

MINUTES – Regular Meeting

Aransas County Commissioners Court



9:00 AM, August 3, 2026

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met on **3rd DAY of August, 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 \(aransascourt.com\)](https://www.aransascourt.com/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
Pat Rousseau, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Robert Dupnik, Commissioner, Precinct 4

I. CALL TO ORDER

Video Time 3:51

II. INVOCATION

Video Time 4:03

III. PLEDGES

Video Time 4:56

IV. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Video Time 5:22

V. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Video Time 5:33

- ★ Peggy Bourg
- ★ William Hammann
- ★ Michelle Simmons
- ★ Kim Hesley
- ★ Tracy Borrell
- ★ Matt Hesley
- ★ Jennifer Day
- ★ Tommy Nelms
- ★ Maureen & Darrin Hanson
- ★ Kristie Rutledge, text read by Commissioner Rousseau
- ★ Brad Goebel
- ★ Jerry Brundrett, text read by Commissioner Rousseau
- ★ Scarlett Embrey

VI. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS - NONE

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve the Minutes from the July 27, 2026 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza

2. Approve the Minutes from the July 30, 2026 Special Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
3. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court the Certificate of Completion for Commissioner Rousseau from the V.G. Young Institute of County Government for successfully completing 16 hours of educational training at the 92nd Annual South Texas CJA Conference – Commissioner Rousseau/Judge Garza
4. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court the Certificate of Completion for Judge Garza from the V.G. Young Institute of County Government for successfully completing 8 hours of educational training at the 92nd Annual South Texas CJA Conference – Judge Garza
Video Time 13:59
 - ✪ **Motion to accept the consent agenda:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

VIII. COUNTY REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

5. Discuss and approve Order #O-08-2026, ordering a General Election to be held November 3, 2026 for the purpose of electing county and precinct officers, and providing notice of the election – Kevin Stroud/Judge Garza
Video Time 14:14
 - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
 - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
6. Discuss and approve Order #O-09-2026, an Order of Appointment of Judges and Alternatives, for a one-year term to begin September 1, 2026 – Kevin Stroud/Judge Garza
Video Time 15:22
 - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
 - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN - NONE

X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

7. Discuss and accept the Aransas County Single Audit Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2025, as presented by Crowe, LLP, Certified Public Accountants – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
Video Time 16:07
 - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
8. Discuss, approve or disapprove an Interlocal Agreement for Tax Assessment and Collection of Property Tax in 2026-2027 between Aransas County, Texas, and the Town of Fulton, Texas - Anna Marshall/Judge Garza
Video Time 24:07
 - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline; with County's address corrected to 308 N. Live Oak on all related I.L.A.s for Tax Assessment.
 - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

9. Discuss, approve or disapprove an Interlocal Agreement for Tax Assessment and Collection of Property Tax in 2026-2027 between Aransas County, Texas, and the City of Rockport, Texas - Anna Marshall/Judge Garza
Video Time 25:15
 - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
10. Discuss, approve or disapprove an Interlocal Agreement for Tax Assessment and Collection of Property Tax in 2026-2027 between Aransas County, Texas, and the Aransas County Navigation District - Anna Marshall/Judge Garza
Video Time 26:00
 - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
 - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
11. Discuss, approve or disapprove an Interlocal Agreement for Tax Assessment and Collection of Property Tax in 2026-2027 between Aransas County, Texas, and the Rockport-Fulton Independent School District - Anna Marshall/Judge Garza
Video Time 26:33
 - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
 - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
12. Discuss, approve or disapprove an Interlocal Agreement for Tax Assessment and Collection of Property Tax in 2026-2027 between Aransas County, Texas, and Municipal Utility District No. 1 - Anna Marshall/Judge Garza
Video Time 26:59
 - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
13. Discuss, approve or disapprove adoption of the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Rockport, Aransas County, and Aransas County Navigation District related to the City of Rockport's Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) #1 and authorize the County Judge to sign the Agreement – Commissioner Rousseau
Video Time 27:35
 - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ✪ **Amend motion to include:** that the county may terminate the agreement upon one year's written notice and termination shall not affect obligations already incurred by for previous approved projects, by Judge Garza, no second the motion to amend died.
 - ✪ **Amend motion to include:** the county shall have the right to inspect, review and copy all books, records, invoices, receipts, contracts, purchase orders, bid documents, change orders, payment applications, lien waivers, proof of payment, engineering certificates, or any other documents supporting request for reimbursement payment from the Tax Increment Fund by Judge Garza, seconded by Commissioner Casterline
 - ✪ **Vote for amendment:** Motion carried 3-2, Commissioners Rousseau and Dupnik voted nay: it was so ordered

- ⊛ **Vote with the above approved amendment:** Motion carried 4-1, Judge Garza voted nay: it was so ordered

XI. PLANNING AND BUDGET

14. Discuss, approve or disapprove on the selection of “Option A – No Change” on the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) Imposition of Optional Fees form for calendar year 2027. Under Transportation Code, *Section 502.403*, this selection maintains Aransas County’s current local vehicle registration fees, which include a \$1.50 Child Safety Fee and a \$10.00 Road and Bridge Fee; Revenue from the Child Safety Fee will continue to fund local child safety measures within the county – Anna Marshall/Judge Garza

Video Time 37:54

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

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

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

Video Time 38:54

- ⊛ **Motion to accept the consent agenda:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

- ⊛ **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 40:27

- ⊛ Anna Marshall
- ⊛ Misty Kimbrough
- ⊛ Judge Garza
- ⊛ Kevin Stroud

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

- ⊛ **There were 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.

⊗ There was no Closed Session.

XV. OPEN SESSION

16. Reconvene into Open Session

⊗ There was no Closed Session

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

⊗ There was no Closed Session.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Video Time 44:31

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

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

⊗ **Meeting adjourned at 9:43 AM**

ARANSAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT



Ray A. Garza, County Judge

8/10/26

Date signed.

Misty Kimbrough,
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

8-10-26

Date signed and attestation.