

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 **28th DAY of APRIL, 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

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

1. Discuss, approve or disapprove Proclamation P-07-2025 recognizing the month of April as Beach safety and Rip Current Awareness Month – Judge Garza

2. Presentation by Spring Perry on The Well Rockport, “Building a Safe Haven for Survivors of Domestic Violence” – Spring Perry/Judge Garza
3. Presentation by Ginger Easton-Smith with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension with an update on programs and recognizing Master Gardeners for their Volunteer contributions – Ginger Easton-Smith
4. 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 \$25,271.88 for the rebate on the 2024 taxes paid January 2025 – John Davis/Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
5. Discuss, approve or disapprove the April 1, 2025 Presentation for Pearl Point Rockport Phase 2, LLC as required by the Chapter 381 Economic Development Agreement and authorize payment of \$27,535.08 for the rebate on the 2024 taxes paid in January 2025 – Mark Uhr/Jacky Cockerham/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.

6. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the April 14, 2025 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza

VIII. COUNTY REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

7. Discuss, approve or disapprove the appointment of Darrell Seibert as the Aransas County Floodplain Administrator – Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza
8. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Rockport Center of the Arts Report for 1st Quarter 2025 - Karen Ernst/Judge Garza
9. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Texas Maritime Museum Report for 1st Quarter 2025 – Ashley Pieprzyca/Judge Garza

IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN

10. Discuss, approve, or disapprove request to relocate 10 foot-wide drainage easement on replat combining 44 and 153 Front Street. Legal Description: Lot 44, Neptune Harbor Addition and Lot 153, Neptune Harbor Addition, Phase 2, re-platted as Lot 45-R, Neptune Harbor Addition – Katherine Comeaux/Judge Garza
11. Discuss, approve or disapprove request for a variance on County Minimum lot size requirements to replat 624 N. Hood Street from four lots into two. Legal Description: Lots 9, 10, 11, & 12, Block 141, Smith & Wood Division re-platted as Lot 9-R and Lot 12-R, Block 141, Smith & Wood Division – Katherine Comeaux/Judge Garza

X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

12. Discuss, approve, or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign the HUD (Housing and Urban Development), HMID (Most Impacted and Distressed), CDBG-MIT (Community Development Block Grant Mitigation), GLO (General Land Office) Contract #24-065-128-E986 in the amount of \$10,291,500.00. The approved projects consist of Radio Towner Communication Infrastructure for the Sheriff's office, a Master Drainage Plan for Aransas County (Countywide), the Lamar Drainage Project, and the Town of Fulton Street Improvements for Broadway, Cactus, Chaparral, Mesquite, Myrtle and Palmetto Streets – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
13. Discuss, approve or disapprove Hiring Resolution #R-09-2025 for Grant Works for Grant Writing and Grant Administration for future Aransas County Capital Projects – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
14. Discuss, approve or disapprove Hiring Resolution #R-10-2025 for the Pool for Engineering Services for Aransas County Capital Projects – Jacky Cockerham/Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza
15. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing Aransas County Sheriff Bill Mills, Chief Deputy Michael Brooks, and Interdiction Officer Stephen Nanny to sign a License Plate Reader User Agreement between Aransas County and the Texas Department of Public Safety (TxDPS) establishing permissions and guidelines in order to gain access to the Texas Automated License Plate Reader Database – Sheriff Mills/Judge Garza
16. Discuss, approve or disapprove Awarding the Inmate Medical Provider for the Aransas County Detention Center Contract to Marpe by Ema with an initial term through December 31, 2025, with four (4) one-year optional renewals with the approval of the Aransas County Commissioners Court; and authorizing the County Judge to execute necessary documents – Sheriff Mills/Judge Garza
17. Discuss, approve or disapprove Hiring Resolution #R-11-2025 for Marpe by Ema as the Inmate Medical Services Provider at the Aransas County Detention Center – Sheriff Mills/Judge Garza
18. Discuss, approve or disapprove policy establishing fee for Retiring Officer to purchase Firearm per Local Gov't Code Section 614.051 – Sheriff Mills/Judge Garza
19. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign an agreement with the Wood, Boyken, and Wolter Law Firm regarding the preparation of an airport ground lease between Aransas County and Weldon and Ashley Dietze – Mike Geer/Judge Garza
20. Discuss, approve or disapprove the donation of 65 acres of land from Tom Mikulastic to Aransas County for Aransas County Pathways Program and authorize County Attorney's Office to begin the property transfer process on the County's behalf – Adela C. Martinez/Commissioner, Precinct 1

21. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Attorney's Office to begin contract negotiations and draft a lease agreement for the available office unit at the Live Oak Plaza Shopping Center – Adela C Martinez/Judge Garza

X. PLANNING AND BUDGET

22. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the March 2025 Treasurer's Report – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
23. Discuss, approve or disapprove 1st Quarter Aransas County Treasurer's Investment Report – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
24. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Treasurer to sign a Release of Pledged Collateral with Federal Home Loan (FHL) Bank, in regards to certain securities pledged by Prosperity Bank that cover funds held in Prosperity Bank by Aransas County - Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
25. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign the Service Fee Processing Agreement and the Merchant Processing Application and Agreement with IntelliPay, a credit card merchant processor, represented by PCBancard – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
26. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign the County Request for Capital Credits, and submit to the Texas Comptroller, Unclaimed Property Division, and further authorize the County Treasurer to disburse any said funds received from the Texas Comptroller as follows: 50% to the Aransas County Library Literacy Program and 50% to the Children's Coalition of Aransas County – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
27. Discuss, approve or disapprove the updated billing policy with Texas Association of Counties (TAC) Health and Employee Benefits Pool and authorize the County Judge to execute necessary documents – Desiree Upton/Judge Garza
28. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Budget Line Items - Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
29. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

XI. 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.

XII. 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.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

30. 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. D/B/A Graham Architectural Products v. Sharp Glass, LLC, et al*, Aransas County District Court Cause No. 24-0099; and
- v. The County's permissible actions under its various contracts for the Downtown Anchor Project; and
- vi. *Wendt Services, Inc.* Public Information Act Request

pursuant to Texas Government Code Section §551.071, also known as the Texas Open Meetings Act, authorizes Closed Session meetings to allow for a governmental body to consult with its attorneys 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

XIV. OPEN SESSION

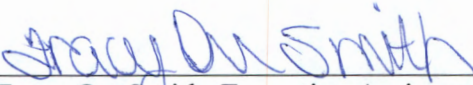
31. Reconvene into Open Session
32. Discuss and take action on matters discussed in closed session – Amanda Oster/Adela C. Martinez/Judge Garza
33. 1) Discuss various topics regarding the Downtown Anchor Project and the status of the construction projects for the new Aransas County Courthouse and the Aransas County Community Building – Adela C. Martinez/Judge Garza

2) Discuss, approve or disapprove taking action on any of the items identified and discussed regarding the Downtown Anchor Project, the new Aransas County Courthouse and/or the Aransas County Community Building – Adela C. Martinez/Judge Garza

XV. 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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FILED FOR RECORD

AT 3:53 P.M.

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MISTY KIMBROUGH
COUNTY CLERK, ARANSAS CO., TEXAS

Posted 4:30 pm