

MINUTES – Regular Meeting

Aransas County Commissioners Court



9:00 AM, July 13, 2026

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met on 13th DAY of July, 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 \(aransascountytexas.gov\)](https://aransascountytexas.com/Commissioners-Court-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
Leslie Casterline, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Robert Dupnik, Commissioner, Precinct 4

Absent: **Pat Rousseau**, Commissioner, Precinct 3

I. CALL TO ORDER

[Video Time 4:27](#)

II. INVOCATION

[Video Time 4:45](#)

III. PLEDGES

[Video Time 5:52](#)

IV. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

[Video Time 6:20](#)

☛ Pat Rousseau, Commissioner, Precinct 3 is absent

V. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

[Video Time 6:32](#)

☛ Stefany Simmons – Rockport-Fulton Good Samaritans, Inc., Quarterly Report

☛ **Judge Garza** struck item # 7, it will be brought back at a later date to allow time to poll the public on which song to designate.

[Video Time 9:21](#)

VI. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Acknowledge and approve a Presentation and Proclamation #P-06-2026, the REAL Rural Transit Day Proclamation – Judge Garza

[Video Time 10:23](#)

☛ **Motion to acknowledge and approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

☛ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

2. Approve the Minutes from the June 22, 2026 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
3. Approve the Minutes from the June 23, 2026 Special Meeting –

- Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
4. Approve the Minutes from the June 29, 2026 Special Meeting –
Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
 5. Approve the Minutes from the June 29, 2026 Workshop Meeting –
Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
- Video Time 16:44
- ⊛ **Motion to accept the consent agenda:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

VIII. COUNTY REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

6. 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 17:01
 - ⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered
7. Discuss, approve or disapprove to adopt Resolution #R-23-2026 designating “South Coast of Texas” written by Guy Clark, as the Official Song of Aransas County – Judge Garza
Video Time 9:21
 - ⊛ **Judge Garza** struck this item from the agenda

IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN - NONE

X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

8. Discuss, approve or disapprove ratification of Judge's signature on the Texas Commission on the Arts grant contract #7770131 for the Aransas County Public Library – Iris Sanchez/Judge Garza
Video Time 18:19
 - ⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
 - ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered
9. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) 2026 Artificial Intelligence Training Course Enrollment Form to enroll Aransas County personnel in a mandatory Artificial Intelligence training Course to satisfy the requirements of Texas Government Code §2054.5191; at no cost for 2026 – Collin Jackson/Judge Garza
Video Time 18:59
 - ⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
 - ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered
10. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to send an option letter to AvFuel Corporation for a one-year renewal for bulk fuel supply at the airport – Mike Geer/Judge Garza
Video Time 19:57
 - ⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

- ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered
- 11. Discuss, approve or disapprove Resolution #R-24-2026 for the Airport Fuel Farm Expansion and Relocation Program – Mike Geer/Judge Garza
Video Time 20:32
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered
- 12. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to designate Mike Geer as the sponsor authorized representative for the Airport Fuel Farm Expansion and Relocation Project – Mike Geer/Judge Garza
Video Time 21:25
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered
- 13. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign all necessary documents approving the 100% construction documents as designed by Garza/Bomberger & Associates – Elle Morales/Judge Garza
Video Time 22:14
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered
- 14. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing Garza/Bomberger & Associates, along with County Staff, to develop and advertise a Request for Competitive Sealed Proposal for the Aquarium at Rockport Harbor – Elle Morales/Judge Garza
Video Time 25:51
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered
- 15. Discuss, approve or disapprove entering into a Contract with Everlaw and authorizing County Judge to sign the contract – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
Video Time 26:50
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered
- 16. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign a contract with Triton Environmental Solutions, LLC for the development of a Land Management Plan for the Copano Cove Ranch Acquisition Project, grant funded by the Texas General Land Office (GLO) Contract No. 24-099-005-E379, Coastal Management Program (CMP) Cycle 29, Project of Special Merit (PSM), under the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) – Commissioner Rousseau/Rene Butler/Judge Garza
Video Time 27:39
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
 - ★ **Amended motion to ratify signatures:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered
- 17. Discuss, approve or disapprove a Landlord's Agreement consenting to the encumbrance of the leasehold interest held by JTH Hangar, LLC under the Airport Ground Lease dated

November 26, 2012, in connection with financing by Prosperity Bank, as successor in interest to American Bank, N.A.; and authorize the County Judge to execute the agreement upon approval by Commissioners Court – Judge Garza

Video Time 29:01

- ⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
- ⊛ **Amended motion to approve Judge Garza to execute the agreement after legal has approved the final document:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Dupnik
- ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

XI. PLANNING AND BUDGET

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

Video Time 32:14

- ⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
- ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

19. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Aransas County Indigent Health Care Program (CIHCP) Optional Health Care Services Notification – Suryta Laqua/Judge Garza

Video Time 33:15

- ⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
- ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

20. Discuss, approve or disapprove and authorize the County Judge to sign the Walgreens Immunization Agreement at the Annual Aransas County Employee Health Fair – Desiree Upton/Judge Garza

Video Time 34:15

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

Vote: Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

21. Discuss, approve or disapprove paying for Immunizations at the Annual Aransas County Employee Health Fair for employees not covered by health insurance; an estimated cost of \$1,500.00 already budgeted for from the Health Care Sale Tax – Desiree Upton/Judge Garza

Video Time 34:50

- ⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
- ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

22. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to execute and sign the Nationwide Financial Services, Inc., Governmental 457(b) Plan Adoption Agreement to maintain federal compliance with IRS SECURE 2.0 Act Regulations – Desiree Upton/Judge Garza

Video Time 35:48

- ⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
- ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

23. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities –

Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Video Time 36:30

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

✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

XII. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND DEPARTMENT HEADS – NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

Video Time 37:05

✪ Mike Geer

✪ Judge Garza

✪ Darrell Seibert

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

Video Time 45:24

✪ 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.

24. 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 45:31

✪ **Motion to move into closed session:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

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

Video Time 46:20

XV. OPEN SESSION

25. Reconvene into Open Session

Video Time 1:12:43

- ⊛ **Motion to reconvene into open session:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
- ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

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

Video Time 1:13:02

- ⊛ **Motion to:** authorize Allensworth Law Firm to retain consulting and expert services necessary for the County's representation in pending litigation and authorize the County Judge to execute an engagement agreement and related documents, by Judge Garza, motion seconded by Commissioner Casterline
- ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Video Time 1:13:27

- ⊛ **Motion to adjourn:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
- ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered
- ⊛ **Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM**

ARANSAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT



Misty Kimbrough,
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

7.27.2026
Date signed and attestation.

Ray A. Garza

Ray A. Garza, County Judge

07/27/2026

Date signed.