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 <u>9TH DAY of JUNE, 2025</u> at <u>9:00 A.M. IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW COURTROOM IN THE ARANSAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 2718 HWY. 35 N., 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:</u>

- 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.

 Acknowledge and accept a re-read of <u>Proclamation #P-08-2025</u>, a proclamation recognizing the month of June as Elder Abuse Prevention Month in Aransas County – Judge Garza

VII. CONSENT AGENDA - NONE

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.

VIII. COUNTY REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

2. Discuss, approve, or disapprove <u>Resolution #R-22-2025</u>, a Resolution requesting that the State of Texas and the Federal Government take immediate action to combat the spread of an invasive insect – Commissioner Pat Rousseau

IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN

3. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Order #O-06-2025, an Order to abandon and vacate a 20-foot platted Alleyway in Block 269, Manning Addition, Aransas County, Texas – Elizabeth Brundrett/Katherine Comeaux/County Judge

X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

- 4. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>contract for architectural service for the aquarium project</u> with Garza/Bomberger & Associates and authorize County Judge to execute necessary documents Judge Garza
- 5. Discuss, approve, or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program, prepared by The Solco Group, as required by the U.S. Department of Transporation under 49 CFR Parts 23 and 26 to qualify the airport for Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Grant funding and the designation of the County Contracts and Procurement Specialist as the DBE Liaison Officer (DBELO) officer Mike Geer/Judge Garza
- 6. Discuss, approve or disapprove Order #O-07-2025, an Order to adopt an additional exemption, pursuant to Texas Tax Code, Section 11.13(n), wherein an individual could receive an exemption from taxation a percentage of the appraised value of his/her residence homestead if adopted by the taxing unit by July 1 and the percentage adopted does not exceed 5 percent Judge Garza
- 7. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)</u> with the City of Rockport and Aransas County to place a drop box to assist its residents in the collection of City Documents and payments; the City is responsible for the cost of procuring the drop box and all labor and materials necessary for installation Elle Moralez/Judge Garza
- 8. Discuss, approve or disapprove entering into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Amendment with the City of Rockport and the Aransas Navigation District for a stormwater management drainage solution in and around the Rockport Harbor area, authorizing the County Judge to execute the necessary documents Adela C. Martinez/Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza

- 9. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>Stormwater Management Technical Committee's</u> recommendation to select Halff for professional engineering services associated with the <u>Concho Stormwater Drainage Project</u> Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza
- 10. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>Hiring Resolution #R-23-2025 for Halff Engineers for the Concho Stormwater Quality Project</u> Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza

XI. PLANNING AND BUDGET

- 11. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the <u>Aransas County Indigent Health Care Report for May</u> 2025 Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
- 12. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>updated job description for Court Manager</u>. No new monies Judge Richard Bianchi/Desiree Upton/Judge Garza
- 13. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>a 2-step increase for the Court Manager after completing the Certified Court Manager program</u> Judge Richard Bianchi/Desiree Upton/Judge Garza
- 14. Discuss, approve or disapprove the <u>updated Aransas County Hazard Communication Policy</u> Desiree Upton/Judge Garza
- 15. Discuss, approve or disapprove the <u>updates to the Aransas County Employee Handbook</u> Desiree Upton/Judge Garza
- 16. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Aransas County Official Holiday Schedule 2026 Desiree Upton/Judge Garza
- 17. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Aransas County Transfer Station Official Holiday Schedule 2026 Desiree Upton/Judge Garza
- 18. Discuss, approve or disapprove the May 2025 Auditor's Monthly Report Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
- 19. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Budget Line Items Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
- 20. Discuss, approve, or disapprove <u>Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities</u> 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

- 21. Convene into a Closed Session to consult with counsel and receive legal advice about pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or other attorney-client privilege matters, including, but not limited to, any items posted on this agenda and 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 x 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 Downtown Anchor Project, including the County's permissible actions under its various contracts and reports on formal review, action, and notices as may be required under a contract, the grant funding requirements, or the law; and
 - vi. Wendt Services, Inc. Public Information Act request; and
 - vii. Hutt Public Information Act request: and

Texas Government Code §551.071, also known as the Texas Open Meetings Act, authorizes Closed Sessions 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

viii. Stewart Group - Purchase of 12-Unit T-Hanger - Aransas County Airport

Texas Government Code, §551.072, also known as the Texas Open Meetings Act, authorizes Closed Session meetings to allow for a governmental body to conduct a closed meeting to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person – Judge Garza

XV. OPEN SESSION

- 22. Reconvene into Open Session
- 23. 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

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.

Tracy Orr Smith, Executive Assistant

Aransas County Judge's Office

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AT 3:33 PM.

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