

MINUTES – Regular Meeting

Aransas County Commissioners Court



9:00 AM – Monday, August 4, 2025

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met on **4th DAY of AUGUST, 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/Commissioners-Court-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 1-1A
Leslie Casterline, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Pat Rousseau, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Robert Dupnik, Commissioner, Precinct 4-4A

I. CALL TO ORDER

Video Time 4:10

II. INVOCATION

Video Time 4:26

III. PLEDGES

Video Time 5:23

IV. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Video Time 5:49

V. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Video Time 6:00

☼ There were none.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Presentation on Aransas National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) Coastal Resiliency Initiative – Felipe Prieto – Wildlife Refuge Specialist/Judge Garza

Video Time 6:06

2. Presentation of the Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Historical Commission to the Aransas County Historical Commission in recognition of its outstanding preservation work accomplishments. This annual award recognizes Aransas County Historical Commission appointees for managing well-rounded history and preservation – related programs that enrich Texas communities – Doreen Bronner/Judge Garza

Video Time 29:57

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

3. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the July 28, 2025 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza

Video Time 32:17

- ☼ **Motion to accept the consent agenda:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
- ☼ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

VIII. COUNTY REPORTS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

4. Discuss, approve or disapprove Resolution #R-31-2025, a Proposal to Publish Delinquent Taxpayer's Names – Judge Garza

Video Time 32:36

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

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

5. Discuss, approve or disapprove Order #O-09-2025, an Order of Appointment of Judges and Alternates, for a one-year term to begin September 1, 2025 – Kevin Stroud /Judge Garza

Video Time 33:01

⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline

⊛ **Amend motion:** Commissioner Rousseau requested an amendment to read as “Order of Appointment of Election Judges”: by Commissioner Dupnik, amended motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau

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

6. Discuss, approve or disapprove Order #O-10-2025, ordering a Special Election to be held November 4, 2025 for the purpose of adopting or rejecting the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas, and providing notice of the election – Kevin Stroud/Judge Garza

Video Time 34:03

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

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

IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN – NONE

X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

7. Discuss, approve or disapprove including adding the Courthouse, located at 308 N Live Oak, Rockport, Texas to the County Property Insurance for a period of 7-2025 to 3-2026 for the amount of \$385,556.76 – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Video Time 34:53

⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline

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

8. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing County Judge to sign an Interlocal Agreement for 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point Services (PSAP) – Sheriff Mills/Collin Jackson/Judge Garza

Video Time 37:23

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

⊛ Commissioner Rousseau mentioned that the address for the mailing in the agreement is wrong, it was agreed to update that information.

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

XI. PLANNING AND BUDGET

9. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Budget Line Items – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Video Time 39:44

✧ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline

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

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

Video Time 40:04

✧ **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 40:37

✧ Commissioner Rousseau

✧ Commissioner Chaney

✧ Judge Garza

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

Video Time 45:13

✧ There were none

XIV. CLOSED SESSION

11. 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: None

- i. Discuss 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 officer or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public meeting – Judge Garza

Video Time 45:28

✧ **Motion to move into closed session:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik

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

XV. OPEN SESSION

12. Reconvene into Open Session

Video Time 1:00:46

- ⊛ **Motion to reconvene into open session:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
- ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

13. Discuss and take action on matters discussed in closed session – Judge Garza

Video Time 1:01:16

- ⊛ **No action to be taken**

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Video Time 1:01:19

- ⊛ **Motion to adjourn:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
- ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- ⊛ **Meeting adjourned at 9:57 AM**

ARANSAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT



Misty Kimbrough

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

8/11/25

Date signed and attestation.

Ray A. Garza

Ray A. Garza, County Judge

8/11/2025

Date signed.