# 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>14th DAY of JULY, 2025</u> at <u>9:00 A.M.</u> <u>IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW</u> <u>COURTROOM IN THE ARANSAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 2718 HWY. 35 N.,</u> <u>ROCKPORT, TEXAS, 78382</u>. 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 <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTxprR-CFvaZfapOVcLeDWQ/live</u>. The following subjects will be discussed at this meeting:

- 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 - NONE

Presentations are scheduled in advance of the meeting and limited to fifteen (15) minutes unless other arrangements have been made with the Court.

## VII. CONSENT AGENDA

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.

- 1. Discuss, approve or disapprove the <u>Minutes</u> from the June 23, 2025 Regular Meeting Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
- 2. Discuss, approve or disapprove the <u>Minutes</u> from the June 25, 2025 Special Meeting Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
- 3. Discuss, approve or disapprove the <u>Minutes</u> from the July 3, 2025 Special Meeting Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
- 4. Discuss, approve or disapprove the <u>Minutes</u> from the July 7, 2025 Workshop Meeting Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
- Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court <u>the V.G. Young</u> <u>Institute of County Government's Certificate of Completion to Commissioner Pat</u> <u>Rousseau for successfully completing 4 hours of Emergency Management Training</u> – Commissioner Rousseau
- Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court <u>the V.G. Young</u> <u>Institute of County Government's Certificate of Completion to Commissioner Pat</u> <u>Rousseau for successfully completing 13 hours of Educational Training at the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual</u> <u>South Texas CJCA Conference</u> – Commissioner Rousseau
- Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court <u>the V.G. Young</u> <u>Institute of County Government's Certificate of Completion to Judge Ray Garza for</u> <u>successfully completing 8 hours of Educational Training at the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual South Texas</u> <u>CJCA Conference</u> – Judge Garza
- Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court <u>the V.G. Young</u> <u>Institute of County Government's Certificate of Completion to Commissioner Leslie</u> <u>Casterline for successfully completing 13 hours of Educational Training at the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual</u> <u>South Texas CJCA Conference</u> – Judge Garza

#### VIII. COUNTY REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

- Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>designating 212 N. Live Oak, Rockport, Texas 78382</u>, which is within the city limits of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas as an Auxiliary <u>Courtroom for the Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 of Aransas County until further notice</u> – Judge McGinnis/Judge Garza
- 11. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>Hiring Resolution #R-24-2025</u> for the Airport Project Engineering Services Pool {*Tabled 06/23/2025*} Mike Geer/Judge Garza
- 12. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>authorizing the County Judge to sign Hiring Resolution</u> <u>#R-27-2025 with Lowery Property Advisors for the Licenses-Certified General Real Estate</u> <u>Appraiser projects</u> – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

# IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN – NONE

#### X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

- 13. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>authorizing the County to enter into contract negotiations</u> with Lowery Property Advisors for the Licenses-Certified General Real Estate Appraiser <u>projects</u> – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
- 14. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>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</u>
- 15. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>authorizing the County Judge to sign a Lease Agreement</u> for office space at Live Oak Plaza Shopping Center for the relocation of Precinct 2, Justice <u>of the Peace (JP2)</u> – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
- 16. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>Amendment No. 1 for Administrative Services related to</u> <u>Aransas County's General Land Office (GLO) Mitigation – Method of Distribution (MIT-MOD) Grant Contract No. 24-064-128-E986</u> – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
- 17. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>authorizing the County Judge to sign the Notice to Proceed</u> with Garza/Bomberger & Associates for Architectural Services for the Aquarium at <u>Rockport Harbor project</u> – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
- 18. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>the legal review and project determination provided by the</u> <u>law firm Wood, Boykin & Walter for the Copano Bay/Bailey Ranch Acquisition project</u> <u>for funding Contract No. 24-099-001-E379</u> – Katherine Comeaux/Judge Garza
- 19. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>authorizing the County Judge to sign a Notice of Award to</u> <u>AvFuel Corporation for aviation fuel supplier</u> – Mike Geer/Judge Garza
- 20. Discuss, approve, or disapprove <u>authorizing the County Judge to sign a contract with</u> <u>AvFuel Corporation for aviation fuel supply and credit card processing</u> for a term of one year with the option of four successive one-year terms – Mike Geer/Judge Garza

- 21. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>authorizing the County Judge to sign the Notice to Proceed</u> with Hanson Professional Services for Engineering/Architectural Services – Fulton Street <u>Improvements Project</u> – Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza
- 22. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>authorizing the County Judge to sign the Notice to Proceed</u> with Hanson Professional Services for Engineering/Architectural Services – Lamar <u>Drainage Project</u> – Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza
- 23. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>authorizing the County Judge to sign the Notice to Proceed</u> <u>with Pape-Dawson Engineers for the Aransas County Master Drainage Plan</u> – Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza
- 24. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>authorizing the County Judge to sign the Notice to Proceed</u> <u>with Anchor QEA, Inc. for the Shell Ridge Road Project</u> – Elle Moralez/Judge Garza
- 25. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>authorizing County Judge to sign the Notice to Proceed</u> with Marpe by Ema for the Inmate Medical Services Provider – Sheriff Mills/Judge Garza

#### XI. PLANNING AND BUDGET

- 26. Discuss, approve, or disapprove <u>the Aransas County Indigent Health Care Report for June</u> <u>2025</u> – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
- 27. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>Job Description for Chief Deputy of Courts</u>, <u>Probate and</u> <u>Guardianship</u> – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
- 28. Discuss, approve or disapprove the promotion from a 14-5 to a 15-5 for Andy Fryman from <u>Probate & Guardianship Clerk to Chief Deputy of Courts/Probate and Guardianship</u> – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
- 29. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>declaring one vehicle surplus for trade-in with purchase of</u> <u>another vehicle, budgeted for this year</u> – Chief Deputy Michael Brooks/Judge Garza
- 30. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>Order #O-08-2025</u>, an Order setting 2026 Sheriff/Constable fees with changes from the 2025 fees Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
- 31. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>the June 2025 Auditor's Monthly Report</u> Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
- 32. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the <u>Budget Line Items</u> Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
- 33. 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

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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

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.

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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

#### XV. OPEN SESSION

- 35. Reconvene into Open Session
- 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

#### 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 Tel: 361-790-0100

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