

MINUTES – Workshop

Aransas County Commissioners Court



9:00 AM, July 27, 2026

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met on 27th 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 \(aransascountytx.gov\)](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
Leslie Casterline, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Pat Rousseau, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Robert Dupnik, Commissioner, Precinct 4 - ABSENT

I. CALL TO ORDER

Video Time 3:42

II. INVOCATION

Video Time 3:47

III. PLEDGES

Video Time 4:57

IV. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Video Time 5:27

V. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Video Time 5:40

★ Chris Veatch

VI. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS: NONE

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve the Minutes from the July 13, 2026 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
2. Approve the Minutes from the July 20, 2026 Workshop Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
3. Approve the Minutes from the July 21, 2026 Workshop Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
4. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court the Certificate of Completion for Commissioner Dupnik from the V.G. Young Institute of County Government for successfully completing 14 hours of educational training at the 92nd Annual South Texas CJA Conference – Commissioner Dupnik/Judge Garza
5. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court the Certificate of Completion for Commissioner Casterline from the V.G. Young Institute of County Government for successfully completing 13 hours of educational training at the 92nd Annual South Texas CJA Conference – Commissioner Casterline/Judge Garza

Video Time 8:01

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

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

- ✧ **Amended Motion:** by Commissioner Rousseau motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline

VIII. COUNTY REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

6. Discuss and approve the Friends of the Fulton Mansion's 1st Quarter Report – Dorothy Wood/Judge Garza
Video Time 9:14
 - ✧ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
 - ✧ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered
7. Discuss and approve the Friends of the Fulton Mansion's 2nd Quarter Report –Dorothy Wood/Judge Garza
Video Time 15:20
 - ✧ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Judge Garza
 - ✧ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN – NONE

X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

8. Discuss, approve or disapprove requesting proposals from Airport Fuel Farm pool of engineers for design of the Fuel Farm Expansion and Relocation Project – Mike Geer/Judge Garza
Video Time 19:17
 - ✧ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ✧ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered
9. Discuss, approve or disapprove request for renewal of Contract with Austin Wood Recycling for brush grinding services - Jose Perez/Judge Garza
Video Time 20:41
 - ✧ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ✧ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered
10. Discuss, approve or disapprove selecting Microwave Network as the Contractor to establish a microwave loop connecting all three communication towers in Aransas County; GrantWorks recommends awarding the contract to Microwave Network based on the completeness and responsiveness of their proposal in the amount of \$817,893.00, and authorizing the County Judge to execute hiring Resolution #R-25-2026 and all related contract documents necessary for the project - Sheriff Mills/Judge Garza
Video Time 21:46
 - ✧ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
 - ✧ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered
11. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing Anchor QEA to submit the amendment to Aransas County's existing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers maintenance dredging permit for Cedar Bayou and Vinson Slough to add an upland Dredge Material Placement Area (DMPA) within the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge for beneficial reuse of dredged material and to authorize micro-dredging as an additional maintenance dredging method – Mike Geer/Judge Garza

Video Time 30:45

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

XI. PLANNING AND BUDGET

12. Discuss, approve or disapprove the June 2026 Monthly Auditors Report – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Video Time 43:15

- ⬠ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline

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

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

Video Time 45:46

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

- ⬠ **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 46:22

- ⬠ Anna Marshall – Tax Assessor Collector
- ⬠ Sheriff Bill Mills
- ⬠ Judge Ray Garza – Mike Geer
- ⬠ Commissioner Pat Rousseau
- ⬠ Mike Geer
- ⬠ Collin Jackson

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

Video Time 56:58

- ⬠ THERE WERE NONE

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. *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.

14. 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 57:06](#)

✧ **Judge Ray Garza struck from Agenda**

15. Consult with counsel pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071 regarding NorthStar Recovery Services, Inc v. Aransas County Independent School District and Aransas County, Cause No. 23-0066, 36th Judicial District Court, Aransas County, Texas – Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C.

[Video Time 57:10](#)

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

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

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

[Video Time 57:57](#)

XV. OPEN SESSION

16. Reconvene into Open Session

[Video Time 1:09:23](#)

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

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

17. Discuss, approve or disapprove settlement negotiations relating to pending litigation in NorthStar Recovery Services, Inc. v. Aransas County Independent School District and Aransas County, Cause No. 23-0066, 36th Judicial District Court, Aransas County, Texas – Judge Garza

[Video Time 1:09:47](#)

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

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

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

✧ **Did not take additional action**

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

✧ **Did not take additional action**

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

[Video Time 1:10:16](#)

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

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

✧ **Meeting adjourned at 10:30am**

ARANSAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT



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

8-3-26
Date signed and attestation.

Ray A. Garza
Ray A. Garza, County Judge
8/3/26
Date signed.