form located on the table outside of the County Courtroom and deliver to the County Clerk before the meeting begins. Citizens who wish to speak on a matter included in this Agenda will be invited to speak when that particular matter is being deliberated by the Commissioners Court. Each member of the public who appears before the Commissioners Court shall be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes to make his/her remarks. Please note, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Commissioners may not discuss or take action on any item that is not on the agenda.

VI. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- 1. Presentation – Agriculture and Natural Resources Program updates – Progress and Development presented by Virginia (Ginger) Easton Smith, Aransas County Extension Agent – Agriculture and Natural Resources – Judge Garza

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

All Consent Agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the Commissioners Court and will be enacted by one motion and no separate discussion of these items will occur unless a Commissioner or the County Judge so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

2. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the February 13, 2025 Joint Workshop Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
3. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the February 21, 2025 Workshop Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
4. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the February 24, 2025 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
5. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the February 27, 2025 Special Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
6. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the March 3, 2025 Special Meeting - Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
7. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas (CJCA) Certificate of Completion showing Commissioner Chaney has completed the continuing education requirements for 2024 – Commissioner Chaney
8. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas (CJCA) Certificate of Completion showing Commissioner Casterline has completed the continuing education requirements for 2024 – Commissioner Casterline
9. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas (CJCA) Certificate of Completion showing Commissioner Rousseau has completed the continuing education requirements for 2024 – Commissioner Rousseau
10. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court the VG Young Institute of County Government's Certificate of Completion to Commissioner Dupnik for successfully completing 16 hours of educational training - Commissioner Dupnik
11. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court the VG Young Institute of County Government's Certificate of Completion to Judge Garza for successfully completing 16 hours of educational training – Judge Garza
12. Acknowledge and accept a donation to the Aransas County Library in memory of James "Jim" Friebele in the amount of \$200 – Iris Sanchez/Judge Garza

VIII. COUNTY REPORTS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

13. Discuss, approve or disapprove Order #O-02-2025, an Order of the County of Aransas, Texas, Prohibiting Outdoor Burning for a Period of up to Sixty (60) Days – Judge Garza
14. Discuss, approve or disapprove Resolution #R-06-2025, a Resolution to support HB 1378 (House Bill), co-authored by Representatives Virdell and Troxclair and is a Bill relating to Municipal and County regulations of certain electric energy storage – Commissioner Dupnik
15. Discuss, approve, or disapprove 4th Quarter 2024 Report for the Aransas County Historical Commission – Dave Hattman/Judge Garza

IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN

16. Discuss, approve or disapprove the request for a reduction of the surety for the Marea Subdivision based on the submitted cost estimate and engineering report – Darrell Seibert/Kat Comeaux/Judge Garza

X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

17. Discuss, approve or disapprove a contract renewal with Charlie Marshall Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Inc. for the transportation of bodies to autopsies and cremations and transportation of paupers – Judge Garza
18. Discuss, approve or disapprove retaining the law firm of Allison, Bass, and Magee, LLP, as legal counsel for assistance with the Aquarium Project and authorizing the County Judge to execute a retainer agreement for these services – Judge Garza
19. Discuss, approve or disapprove bid received in response to the Invitation for Bids for Road Materials for Year 2025 – Road Culverts and Pipes – Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza
20. Discuss, approve, or disapprove accepting a report from the dietitian for evaluation of menus, which are part of routine operations annually – Sheriff Mills/Judge Garza
21. Discuss, approve or disapprove annual presentation of DPS (Department of Public Safety) Profile Report – Sheriff Mills/Judge Garza
22. Discuss, approve or disapprove Aransas County applying for the Coastal Erosion Planning & Response Act (CERPA) Grant providing additional funding to assist the County with the match share for the FEMA/Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) #DR-4332-015 Lamar Beach Road Drainage Project – Elle Morales/Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza
23. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorization to award Contract to Pape-Dawson for professional TSPS Category 1A Title Survey and Coastal Boundary Survey performed by certified LSLs for GOMESA CMP PSM Project – Copano Cover Ranch Acquisition Project, General Land Office (GLO) Contract No. #24-099-005-E379. Contract not to exceed \$103,600.00 – Kat Comeaux/Adela Martinez/Judge Garza

XI. PLANNING AND BUDGET

24. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Aransas County Indigent Health Care Report for February 2025 – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
25. Discuss, approve or disapprove updated job descriptions for Executive Assistant and Senior Mechanic. No new monies – Desiree Upton/Judge Garza
26. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Budget Line Items for the Fiscal Year 2024 - Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
27. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

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

At this time, Commissioners will provide reports or updates on committee assignments and Elected Officials and Department Heads may provide reports or updates related to advisory boards, fee reports, and more.

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

At this time, Commissioners Court will receive reports and updates from Commissioners, County Judge, and County staff related to items of community interest such as: expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolences; information regarding holiday schedules or closures; honorary or salutatory recognition of a public official, employee, or a citizen; reminders about upcoming events; reports on public events attended by Commissioners, County officials, and/or employees; and any announcement involving an emergency or imminent threat to public health and safety that arose after the posting of this Agenda.

XIV. CLOSED SESSION

28. Convene into a Closed Session to consult with counsel and receive legal advice about pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or other attorney-client privileged matters, including but not limited to, the items listed below:
 - i. *Aransas County Texas v. Endurance American Specialty Insurance Company, et al*, Aransas County District Court Cause No. 23-0021; and
 - ii. *Northstar Recovery Service, Inc. v. Aransas County Independent School District and Aransas County*, Aransas County, District Court Cause No. 23-0066 consolidated with *Northstar Recovery Services, Inc. v. HR&R, LLC, et al*, Aransas County District Court Cause No. 20-0159; and

iii. *Western Steel Company v T2J Partners, LLC DIE/A FPS Recovery, LLC and Aransas County, Texas; Cause No. 24-0072*, in the 36th District Court of Aransas County, Texas; and

iv. *Oldcastle Building Envelope, Inc. dba Graham Architectural Products v. Sharp Glass, LLC, et.al.*, Aransas County District Court Cause No. 24-0099; and

v. *Permissible actions* under the County's contract with Teal Construction Company; and

vi. *iWorQ System, Inc.*, a Utah Corporation v. Aransas County, Texas, Case No. 240100226, in the District Court of the First Judicial District County of Cache, Utah; and

vii. *Wendt Services, Inc.* Public Information Act request.

pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, which authorizes closed sessions to allow for a governmental body to consult with its attorney(s) and receive advice on legal matters pertaining to pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with" the Open Meetings Act –Amanda Oster/Adela Martinez/Judge Garza

XV. OPEN SESSION

29. Reconvene into Open Session

30. Discuss, approve or disapprove taking action or issuing instructions to the County Attorney's Office to act on the County's behalf regarding any of the pending matters identified for Closed Session and authorizing County Attorney's Office to act accordingly – Amanda Oster/Adela Martinez/Judge Garza

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby affirmed that this **NOTICE OF MEETING and AGENDA** was duly posted at the Aransas County Courthouse at least seventy-two (72) hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting on enclosed bulletin boards outside of the Courthouse that are readily accessible to the general public twenty-four (24) hours each day and also on the Aransas County website, in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and Texas Government Code §551.043.



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AT 3:48 P.M.

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