

# MINUTES – Regular Meeting

## Aransas County Commissioners Court



9:00 AM – Monday, June 8, 2026

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met on 8<sup>th</sup> DAY of JUNE 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 \(aransascourttx.gov\)](https://aransascourtminutesandagendas.aransascourttx.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  
**Leslie Casterline**, Commissioner, Precinct 2  
**Pat Rousseau**, Commissioner, Precinct 3  
**Robert Dupnik**, Commissioner, Precinct 4

### I. CALL TO ORDER

[Video Time 5:13](#)

### II. INVOCATION

[Video Time 5:24](#)

### III. PLEDGES

[Video Time 6:44](#)

### IV. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

[Video Time 7:12](#)

### V. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: NONE

### VI. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS: NONE

### VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the May 26, 2026 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza

[Video Time 7:35](#)

✪ **Motion to accept the consent agenda:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline

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

### VIII. COUNTY REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

2. Discuss, approve or disapprove Rockport Center for the Arts 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report for 2025 – Karen Ernst/Judge Garza

[Video Time 7:53](#)

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

- ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- 3. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Rockport Center for the Arts 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report for 2026 – Karen Ernst/Judge Garza  
Video Time 13:09
  - ⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
  - ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- 4. Acknowledge and accept a donation valued at \$300, from Mike Probst of a 48” x 32” x 1 ½” Canvas Print of the “Triplets”, a photo of the three bridges spanning Copano Bay, to be hung in the new courthouse - Judge Garza

**IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN – NONE**

**X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS**

- 5. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign the Texas Association of Counties 2026 Cybersecurity Course Enrollment Form to enroll Aransas County personnel in a mandatory cybersecurity training course to satisfy the requirements of Texas Government Code §2054.5191 at a cost of \$5 dollars per enrolled user – Collin Jackson/Judge Garza  
Video Time 27:29
  - ⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
  - ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- 6. Discuss, approve or disapprove a contract renewal with Marpe by Ema, Inc. for inmate medical services between Aransas County and Marpe by Emma, Inc.; the one-year renewal option to begin July 01, 2026 through June 30, 2027 – Sheriff Mills/Judge Garza  
Video Time 28:55
  - ⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
  - ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- 7. 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, the revised Hiring Resolution #R-20-2026, Notice to Proceed (NTP), and all necessary documents – Elle Moralez/Judge Garza  
Video Time 30:40
  - ⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
  - ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- 8. Discuss, approve or disapprove the acceptance of the scoring tabulation and award the contract to G&W Engineers as the highest rated engineering firm for the HMGP (Hazard Mitigation Grant Project) Standby Generator Projects – Detention Center Generator, DR-4332-0195 and the Public Safety EOPS Generator DR-4332-0196; FEMA disaster recovery-approved projects

via sub-award agreement with TDEM (Texas Division of Emergency Management) as an HMGP (Hazard Mitigation Grant Project) – Elle Morales/Judge Garza

Video Time 31:49

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

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

9. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to de-obligate and execute all necessary documents related to the \$500,000.00 Notice of Award for the Coastal Erosion Planning and Response Act (CEPRA) 1825 Lamar Beach Road Feasibility Study and Alternatives Analysis Project for Aransas County, Texas. This project included the Lamar Beach Road Drainage, a FEMA disaster recovery-approved project No. DR-4332-0015 via sub-award agreement with TDEM (Texas Division of Emergency Management) as an HMGP (Hazard Mitigation Grant Project) – Jacky Cockerham/Elle Morales/Commissioner Dupnik/Judge Garza

Video Time 34:43

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

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

10. Discuss, approve or disapprove a request to withdraw/de-obligate the Aransas County Shell Ridge Road Flood Protection Project, Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), Hazard Mitigation Grant Project (HMGP) DR-4332-016 and authorizing the County Judge to sign and execute all necessary documents – Jacky Cockerham/Elle Morales/Judge Garza

Video Time 36:37

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

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

11. Discuss, approve or disapprove a request to withdraw/de-obligate the Aransas County Lamar Beach Road Drainage Project, Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), Hazard Mitigation Grant Project (HMGP) DR-4332-015 and authorizing the County Judge to sign and execute all necessary documents – Jacky Cockerham/Elle Morales/Judge Garza

Video Time 39:05

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

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

12. Discuss, approve or disapprove Change Order No. 018 for the Aransas County Community Building, Plaza and Parking Lot Project, under the General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Contract #20-065-098-C270, authorizing payment in the amount of \$126,607.44 to satisfy outstanding subcontractor invoices associated with work performed under the project, and authorizing the County Judge to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the Change Order and payment – Elle Morales/Judge Garza

Video Time 39:44

★ **Judge Garza moved this item to Executive Session**

Video Time 1:08:03

**XI. PLANNING AND BUDGET**

13. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Aransas County Indigent Health Care Report for May 2026  
– Suryta Laqua/Judge Garza

[Video Time 39:52](#)

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

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

14. Discuss, approve or disapprove the transfer of administrative oversight and management of the Aransas County Indigent Health Care Program from the Office of the County Treasurer to the Office of the County Judge – Judge Garza

[Video Time 40:57](#)

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

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

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

[Video Time 42:51](#)

✪ **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 43:38](#)

✪ There were none

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

[Video Time 43:57](#)

✪ Commissioner Dupnik Lamar Volunteer Fire Department – Hurricane Preparedness Meeting

✪ Commissioner Rousseau Navigation District Drone Show – Free Admission

**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.*

12. Discuss, approve or disapprove Change Order No. 018 for the Aransas County Community Building, Plaza and Parking Lot Project, under the General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Contract #20-065-098-C270, authorizing payment in the amount of \$126,607.44 to satisfy outstanding subcontractor invoices associated with work performed under the project, and authorizing the County Judge to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the Change Order and payment – Elle Morales/Judge Garza

[Video Time 45:08](#)

✪ **Motion to move into executive session:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

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

16. 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

[Video Time 48:13](#)

✪ **Amended motion to add item # 16 to be discussed in Executive Session:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline

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

✪ **Judge Garza called for a ten - minutes break**

[Video Time 48:51](#)

## **XV. OPEN SESSION**

17. Reconvene into Open Session

[Video Time 1:07:56](#)

✪ **Motion to reconvene into open session:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

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

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

[Video Time 1:08:03](#)

✪ **Motion to approve Change Order No. 018 to the contract with DLF Two, Inc. d/b/a DLF Texas for the Aransas County Community Building/Plaza/Parking Lot Project, General Land Office Community Development Block Grant–Disaster Recovery Contract No. 20-065-098-C270, authorize payment of subcontractor invoices in the total amount of \$126,607.44, \$67,904.00 to P&C Trench Services LLC and \$58,703.44 to Infiniti Communications Technologies Inc upon receipt of conditional/unconditional waivers from both subcontractors, and authorize the**

**County Judge to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this action:** by  
Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik

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

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Video Time 1:09:28**

★ **Motion to adjourn:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik

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

★ **Meeting adjourned at 10:45am**

**ARANSAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT**



*Misty Kimbrough*  
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**Misty Kimbrough,**  
**Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court**

*6.22.2026*  
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*Date signed and attestation.*

*Ray A. Garza*  
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**Ray A. Garza, County Judge**  
*6/22/26*  
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*Date signed.*