

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 **23rd DAY of MARCH, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM IN THE ARANSAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 308 N. LIVE OAK, 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:

- 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 which has not been posted on the agenda.

VI. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS-NONE

Presentations are scheduled in advance of the meeting and limited to fifteen (15) minutes unless other arrangements have been made with the Court.

1. Presentation update on transportation services from R.E.A.L. Inc., regarding its role in providing services to Aransas County and the surrounding area. Pam Hernandez, Manager of Mobility Management Services for R.E.A.L. will update the Court – Pam Hernandez/Commissioner Rousseau
2. Discuss and approve Proclamation #P-01-2026, recognizing the month of April as Fair Housing Month – Judge Garza
3. Discuss and approve Proclamation #P-02-2026 recognizing the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month – Judge Garza
4. Discuss and approve Joint Proclamation #JP-03-2026 with the City of Rockport, the Town of Fulton and Aransas County, recognizing that investing in educators is an investment in children, families and our future, and proclaiming April 11 - 17, 2026 as the Week of the Young Child – Judge Garza
5. Presentation by Texas A & M AgriLife Extension – Progress and Development presented by Ag Extension Agents, Patrick Cruz (Coastal Marine Resources) and Megan Glidden - 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 County 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.

6. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the March 9, 2026 Regular Meeting - Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
7. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court sixteen (16) continuing education hours for Commissioner Dupnik from the 68th Annual VG Young School for County Commissioners – Commissioner Dupnik/Judge Garza
8. Discuss and accept a donation check totaling \$1,000 from GrantWorks for the Aransas County Courthouse Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – Judge Garza

VIII. COUNTY REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

9. Discuss, approve or disapprove Resolution #R-05-2026, a Resolution designating Judge Garza as the Authorized Official for the FY 2027 Juvenile Justice & Youth Diversion Grant Program – Judge McGinnis/Judge Garza
10. Discuss, approve or disapprove Resolution #R-06-2026, a Resolution selecting an engineering firm for the Bulk Fuel Farm Project – Mike Geer/Judge Garza

11. Discuss, approve or disapprove Resolution #R-07-2026 designating County Judge, Ray Garza, as the Authorized Official for Aransas County's FY 2027 Homeland Security Operation Lone Star Grant, Grant Number 5048203, effective September 1, 2026 – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
12. Discuss, approve or disapprove accepting the 2025 Aransas County Library Annual Report for the Texas State Library and authorize the County Judge to sign – Iris Sanchez/Judge Garza
13. Discuss, approve or disapprove Appointments for a two-year term to the Aransas Pathways Steering Committee's Land Use Management Plan Sub-Committee of the following:
 - Steve Ferguson, Master Naturalist – Mid Coast Chapter, Chair
 - Chad Kacir, US Dept of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service
 - Charlie Belaire, wildlife habitats/green infrastructure projects
 - Maureen Crocker, Aransas First, grant writing
 - Bill Burge, land use plans at Aransas Woods, Lamar Burton Wildlife Sanctuary and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept
 - Commissioner Rousseau

IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN - NONE

X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

14. Discuss, approve or disapprove a contract renewal with GrantWorks Inc. for Grant Writing and Administrative Services for Future Capital Projects for one (1) year period beginning April 14, 2026 through April 13, 2027 – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
15. Discuss, approve, or disapprove authorizing county staff and Hanson Professional Services to advertise for bids for the Fulton Street Improvements Project, through the Texas Community Development Block Grant Regional Mitigation Program's Method of Distribution Development (CDBG-MIT-MOD) and administered by the General Land Office (GLO) Grant Contract No. 24-065-128-E986 – Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza
16. Discuss, approve or disapprove Contract Amendment No. 1 with Kofile for the Digital Imaging and Preservation of Records, to provide additional time, through September 30, 2026, the extension period necessary to complete the project and authorize the County Judge to execute necessary documents – Zach Westlake/Judge Garza
17. Discuss, approve or disapprove Aransas Pathways Steering Committee, Jim Farnsworth – Kayak Chair, to work with Facilities Director, Rene Butler, to formally submit paddling trails in Little Bay to Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for inclusion in their website listing of Gulf Coast Paddling Trails – Jim Farnsworth/Rene Butler/Commissioner Rousseau

XI. PLANNING AND BUDGET

18. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Treasurer's Monthly Report for the Month of December 2025 – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
19. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Treasurer's Investment Report for 4th Quarter 2025 – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
20. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Treasurer's Monthly Report for the Month of January 2026 – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
21. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Treasurer's Monthly Report for the Month of February 2026 – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
22. Discuss, approve or disapprove reappointing Mike Geer as Emergency Management Coordinator for one (1) year beginning March 23, 2026 at a stipend of \$20,000 – Judge Garza
23. Discuss and take action regarding implementation of operational procedures relating to two employee grievance matters previously considered by the Court during its March 9, 2026 Regular Meeting – Marsha Perez/Judge Garza
24. Discuss, approve or disapprove the retirement of K9 due to age and condition of hips; the K9 will be retired to his handler – Sheriff Mills/Judge Garza
25. Discuss, approve or disapprove the January 2026 Auditor's Monthly Report – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
26. 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 hear reports or updates on committee assignments. 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 hear reports and updates from Commissioners, the County Judge, and/or 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. 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.

27. 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/Will Allensworth
28. 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 – James Allison/Marsha Perez/Commissioner Rousseau

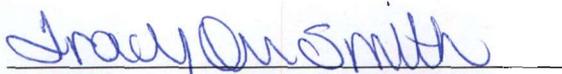
XV. OPEN SESSION

29. Reconvene into Open Session
30. Discuss and take action as necessary as a result of executive session discussion

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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**MISTY KIMBROUGH
COUNTY CLERK, ARANSAS CO., TEXAS**