

# MINUTES – Regular Meeting

## Aransas County Commissioners Court



9:00 AM – Monday, May 11, 2026

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met on 11th DAY of MAY, 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 \(aransascountytexas.gov\)](#), 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 4:22*

### II. INVOCATION

*Video Time 4:36*

### III. PLEDGES

*Video Time 6:07*

### IV. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

*Video Time 6:34*

### V. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

*Video Time 6:45*

☛ There were none

- ☛ **Judge Garza** moved items 15-27 to the beginning of this meeting to allow Alma Cartwright, Aransas County Treasurer the ability to get to another meeting at 10:00 AM with Aransas County Navigation District.

*Video Time 7:12*

### VI. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Discuss and approve Proclamation #P-04-2026, recognizing May 2026 as History Preservation Month – Judge Garza

*Video Time 25:38*

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

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

### VII. CONSENT AGENDA

2. Approve the Minutes from the April 27, 2026 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
3. Accept donation of \$200 from Richard Martin to Aransas County Animal Care – Caitlan Frazier/Judge Garza

*Video Time 28:26*

- ✪ **Motion to accept the consent agenda:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
- ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

#### VIII. COUNTY REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

4. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Texas Maritime Museum Report for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2026 – Ashley Pieprzyca/Judge Garza  
Video Time 29:00
  - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
5. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Historical Commission’s Report for Year End 2025 and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2026 – Dave Hattman/Judge Garza  
Video Time 34:31
  - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
6. Discuss, approve or disapprove a Declaration of Local Disaster due to water shortage emergency conditions – Judge Garza  
Video Time 39:02
  - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
7. Discuss, approve or disapprove Joint Resolution #JP-01-2026, a Joint Resolution of Support for Regional Coordination and Sustainable Water Management in Response to the South Texas Water Supply – Judge Garza  
Video Time 40:56
  - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

#### IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN

8. Discuss, approve or disapprove Conceptual Plan to subdivide 2290-A N. Fulton Beach Road and develop Sea Glass Landings Subdivision – Katherine Comeaux/Judge Garza  
Video Time 42:50
  - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
9. Discuss, approve or disapprove accepting a permanent twenty-foot (20’) wide drainage easement from Mr. Kurt Requarth as depicted on the attached Exhibits; authorize the County Judge to execute necessary documents; and direct that conveyance documents be recorded in the office of the Aransas County Clerk – Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza  
Video Time 44:20
  - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

**X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS**

10. Discuss, approve or disapprove rejection of all bids received in response to the Communication Infrastructure Project solicitation and authorize re-solicitation of the project – Sheriff Mills/Judge Garza  
Video Time 45:14
  - ✪ **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 the annual County Clerk Archive Plan as required by Local Government Code Sections 118.011-(f) and 118.025 – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza  
Video Time 46:30
  - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
12. 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 – Pat Rousseau/Judge Garza  
Video Time 57:15
  - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
13. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign the GLO (General Land Office) Contract Amendment #09 for the CDBG-DR (Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery) #20-065-098-C270. This will provide an extension of time only to July 31, 2026 for this grant – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza  
Video Time 1:00:53
  - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

**XI. PLANNING AND BUDGET**

14. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Aransas County Indigent Health Care Report for April 2026 – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza  
Video Time 1:02:12
  - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
15. Discuss, approve or disapprove accepting the letter of retirement of County Treasurer Alma Cartwright effective May 22, 2026, and authorizing County Judge to send an official letter of appreciation for her years of service to Aransas County – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza  
Video Time 7:39
  - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

16. Discuss, approve or disapprove the appointment of Jamie Murphy for the office of County Treasurer, to fill the vacancy in the office of County Treasurer created by the retirement of Alma Cartwright, effective May 22, 2026 – Judge Garza  
Video Time 13:08
  - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
17. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Resolution #R-09-2026, a Resolution approving the Aransas County Investment Policy (No Changes to Policy – yearly review) – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza  
Video Time 14:27
  - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
18. Discuss, approve or disapprove Resolution #R-10-2026, a Resolution appointing Jamie Murphy, County Treasurer (Elect) and Tana Taylor, Assistant Auditor, as Investment Officers to invest Aransas County funds in accordance with the foregoing Investment Policy – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza  
Video Time 15:13
  - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
19. Discuss, approve or disapprove Resolution #R-11-2026, a Resolution acknowledging the Broker/Dealers List as being authorized to provide services as required to Aransas County (No Changes) – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza  
Video Time 16:28
  - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
20. Discuss, approve or disapprove Resolution #R-12-2026, a Resolution authorizing the County Judge to sign Authorized Representative Add Form for Lone Star Investment Pool, adding Jamie Murphy and Tana Taylor – Alam Cartwright/Judge Garza  
Video Time 17:04
  - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
21. Discuss, approve or disapprove Resolution #R-13-2026, a Resolution authorizing the addition of Jamie Murphy and Tana Taylor as authorizing individuals and removing Alma Cartwright on the Texas Fixed Income Trust Pool – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza  
Video Time 18:28
  - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
22. Discuss, approve or disapprove Resolution #R-14-2026, a Resolution authorizing the addition of Jamie Murphy and Tana Taylor as authorized representatives and removing Alma Cartwright on the TexPool and TexPool Prime accounts – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza  
Video Time 20:45

- ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
23. Discuss, approve or disapprove Resolution #R-15-2026, a Resolution authorizing the designation of Jamie Murphy and Tana Taylor as authorized representatives and removing Alma Cartwright on the Local Government Investment Cooperative (LOGIC) account – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza  
Video Time 21:16
- ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
24. Discuss, approve or disapprove Resolution #R-16-2026, a Resolution authorizing the designation of Jamie Murphy and Tana Taylor as authorized representatives and removing Alma Cartwright on the Texas Class Account, effective May 22, 2026 – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza  
Video Time 21:51
- ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
25. Discuss, approve or disapprove Resolution #R-17-2026, a Resolution authorizing signatures on all Bank Accounts held by the Aransas County Treasurer, including electronic banking privileges, with Prosperity Bank, effective May 22, 2026: Authorized signers to be Jamie Murphy, Jacky Cockerham and Tana Taylor – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza  
Video Time 23:00
- ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
26. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign a letter appointing Jamie Murphy as the responsible person authorized to sign and request juror pay reimbursements from the State, effective May 22, 2026 – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza  
Video Time 23:52
- ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
27. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Treasurer to issue a letter of intent designating the County’s Human Resources Director as administrator of the Corebridge Financial (Valic) account – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza  
Video Time 24:44
- ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
28. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign 2026 Catapult Health Addendum with Catapult Health for Onsite Screenings during the annual Aransas County Employee Health Fair – Desiree Upton/Judge Garza  
Video Time 1:03:31
- ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline

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

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

Video Time 1:04:18

⊛ **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 1:05:07

- ⊛ Jacky Cockerham, Aransas County Auditor
- ⊛ Misty Kimbrough, Aransas County Clerk
- ⊛ Darrell Seibert, introduced Kevin Ince as the new Road Superintendent
- ⊛ Pat Rousseau, Aransas County Commissioner, Precinct 3
- ⊛ Ray Garza, Aransas County Judge
- ⊛ Mike Geer, Aransas County Emergency Manager
- ⊛ Jack Chaney, Aransas County Commissioner, Precinct 1

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

Video Time 1:10:41

- ⊛ Iris Sanchez, Aransas County Library, Summer Program, Un-Earth a Story (All about Dinosaurs)

## **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.*

30. 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

31. 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 1:11:38

- ⊛ **Motion to move into closed session:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
- ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

- ⊛ **Judge Garza called for a 10 minute break**

Video Time 1:13:57

**XV. OPEN SESSION**

32. Reconvene into Open Session

Video Time 1:46:32

- ⊛ **Motion to reconvene into open session:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
  - ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
33. Discuss and take action as necessary as a result of executive session discussion.
- ⊛ **There was no action taken**

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

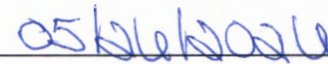
Video Time 1:46:46

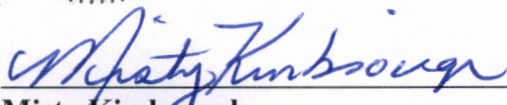
- ⊛ **Motion to adjourn:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
- ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- ⊛ **Meeting adjourned at 10:42 AM**

**ARANSAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT**



  
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Ray A. Garza, County Judge

  
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Date signed.

  
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Misty Kimbrough,  
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

  
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Date signed and attestation.