

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

AMENDED 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 **28th DAY of JULY, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. AT THE AQUARIUM EDUCATION CENTER LOCATED AT 706 NAVIGATION CIRCLE, 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:

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.

1. Presentation on the Wings Rescue Center in Aransas County – Kay Adams/Judge Garza

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.

2. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the July 14, 2025 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
3. 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 "Bubba" Casterline for successfully completing 4 hours of Emergency Management Educational Training at the 91st Annual South Texas CJCA Conference – Commissioner Casterline
4. Acknowledge and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court a donation of \$100.00 for Aransas Pathways received from Rhonda Mieth in appreciation of the Kayaks at Sunset event held June 21st at Howard Murph Park – Melissa Zieschang/Rene Butler/Commissioner Rousseau
5. Acknowledge and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court a donation from the Friends of the Aransas County Public Library in the amount of \$375.84 for the cost and placement of an electric power pole and breaker in the Library for the Pod Carrels – Iris Sanchez/Judge Garza
6. Discuss, approve or disapprove allowing the Aransas County Public Library to donate 330 discarded books to the Friends of the Aransas County Public Library for their on-going book sale – Iris Sanchez/Judge Garza

VIII. COUNTY REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

7. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Friends of the Fulton Mansion 2nd Quarter 2025 Report – Jane Hill/Judge Garza
8. Discuss, approve or disapprove Resolution #R-28-2025, a Resolution of Aransas County, Texas, certifying that the County has made a \$50,000 grant to Aransas County Council of Aging, an organization that provides home-delivered meals to homebound persons in the County who are elderly and/or have a disability, and certifying that the County has approved the organization's accounting system or fiscal agent – Debbie Thompson/Judge Garza
9. Discuss, approve or disapprove Resolution #R-29-2025, a Resolution of the Aransas County Commissioners Court regarding the appointment of members to the Board of Directors of the Aransas County Appraisal District – Judge Garza

10. Discuss, approve or disapprove Hiring Resolution #R-30-2025, to award the contract to Stantec for improvements to Linda S. Castro and the Airport Kayak sites as previously approved at the May 12, 2025 Commissioners Court meeting, and to authorize the County Judge to execute necessary documents, provide for severance of invalid provisions and confirm compliance with the Open Meeting Act - Commissioner Pat Rousseau

IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN - NONE

X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

11. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with REAL Transportation for evacuation assistance during disasters – Mike Geer/Judge Garza
12. Discuss, approve or disapprove and authorize County Judge to sign G&W Engineers Amendment No. 03 as a contract extension of time through 09/03/2025, unless amended or extended by action of Commissioners Court. G&W Engineers provides professional services for three, FEMA, disaster recovery - approved generator projects via Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Sub-Awards with TDEM (Texas Division of Emergency Management). The generator projects are the Airport Field Lighting Generator, DR-4332-0197; the Road & Bridge Office Generator, DR-4332-0202; and the Transfer Station Generator, DR-4332-0203 – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
13. Discuss, approve or disapprove extending the Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement between Rockport Property Entity, LLC, EVC-CC Land Holdings, LLC, and Aransas County, Texas by fourteen (14) days for the purchase of approximately 972.952 acres of land out of the A6 Joseph Fessenden Survey, J. Smith Survey, and A14 Anselmo Bergara Survey, near Cape Valero and 1751 FM in Aransas County, for Two Million Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,350,000.00), to provide additional time, if necessary, to finalize the agreement for the receipt of grant funds from the GOMESA Program, CMP Cycle 29 for Projects of Special Merit, and authorize the County Judge to execute necessary documents – Katherine Comeaux/Judge Garza
14. Discuss, approve or disapprove the FY2026/2027 Interlocal Agreement with the Regional Public Defender's Office for Capital Criminal Cases, funded in part by the Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC) Multi-Year Discretionary Grant Program Funds and in part by Program Participants, to provide court-appointed counsel for individuals charged with the offense of capital murder in the participating counties and who cannot afford to hire their own attorney; Cost for services is based on our 2020 census numbers and the latest ten-year capital case data reported by our District Clerk (Oct. 1, 2010 – Sept. 30, 2020) with \$5,661.00 being Aransas County's cost share – Amanda Oster/Judge Garza
15. Discuss, approve or disapprove an Additional Services Fee Proposal for Broadus & Associates for the new Aransas County Courthouse – Judge Garza

16. Discuss, approve or disapprove DLF Two, Inc.'s Change Order No. 014 for the Aransas County Community Building/Plaza/Parking Lot General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Contract #20-065-098-C270. This change order will extend the contract time by 103 days to August 11, 2025 – Elle Morales/Judge Garza
17. Discuss, approve or disapprove selecting and hiring Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. based on County Staff recommendation, to complete a USACE (United States Army Corp. of Engineers) Permit Extension Request #SWG-2019-00743 in the amount of \$5,429.00 and authorize the County Judge to sign all necessary documents. The current USACE permit expires on 12/31/2025 for the Aransas County Lamar Beach Road Phase II Flood Protection project; FEMA disaster recovery project No. DR-4332-0015-TX Hurricane Harvey; Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) Phase II Sub-Grant Award for a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) – Elle Morales/Judge Garza
18. Discuss, approve or disapprove an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Tax Assessment and Collection of Property Tax in 2025-2026 between Aransas County, Texas and the Town of Fulton, Texas – Anna Marshall/Judge Garza
19. Discuss, approve or disapprove an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Tax Assessment and Collection of Property Tax in 2025-2026 between Aransas County, Texas and the City of Rockport, Texas – Anna Marshall/Judge Garza
20. Discuss, approve or disapprove an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Tax Assessment and Collection of Property Tax in 2025-2026 between Aransas County, Texas and the Aransas County Navigation District – Anna Marshall/Judge Garza
21. Discuss, approve or disapprove an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Tax Assessment and Collection of Property Tax in 2025-2026 between Aransas County, Texas and the Rockport-Fulton Independent School District – Anna Marshall/Judge Garza
22. Discuss, approve or disapprove an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Tax Assessment and Collection of Property Tax in 2025-2026 between Aransas County, Texas and the Municipal Utility District No. 1 – Anna Marshall/Judge Garza

XI. PLANNING AND BUDGET

23. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the June 2025 Treasurer's Report – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
24. Discuss, approve or disapprove 2nd Quarter Aransas County Treasurer's Investment Report – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
25. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing County Judge to sign the Optional Health Care Services Notification for Aransas County Indigent Health Care optional services allowed for the fiscal year September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026. There are no changes in services covered – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza

26. Discuss, approve or disapprove allowing the Information Technology department to seek proposals to develop and launch a new County Website – Collin Jackson/Judge Garza
27. Discuss, approve or disapprove implementing a County Specific Wellness Incentive Program beginning October 1, 2025 – Desiree Upton/Judge Garza
28. Discuss, approve or disapprove the updates to the Aransas County Employee Handbook – Desiree Upton/Judge Garza
29. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Budget Line Items
Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
30. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities –
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

31. Convene into a Closed Session in accordance with Texas Government Code §551.071 to consult with counsel and receive legal advice about pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or other attorney-client privileged 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 v. 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 proposed mediations, insurance claims, and/or formal review; and

vi. Discuss a personnel matter and update the Court on future plans involving this personnel matter, pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, PERSONNEL MATTERS; CLOSED MEETING.

(a) This chapter does not require a governmental body to conduct an open meeting:

(1) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, or

(2) to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.

(b) Subsection (a) does not apply if the office or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public meeting – Judge Garza

XV. OPEN SESSION

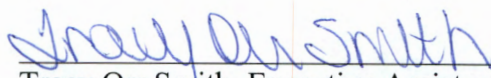
32. Reconvene into Open Session

33. 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 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.



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FILED FOR RECORD

AT 1:15 P.M.

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COUNTY CLERK, ARANSAS CO., TEXAS
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