

MINUTES – Regular Meeting

Aransas County Commissioners Court



9:00 AM – Monday, April 13, 2026

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met on 13th DAY of APRIL, 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.aransascourttx.gov), 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 5:13](#)

II. INVOCATION

[Video Time 5:26](#)

III. PLEDGES

[Video Time 6:46](#)

IV. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

[Video Time 7:13](#)

V. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

[Video Time 7:39](#)

- ✪ Pam Heard for Rockport Cultural Arts District, will speak at the time of item 24.

VI. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS -NONE

1. Discuss, approve or disapprove the April 1, 2025 Presentation for Pearl Point Rockport Phase I, LLC, as required by the Chapter 381 Economic Development Agreement and authorize payment of \$21,028.21 for the rebate on the 2025 taxes paid by January 2026 –
Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

[Video Time 8:10](#)

- ✪ **Judge Garza** skipped this item to go to number two, then came back to this item.

[Video Time 13:43](#)

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

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

2. Discuss, approve or disapprove the April 1, 2025 Presentation for Pearl Point Phase 2, LLC, as required by the Chapter 381 Economic Development Agreement and Authorize payment of \$31,252.43 for the rebate on the 2025 Taxes paid by January 2026 –
Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

[Video Time 8:15](#)

- ✪ **Judge Garza** moved to this item before item number one, then went back to the first item.

[Video Time 8:17](#)

☛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

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

3. Presentation of the Aransas County Courthouse Grand Opening video created by Doreen Bronner and Janae Evans – Doreen Bronner/Judge Garza

Video Time 17:25

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

4. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the March 19, 2026 Special Meeting - Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza

5. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the March 23, 2026 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza

6. Discuss and accept a donation check totaling \$250 from Broaddus & Associates for the Aransas County Courthouse Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – Judge Garza

Video Time 20:35

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

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

VIII. COUNTY REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

7. Discuss, approve or disapprove the County Library applying for the Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) Matching Grant (1:1) to book a performance from “Magic Theatre” for the 2026 Summer Reading Program – Iris Sanchez/Judge Garza

Video Time 21:06

☛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline

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

8. Discuss, approve or disapprove allowing the Aransas County Public Library to apply for an H-E-B grant in the amount of \$400 – Iris Sanchez/Judge Garza

Video Time 22:05

☛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik

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

IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN

9. Discuss, approve or disapprove Final Plat of Lots 47-A and 47-B of the Coleman-Fulton Pasture Company Subdivision AND Lots 12-R and 13-R of the Salt Lake Subdivision, in which the 40’ Drainage & Utility Easement along the east boundary of Lot 12 is vacated and re-dedicated along the west boundary of proposed Lot 13-R –

Katherine Comeaux/Judge Garza

Video Time 22:28

☛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

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

X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

10. Discuss, approve or disapprove accepting the Geotechnical Services Proposal from UES Professional Solutions as a supplemental proposal, Change Order #1, adding an additional

\$2,925.00 to the lowest-cost proposal received December 2, 2025 – Jacky Cockerham/ Elle Moralez/Judge Garza

Video Time 24:50

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

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

11. Discuss, approve or disapprove and authorize execution of a Right of Entry and License Agreement between Aransas County and the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for access to State Tracts 66 and 67, Aransas Bay, for the Gulf Intercoastal Waterway (GIWW) CAP 204 Goose Island Project, in connection with the County's Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and authorizing the County Judge to execute same - Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Video Time 28:01

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

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

12. Discuss, approve or disapprove a contract renewal with Ceres Environmental Services, Inc. for Disaster Emergency Response between Aransas County and Ceres Environmental Services, Inc. The one-year option renewal option to begin July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Video Time 29:55

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

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

13. Discuss, approve or disapprove a final contract renewal with Crowder Gulf for Disaster Debris Management between Aransas County and Crowder Gulf. The one-year renewal option to begin June 12, 2026 through June 11, 2027 – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Video Time 31:01

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

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

14. Discuss, approve or disapprove a contract renewal with Garner Environmental Services, Inc. for Disaster Emergency Response Services between Aransas County and Garner Environmental Services, Inc. The one-year renewal option to begin July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Video Time 32:17

⊛ **Motion to approve with a correction to fix the date of June 30, 2026 to June 30, 2027:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

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

15. Discuss, approve or disapprove a contract renewal with Thompson Consulting for monitoring services related to Debris Removal and Disposal between Aransas County and Thompson Consulting. The one-year renewal option will begin July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Video Time 33:26

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

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

16. Discuss, approve or disapprove a contract renewal with Thompson Consulting for Disaster Recovery and Restoration Services between Aransas County and Thompson Consulting. The one-year renewal option to begin May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027 – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Video Time 35:01

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

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

17. Discuss, approve, or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign all necessary documents awarding the Transfer Station generator, DR-4332-0203 scope modification, Project B (Mechanic Shop) at a total cost of \$13,175.14 to Double R Electric, Inc. G&W Engineers will provide construction oversight for the FEMA, 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 36:19

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

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

18. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign all necessary documents awarding the Transfer Station generator, DR-4332-0203 scope modification, Project A (Hill) at a total cost of \$28,470.20 to Double R Electric, Inc. G&W Engineers will provide construction oversight for the FEMA, 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 39:28

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

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

19. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing County Judge to sign all required documents for DLF Two, Inc.'s Change order No. 15 for the Aransas County Community Building/Plaza/Parking Lot General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Contract No. 20-065-098-C270. This change order will extend the contract term by 170 days, from August 12, 2025, to January 28, 2026, and includes the general conditions, adding \$11,388.00 to the contract cost – Elle Morales/Judge Garza

Video Time 40:32

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

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

20. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing County Judge to sign all required documents for DLF Two, Inc's Change Order No. 16 for the Aransas County Community Building/Plaza/Parking Lot General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Contract No. 20-065-098-C270 – adding \$85,518.54 to the contract cost - Elle Morales/Judge Garza

Video Time 41:57

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

✪ **Motion to table to be able to discuss in closed session:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Chaney

Vote on motion to table: Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

21. Discuss, approve or disapprove a request from Community Development and County Engineer to apply for a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) grant to fund a living shoreline feasibility study, alternative analysis, engineering and design for the Egery Island Shoreline Restoration project in Aransas County – Elle Moralez/Darrell Seibert/Commissioner Casterline/Judge Garza

Video Time 47:20

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

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

22. Discuss, approve or disapprove an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Aransas County and the Town of Fulton for Aransas County to provide retail food establishment regulation and enforcement services – Anthony Van Meter/Judge Garza

Video Time 52:36

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

✪ Commissioner Rousseau noted a few errors in the order, anywhere it states “City” needs to be replaced with “Town”,

✪ **Amended Motion to approve with corrections that are in the “red line” version:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik

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

23. Discuss, approve or disapprove the proposed Order #O-04-2026 to approve a revised Food Services Order for Aransas County, aligning local health inspection authority with current Texas State statutes and safety requirements – Anthony Van Meter/Judge Garza

Video Time 56:31

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

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

24. Discuss, approve or disapprove a Resolution #R-08-2026, authorizing the County Judge to execute rental agreements and oversee the daily administration of the Community Center and Celebration Plaza, including the adoption of the Reservation Policy, Facility Use Agreement, Rental Rate Schedule, Days of Operation and the Facility Rental Checklist – Judge Garza

Video Time 57:36

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

✪ Citizen to be heard: Pam Heard, Rockport Cultural Arts District

✪ **Motion to table:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

Vote to table: Motion to table carried 5-0: it was so ordered

XI. PLANNING AND BUDGET

25. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Aransas County Indigent Health Care Report for March 2026 - Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza

Video Time 1:01:39

- ⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
Vote: Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
26. Discuss, approve or disapprove the job description for a full time Administrative Secretary for the AgriLife Extension Office – Judge Garza
Video Time 1:03:09
- ⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
Vote: Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
27. Discuss, approve or disapprove the allocation of Aransas County Health Services Sales Tax funds to support the Aransas County Community Garden as a public health and wellness initiative – Judge Garza
Video Time 1:04:17
- ⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
⊛ **Amend motion to include the allocation amount of \$2,500,** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
Vote: Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
28. Recognize the \$11,179 Workers' Compensation Contribution refund check received from Texas Association of Counties (TAC) Risk Management Pool – Desiree Upton/Judge Garza
Video Time 1:08:36
29. Recognize the \$3,240 check received from Texas Association of Counties' (TAC) Healthy County Employer Rewards Program. This is the largest Employer Rewards check Aransas County has ever received – Desiree Upton/Judge Garza
Video Time 1:10:43
30. Discuss, approve or disapprove allowing the Healthy County Coordinator (HR Director) to spend up to \$4,740 of the Healthy County & Fair Funds on incentives and other expenditures incurred for the Annual Aransas County Employee Health Fair - Desiree Upton/Judge Garza
Video Time 1:12:21
- ⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
Vote: Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
31. Discuss, approve or disapprove the proposed Aransas County Official Holiday Schedule for 2027 – Desiree Upton/Judge Garza
Video Time 1:13:30
- ⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
Vote: Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
32. Discuss, approve or disapprove the proposed Aransas County Transfer Station Official Holiday Schedule for 2027 – Desiree Upton/Judge Garza
Video Time 1:13:55
- ⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
Vote: Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
33. Discuss, approve or disapprove the February 2026 Auditor's Monthly Report – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Video Time 1:14:27

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

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

34. Discuss, approve or disapprove the March 2026 Auditor's Monthly Report – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Video Time 1:15:04

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

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

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

Video Time 1:15:23

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

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 1:17:19

⊛ **Desiree Upton**, Health Fair Sept. 11, 2026

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

Video Time 1:17:52

⊛ **Commissioner Rousseau**, Wings of Spring

⊛ **Commissioner Dupnik**, asked about the RED SHOE presentation, This Wednesday, April 15 at 10 AM in the Celebration Plaza

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.

36. 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

37. **Struck from this agenda** by Counsel Marsha Perez:
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
 38. Consult with legal counsel §551.071 regarding legal issues related to the TimeClock Plus (TCP) Master Services Agreement, and associated addenda, including by not limited to contractual terms, implementation of services, and the County's rights and responsibilities following potential execution of the agreement – Marsha Perez
 20. **Added to the Closed Session Agenda:** Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing County Judge to sign all required documents for DLF Two, Inc's Change Order No. 16 for the Aransas County Community Building/Plaza/Parking Lot General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Contract No. 20-065-098-C270 – adding \$85,518.54 to the contract cost - Elle Morales/Judge Garza
Video Time 1:19:53
 - ★ **Motion to move into closed session, striking Item # 37 and adding # 20:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
 - ★ **Judge Garza called for a ten-minute break prior to entering Closed Session.**
Video Time 1:22:26
- XV. **OPEN SESSION**
39. Reconvene into Open Session
Video Time 2:34:11, video started without sound
 - ★ **Motion to reconvene into open session:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
 40. Discuss and take action as necessary as a result of executive session discussion.
Video Time 2:34:24
 - ★ **Motion to approve taking action as discussed and approved in closed session for:**
 - ★ **Item # 20:** Move to approve authorizing County Judge to sign all required documents for DLF Two, Inc's Change Order No. 16 for the Aransas County Community Building/Plaza/Parking Lot General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Contract No. 20-065-098-C270 – adding \$85,518.54 to the contract cost: By Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
 - ★ Legal counsel, Marsh Perez: The County has approved some necessary change order work unrelated to the grant funding. Signing this is what the County is doing, it is still currently evaluating its closeout options, with respect to the remainder of it's grant funded contract with DLF.
 - ★ **Vote for item # 20:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
 - ★ **Item # 38:** Move to instruct legal counsel to suspend contract discussion on timekeeping program until budget meetings for 2027: By Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

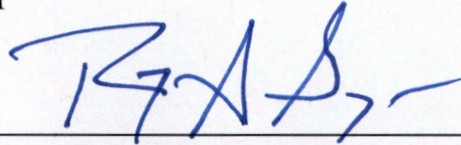
- ★ **Vote for item # 38:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

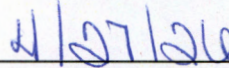
Video Time 2:36:03

- ★ **Motion to adjourn:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
- ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- ★ **Meeting adjourned at 11:31 AM**

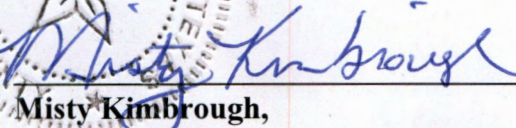
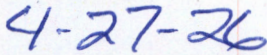
ARANSAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT



Ray A. Garza, County Judge



Date signed.


Misty Kimbrough,
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

Date signed and attestation.

