

MINUTES – Regular Meeting

Aransas County Commissioners Court



9:00 AM – Monday, April 27, 2026

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met on 27th 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 \(aransascourt.com\)](https://www.aransascourt.com/minutes-and-agendas), then scroll to the bottom of the page and select the date you wish to view.

Present: **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 0:30

II. INVOCATION

Video Time 0:47

III. PLEDGES

Video Time 1:37

IV. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Video Time 2:04

V. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Video Time 2:27

- ★ Stephanie Simmons – Good Samaritans
- ★ Kristie Rutledge, item # 10 – read by Commissioner Rousseau
- ★ Kathy Kane, item # 15

VI. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Presentation and update by Aransas County Animal Care on the Community Shop Grant and what Animal Care has been able to achieve and plan with the grant – Caitlan Frazier/Judge Garza
Video Time 13:44
 2. Discuss and approve Proclamation #P-03-2026, recognizing April 2026 as Beach Safety and Rip Current Awareness Month in Aransas County – Judge Garza
Video Time 26:20
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- ★ **Judge Garza struck item # 7**
Video Time 29:13

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approve or disapprove the Minutes from the April 13, 2026 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
4. Accept donation of \$1,210 discount on invoice from Portrait Barn as a service donation for February photography services and a \$715 discount on invoice from Portrait Barn as a service donation for March photography services – Caitlan Frazier/Judge Garza
5. Accept donation of \$50 to Aransas County Animal Care from Suzanne & Henry Durham and Janet Bass in memory of Linda Cobb – Caitlan Frazier/Judge Garza
6. Approve and ratify the final version of the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the Town of Fulton for retail food inspection and enforcement services as revised following legal review; this version supersedes the draft presented on April 13, 2026 – Anthony Van Meter/Judge Garza

Video Time 29:22

- ✪ **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 AND RESOLUTIONS

7. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Texas Maritime Museum Report for 1st Quarter 2026 – Ashley Pieprzyca/Judge Garza

- ✪ **Judge Garza struck item # 7**

Video Time 29:13

IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN

8. Discuss, approve or disapprove Order #O-05-2026 to close abandon and vacate a portion of a 20-foot platted Alleyway in Block 345, Manning Addition, Aransas County, Texas, recorded in Vol. 1, Pg. 7 of the Plat Records of Aransas County, Texas, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds on Exhibit “A” and “B” attached to the petition - Griffith & Brundrett/Katherine Comeaux/Judge Garza

Video Time 31:25

- ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
 - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
9. Discuss, approve or disapprove Final Plat of 2720 State Highway 188, a 5.856 acre tract on Port Bay, into Lots 1-8, Block “A” of the Redfish Camp Division – Katherine Comeaux/Judge Garza

Video Time 32:46

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

X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

10. Discuss, approve or disapprove continued negotiations of the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Rockport and the Aransas County Navigation District related to the City of Rockport’s Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) #1 – Commissioner Rousseau

Video Time 34:12

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

- ★ **Commissioner Rousseau pulled original motion and followed with a motion to table the item until the City of Rockport can respond to the changes that the Commissioners presented to the City,** by Commissioner Rousseau, seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
11. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign all necessary documents awarding the Courthouse Signage Project to Corpus Christi Stamp Works, Inc. (CCSW) – Elle Morales/Judge Garza
Video Time 36:13
- ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
12. Discuss, approve or disapprove Interlocal Cooperation Contract between Aransas County and the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Contract No. HHS001719600029 for Aransas County to conduct Mobile Food Vendor (MFV) Inspections and Complaint Investigations, issue accurate reports and submit reports to the Department of State Health Services – Anthony Van Meter/Judge Garza
Video Time 39:13
- ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
13. Discuss, approve or disapprove Aransas County Pathways selecting a firm from the pool of approved Engineering Firms to perform engineering services in preparation of the Land Use Plan as required under the General Land Office (GLO) Contract No. 24-099-005-E379 for the Copano Cove Ranch Acquisition Project – Rene Butler/Judge Garza
Video Time 45:09
- ★ **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 the Elevator Maintenance and Repair Agreement for the Aransas County Courthouse, including the MAX Digital Services Package for enhanced electronic monitoring and predictive maintenance with the TK Elevator Corporation (TKE) and authorize the County Judge to execute the agreement – Rene Butler/Judge Garza
Video Time 46:10
- ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
15. 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, as may be amended from time to time by the County Judge or designee, subject to ratification by the Commissioners Court – Judge Garza
Video Time 48:23
- ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
 - ★ **Motion to table to fix issues noted in the rental agreement:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau

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

XI. PLANNING AND BUDGET

16. Discuss, approve, or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign the County Request for Capital Credits to be submitted to the Texas Comptroller, Unclaimed Property Division - Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
Video Time 50:02
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
17. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Treasurer to disburse any funds received from the Texas Comptroller Unclaimed Property Capital Credits as follows: 50% to the Aransas County Library Literacy Program and 50% to the Children's Coalition of Aransas County - Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
Video Time 50:54
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
18. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Applicant/Candidate, Katie Clark, for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension's Agriculture & Natural Resources Extension Agent for Aransas County – Donnie Montemayor/Judge Garza
Video Time 52:02
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
19. Recognize Texas Association of Counties (TAC) Unemployment Refund of \$19,384.12 – Desiree Upton/Judge Garza
Video Time 56:30
20. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Texas County & District Retirement System (TCDRS) Renewal for Plan Year 2027 – Desiree Upton/Judge Garza
Video Time 57:50
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
21. Discuss, approve or disapprove Budget Amendment #2026-1 to the 2026 Annual Budget: requesting to allocate \$142,500 from the Health Care Sales Tax Revenue for meal assistance and community services – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
Video Time 58:49
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
22. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
Video Time 1:00:13
 - ★ **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, AND DEPARTMENT HEADS – NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

Video Time 1:01:58

- ★ Charity Franco, Juvenile Probation Department
- ★ Darrell Seibert, Road & Bridge, Retirement of Lionel Vargas
- ★ Judge Garza, we are still in a Burn Ban
- ★ Desiree Upton, Active Shooter Training in June for all employees
- ★ Commissioner Chaney, request water presentation on the next agenda

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

Video Time 1:09:14

- ★ Caitlin Frasier, adoption event at the next Market Days, May 18th; youth camp this summer in June and July

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.

23. 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
24. 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

Video Time 1:10:27

- ★ **There was no closed session.**

XV. OPEN SESSION

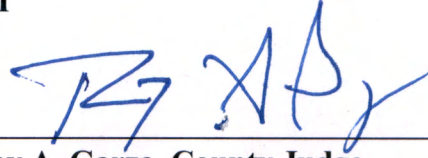
25. Reconvene into Open Session
 - ★ **There was no closed session.**
26. Discuss and take action as necessary as a result of executive session discussion.
 - ★ **There was no closed session.**

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Video Time 1:10:31

- ⊕ **Motion to adjourn:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
- ⊕ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- ⊕ **Meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM**

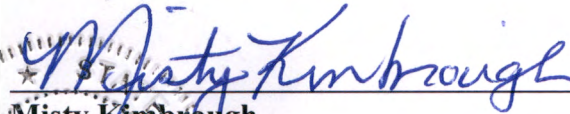
ARANSAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT



Ray A. Garza, County Judge

05/11/26

Date signed



Misty Kimbrough,
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

5-11-26

Date signed and attestation

