

MINUTES – Regular Meeting

Aransas County Commissioners Court



9:00 AM – Tuesday, May 26, 2026

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met on 26th 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 \(aransascourt.com\)](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 2:14

II. INVOCATION

Video Time 2:31

III. PLEDGES

Video Time 3:31

IV. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Video Time 3:58

V. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Video Time 4:31

☛ There were none.

VI. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Presentation regarding updates and celebrations in Family and Community Health Programs and 4H – Megan Glidden/Judge Garza
Video Time 4:38
2. Presentation by Aransas Pathways Coordinator, Leah Medado, regarding the rationale and results of the 1st Annual Aransas Bird Days Celebration, held on April 18 – 19, 2026 – Rene Butler/Commissioner Pat Rousseau
Video Time 24:26
3. Discuss and approve Proclamation #P-05-2026, proclaiming June 2026 to be Elder Abuse Awareness Month – Judge Garza
Video Time 35:21
 - ☛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
 - ☛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

4. Approve the Minutes from the May 11, 2026 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
5. Approve the Minutes from the May 11, 2026 Workshop Meeting - Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
6. Approve the Minutes from the May 14, 2026 Workshop Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
7. Acknowledge and accept donations:
 - a. \$1,060.00 discount on invoice is a service donation for April photography services.
 - b. \$ 91.00 donated at Market Days Adoption event and Principal in the Park event – Caitlan Frazier/Judge Garza

Video Time 38:52

- ✪ **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

8. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign a worksite agreement with Workforce Solutions Coastal Bend for Library Summer Employment for Students with Disabilities – Iris Sanchez/Judge Garza

Video Time 39:50

- ✪ **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 allowing the Aransas County Public Library to donate 573 discarded items (books, CDs, DVDs) to the Friends of the Library for their ongoing book sale – Iris Sanchez/Judge Garza

Video Time 41:15

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

10. Acknowledge and accept the Rockport Cultural Arts District 1st Quarter Report for 2026 – Jennifer Day/Judge Garza

Video Time 42:21

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

11. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Rockport Cultural Arts District's request for placement of a mural displaying patriotic values on the east and north facing walls surrounding the County Courthouse generator at Magnolia and Mimosa Streets as part of Mural Fest 2026 – Jennifer Day/Judge Garza

Video Time 53:55

- ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
- ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-1, Commissioner Casterline voted nay: it was so ordered

IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN – NONE

X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

12. Discuss, approve or disapprove the purchase of a 2026 Chevrolet 2500HD for \$53,650.00 and authorize the County Judge and/or County staff to execute necessary documents – Blake Brown/Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza
Video Time 57:49
 - ⊛ **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 updating the GLO (General Land Office) Designated Signatory Form and accompanying Resolution #R-18-2026 for the Aransas County Treasurer for the CDBG-DR (Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery) #24-065-128-E986 – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
Video Time 59:03
 - ⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
14. Discuss, approve or disapprove updating the GLO (General Land Office) Designated Signatory Form and accompanying Resolution #R-19-2026 for the Aransas County Treasurer for the CDBG-DR (Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery) #20-065-098-C270 – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
Video Time 1:00:00
 - ⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
 - ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
15. Discuss, approve or disapprove Amendment No. 2 to the General Land Office (GLO) Contract #24-099-005-E379 updating the Work Plan and Budget resulting in no additional encumbrance of contract funds, and authorizing the ratification of County Judge’s signature – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
Video Time 1:00:53
 - ⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
 - ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
16. Discuss, approve or disapprove and authorize the County Judge to execute Amendment No. 6 to the Professional Engineering Services Agreement between Aransas County and G&W Engineers, Inc. for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) standby generator projects, extending the contract term through August 14, 2026 for the Transfer Station Generator Project DR-4332-0203 at no additional cost to the County – Elle Morales/Judge Garza
Video Time 1:01:59
 - ⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
 - ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
17. Discuss, approve or disapprove a Professional Services Agreement between Aransas County and Garver, LLC for engineering and design services related to backup power improvements at the Environmental Health Building for the ARPA Generator Project, in the total amount of \$57,000.00, and authorize the County Judge to execute the agreement and all necessary documents – Elle Morales/Judge Garza
Video Time 1:03:42

- ★ Judge Garza, moved to Closed Session due to legal questions

Video Time 1:27:37 – CLOSED SESSION

Video Time 2:23:50

- ★ See Item #30, below

18. Discuss, approve or disapprove a request to withdraw/de-obligate the Aransas County-Fulton Elementary generator project, Texas Division of Emergency Management, Hazard Mitigation Grant Project DR-4332-200, authorizing the County Judge to sign and execute all necessary documents – Elle Moralez/Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Video Time 1:03:51

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

XI. PLANNING AND BUDGET

19. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Treasurer's Monthly Report for the Month of March 2026 – Jamie Murphy/Judge Garza

Video Time 1:04:50

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

20. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Treasurer's Investment Report for 1st Quarter 2026 – Jamie Murphy/Judge Garza

Video Time 1:05:33

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

21. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Treasurer's Monthly Report for the Month of April 2026 – Jamie Murphy/Judge Garza

Video Time 1:06:24

- ★ **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 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 the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), and said extension going through June 1, 2027; the Letter of Credit covers financial assurance of the Aransas County Transfer Station in the amount of \$10,200.00 – Jamie Murphy/Judge Garza

Video Time 1:06:56

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

23. Discuss and determine the composition of the Aransas County Salary Grievance Committee pursuant to Local Government Code §152.014(a)(1) or (2), and authorize the appointment of the Committee members accordingly – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza

Video Time 1:08:17

- ✪ **Amended motion to discuss and determine, pursuant to Local Government Code 152.014(a)(2) nine public members and authorize the appointment of the committee members accordingly:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0 for option (2): it was so ordered

24. Discuss and take action to draw public members and alternates names for the Aransas County Salary Grievance Committee in accordance with Local Government Code Section §152.015 – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza

Video Time 1:17:51

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

1. Cayden Trevino, 2. Gabriele Samora, 3. Kyle Bradley, 4. Casey Stephenson, 5. Elizabeth Crabb, 6. Lossie Lown Irving, 7. Gary Prukop, 8. Karyn Huffman, 9. Nicholas Hernandez, 10. Laura Villa, 11. Debra Hayes, 12. Angela Stewart, 13. Carlos Castillo, 14. Donald Wason, 15. Diane Burrows, 16. Dylan Tinnin, 17. Thomas Meinhouse, 18. Tana Taylor, 19. Joseph Lara, 20. Jill Godsey, 21. Austin Perez, 22. Susan Ruiz, 23. Tracy Moses, 24. Elizabeth McNutt, 25. Katharine Garza, 26. Brett Bohn, 27. Ronaldo Guerrero, 28. Cassidy Sanchez, 29. Ronald Pyron, 30. Tiffany Merryman, 31. Alvino Valenzuela, 32. Alana Trumbull,

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

25. Discuss, approve or disapprove the April 2026 Auditor’s Monthly Financial Report – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Video Time 1:25:00

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

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

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

Video Time 1:26:25

***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 1:27:15

✪ There were none

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

Video Time 1:27:28

✪ There were none

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.

27. 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
28. 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/Jim Allison

Added Item # 17 to the CLOSED SESSION, see above for item information

[Video Time 1:27:37](#)

- ✪ **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 1:30:54](#)

XV. OPEN SESSION

29. Reconvene into Open Session

[Video Time 2:23:35](#)

- ✪ **Motion to reconvene into open session:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
- ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

30. Discuss and take action, if any, regarding matters discussed in Executive Session.

[Video Time 2:23:50](#)

- ✪ **Motion to table Item # 17 and approve legal counsel to consult with Garver, LLC with requested changes to the contract:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
- ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Video Time 2:24:17

- ⊗ **Motion to adjourn:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
- ⊗ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- ⊗ **Meeting adjourned at 11:22 AM**

ARANSAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT



Ray A. Garza

Ray A. Garza, County Judge

06/08/2026

Date signed.

Misty Kimbrough

Misty Kimbrough,
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

6-8-26

Date signed and attestation.