

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 **12th DAY of MAY 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

- 1. Swearing-in of Zach Westlake as the Aransas County Interim District Clerk – Judge Garza
- 2. Discuss and approve Proclamation #P-08-2025, recognizing the month of June 2025 as Elder Abuse Prevention Month in Aransas County – Judge Garza

3. Discuss and approve Proclamation #P-09-2025, recognizing the month of May 2025 as History Preservation Month in Aransas County – Judge Garza
4. Discuss and approve Proclamation #P-10-2025, recognizing the month of May 2025 as “Stop the Bleed” month – Patricia Arnold/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 28, 2025 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
7. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the May 5, 2025 Special Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
8. Acknowledge and accept a donation from the Friends of the Aransas County Public Library in the form of three (3) Pod Carrels with plug set, for the Aransas County Public Library in the amount of \$18,087.71 – Iris Sanchez/Judge Garza

VIII. COUNTY REPORTS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

9. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Rockport Cultural Arts District 1st Quarter Report for 2025 – Jennifer Day/Judge Garza
10. Discuss, approve or disapprove the presentation and discussion of the 1st Quarter 2025 report and two Pathway site improvement proposals from the Aransas Pathways Steering Committee (APSC) by Richard Connell, APSC Chair – Commissioner Pat Rousseau

IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN – NONE

X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

11. Discuss, approve or disapprove individually the two Pathways site improvement proposals, 1) Airport Kayak Site Improvements proposal and 2) Linda Castro Site Improvements proposal, from the Aransas Pathways Steering Committee (APSC) by Rich Connell, APSC Chair. No money will be committed at this time – Commissioner Pat Rousseau
12. 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 leave between Aransas County and Weldon and Ashley Dietze - Mike Geer/Judge Garza

13. Discuss, approve, or disapprove DLF Two, Inc.'s Change Order No. 014 for the Aransas County Community Building/Plaza/Parking Lot, General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Contract #20-065-098-C270. This change order will extend the contract time by 31 days to May 31, 2025 – Elle Moralez/Judge Garza
14. Discuss, approve or disapprove request to solicit Request for Qualifications for Licensed-Certified General Real Estate Appraiser – Eric Smith/Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
15. Discuss the County Attorney's Office Notice of Required Lease Terms for Lease of Public Property – Adela C. Martinez/Judge Garza

XI. PLANNING AND BUDGET

16. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Aransas County Indigent Health Care Report for April 2025 – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
17. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the Aransas County Treasurer to sign a Promissory Note and Disbursement Request and Authorization, between Aransas County and Prosperity Bank for the automatic extension of the expiration date for one year, on the Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit #1973 from Prosperity Bank to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), said extension going through June 1, 2026. The Letter of Credit covers financial assurance of the Aransas County Transfer Station in the amount of \$10,200.00 – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
18. 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 PC Bancard {tabled 4/18/2025} – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
19. Discuss the costs of the Time Keeping Software and determine whether to continue pursuit of this software – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
20. Discuss, approve or disapprove recognizing the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) Unemployment Refund of \$17,822.16 – Desiree Upton/Judge Garza
21. Discuss, approve or disapprove the option to add a Governmental Affairs position to the County Judge's Office to provide legal support to the Commissioners Court – Judge Garza
22. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Canine Handler Stipend of \$5,000 per year for handlers that are assigned a K-9 partner with the Aransas County Sheriff's Office – Sheriff Bill Mills/Chief Deputy Michael Brooks/HR Director Desiree Upton/Judge Ray Garza
23. Discuss, approve or disapprove the April 2025 Auditor's Monthly Report – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

24. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Budget Line Items for the Fiscal Year 2024 -
Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
25. 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 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.

**XIII. 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.

XIV. CLOSED SESSION

26. 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. dba 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;0

- vi. Wendt Services, Inc. Public Information Act request.

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Texas Government Code, §551.071, also known as the Texas Open Meetings Act, authorizes Closed Session meetings to allow for a governmental body to consult with its attorney(s) 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 C. Martinez/Judge Garza

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. OPEN SESSION

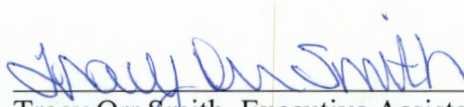
27. Reconvene into Open Session

28. Discuss, approve or disapprove taking action or issuing instructions to the County Attorney's Office to act on the County's behalf regarding any of the pending matters identified for Closed Session and authorizing County Attorney's Office to act accordingly
– Amanda Oster/Adela C. Martinez/Judge Garza

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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