

# MINUTES – Regular Meeting

## Aransas County Commissioners Court



9:00 AM – Monday, July 14, 2025

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met on 14th DAY of JULY, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. AT THE ARANSAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 2718 HWY. 35 NORTH, ROCKPORT, TEXAS, 78382. The meeting video recordings are available by following this link: [Commissioners Court Minutes and Agendas \(aransascountytx.gov\)](https://aransascountytx.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 1-1A  
**Leslie Casterline**, Commissioner, Precinct 2  
**Pat Rousseau**, Commissioner, Precinct 3  
**Robert Dupnik**, Commissioner, Precinct 4-4A

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Video Time 4:49

### II. INVOCATION

Video Time 5:05

### III. PLEDGES

Video Time 7:01

### IV. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Video Time 7:32

### V. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Video Time 7:43

★ There were none

### VI. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS - NONE

### VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the June 23, 2025 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
2. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the June 25, 2025 Special Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
3. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the July 3, 2025 Special Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
4. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the July 7, 2025 Workshop Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
5. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court the V.G. Young Institute of County Government's Certificate of Completion to Commissioner Pat Rousseau for successfully completing 4 hours of Emergency Management Training – Commissioner Rousseau
6. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court the V.G. Young Institute of County Government's Certificate of Completion to Commissioner Pat Rousseau for successfully completing 13 hours of Educational Training at the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual South Texas CJA Conference – Commissioner Rousseau



7. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court the V.G. Young Institute of County Government's Certificate of Completion to Judge Ray Garza for successfully completing 8 hours of Educational Training at the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual South Texas CJCA Conference – Judge Garza
8. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court the V.G. Young Institute of County Government's Certificate of Completion to Commissioner Leslie Casterline for successfully completing 13 hours of Educational Training at the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual South Texas CJCA Conference – Judge Garza

**Video Time 7:54**

- ★ **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**

9. Discuss, approve, or disapprove accepting \$21,150.00 from the 36<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Juvenile Probation Department for funds sent to the San Patricio County Detention Center for housing juveniles from Aransas County pursuant to Senate Bill SB30 of the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislature's Regular Session, which provides reimbursement cost in counties for whom the Texas Juvenile Justice Department does not have adequate capacity – Judge Garza

**Video Time 8:14**

- ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
  - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
10. Discuss, approve or disapprove designating 212 N. Live Oak, Rockport, Texas 78382, which is within the city limits of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas as an Auxiliary Courtroom for the Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 of Aransas County until further notice – Judge McGinnis/Judge Garza

**Video Time 10:45**

- ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
  - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
11. Discuss, approve or disapprove Hiring Resolution #R-24-2025 for the Airport Project Engineering Services Pool {Tabled 06/23/2025} – Mike Geer/Judge Garza

**Video Time 11:21**

- ★ **Motion to amend this to discuss and approve and add the following after "Pool" the four top scoring firms will be considered for all types of engineering projects:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
  - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
12. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign Hiring Resolution #R-27-2025 with Lowery Property Advisors for the Licensed-Certified General Real Estate Appraiser projects – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

**Video Time 13:20**

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

- ★ **Item 17 was struck from the agenda by Judge Garza**

**Video Time 14:24**

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

**X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS**

13. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County to enter into contract negotiations with Lowery Property Advisors for the Licensed-Certified General Real Estate Appraiser projects – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza  
Video Time 14:31
  - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
14. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign lease agreements for office space at the Harbor Oaks Village Shopping Center for Suite 2718 on a month-to-month basis beginning August 1, 2025, ending December 31, 2025, and Suite 2740 on a month-to-month basis beginning August 1, 2025, ending July 31, 2026, with no increase to current rent – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza  
Video Time 15:00
  - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
15. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign a Lease Agreement for office space at Live Oak Plaza Shopping Center for the relocation of Precinct 2, Justice of the Peace (JP2) – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza  
Video Time 17:30
  - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
16. Discuss, approve or disapprove Amendment No. 1 for Administrative Services related to Aransas County's General Land Office (GLO) Mitigation – Method of Distribution (MIT-MOD) Grant Contract No. 24-064-128-E986 – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza  
Video Time 19:11
  - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
17. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign the Notice to Proceed with Garza/Bomberger & Associates for Architectural Services for the Aquarium at Rockport Harbor project – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza  
Video Time 19:49
  - ✪ **Struck from the agenda**
18. Discuss, approve or disapprove the legal review and project determination provided by the law firm Wood, Boykin & Walter for the Copano Cove/Bailey Ranch Acquisition project for funding Contract No. 24-099-001-E379 – Katherine Comeaux/Judge Garza  
Video Time 19:50
  - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
19. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign a Notice of Award to AvFuel Corporation for aviation fuel supplier – Mike Geer/Judge Garza  
Video Time 20:34



- ✧ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
- ✧ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- 20. Discuss, approve, or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign a contract with AvFuel Corporation for aviation fuel supply and credit card processing for a term of one year with the option of four successive one-year terms – Mike Geer/Judge Garza  
Video Time 22:07
  - ✧ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
  - ✧ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- 21. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign the Notice to Proceed with Hanson Professional Services for Engineering/Architectural Services – Fulton Street Improvements Project – Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza  
Video Time 23:01
  - ✧ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
  - ✧ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- 22. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign the Notice to Proceed with Hanson Professional Services for Engineering/Architectural Services – Lamar Drainage Project – Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza  
Video Time 24:03
  - ✧ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
  - ✧ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- 23. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign the Notice to Proceed with Pape-Dawson Engineers for the Aransas County Master Drainage Plan – Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza  
Video Time 24:31
  - ✧ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
  - ✧ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- 24. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign the Notice to Proceed with Anchor QEA, Inc. for the Shell Ridge Road Project – Elle Moralez/Judge Garza  
Video Time 25:09
  - ✧ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
  - ✧ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- 25. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing County Judge to sign the Notice to Proceed with Marpe by Ema for the Inmate Medical Services Provider – Sheriff Mills/Judge Garza  
Video Time 25:55
  - ✧ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
  - ✧ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

#### XI. PLANNING AND BUDGET

- 26. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Aransas County Indigent Health Care Report for June 2025 – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza  
Video Time 26:29

- ✧ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
- ✧ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- 27. Discuss, approve or disapprove Job Description for Chief Deputy of Courts, Probate and Guardianship – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza  
Video Time 27:42
  - ✧ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
  - ✧ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-1: Commissioner Rousseau voted nay; it was so ordered
- 28. Discuss, approve or disapprove the promotion from a 14-5 to a 15-5 for Andy Fryman from Probate & Guardianship Clerk to Chief Deputy of Courts/Probate and Guardianship – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza  
Video Time 29:55
  - ✧ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
  - ✧ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- 29. Discuss, approve or disapprove declaring one vehicle surplus for trade-in with purchase of another vehicle, budgeted for this year – Chief Deputy Michael Brooks/Judge Garza  
Video Time 31:37
  - ✧ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
  - ✧ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- 30. Discuss, approve or disapprove Order #O-08-2025, an Order setting 2026 Sheriff/Constable fees with changes from the 2025 fees – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza  
Video Time 32:28
  - ✧ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
  - ✧ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- 31. Discuss, approve or disapprove the June 2025 Auditor's Monthly Report – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza  
Video Time 35:08
  - ✧ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
  - ✧ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- 32. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Budget Line Items - Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza  
Video Time 37:15
  - ✧ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
  - ✧ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- 33. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza  
Video Time 37:33
  - ✧ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
  - ✧ **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 42:13**

- ✪ There were none

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

**Video Time 42:30**

- ✪ Brad Brundrett, Rockport City Councilman

**XIV. CLOSED SESSION**

34. Convene into a Closed Session to consult with counsel and receive legal advice about pending or contemplated litigation or other attorney-client privilege matters, including but not limited to, any item 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 v. T2J Partners, LLC DIE/A FPS Recovery, LLC and Aransas County, Texas*: Cause No. 24-0072 in the 36<sup>th</sup> 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 proposed mediations, substantial completion dates, insurance claims, formal review, action, and notices as may be required under a contract, the grant funding requirements, or the law;
- vi. Hutt Public Information Act Request, and;
- vii. City of Rockport Public Information Act Request.

Texas Government Code §551.071, also known as the Texas Open Meetings Act, which 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 Martinez/Judge Garza

**Video Time 44:15**

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

- ✪ **Judge Garza called for a ten minutes break before moving into Closed Session at 9:42 AM**

**XV. OPEN SESSION**



35. Reconvene into Open Session

Video Time 55:19

⊗ **Motion to reconvene into open session:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau

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

36. 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

Video Time 55:36

⊗ **No action to be taken**

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

Video Time 55:39

⊗ **Motion to adjourn:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline

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


⊗ **Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM**

**ARANSAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT**



  
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Ray A. Garza, County Judge

7/28/25  
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Date signed.

  
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Misty Kimbrough,  
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

7/28/25  
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Date signed and attestation.