

MINUTES – Regular Meeting

Aransas County Commissioners Court



9:00 AM, August 10, 2026

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met on 10th 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 \(aransascourttx.gov\)](https://www.aransascourttx.gov/CommissionersCourtMinutesAndAgendas), 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 2:53](#)

II. INVOCATION

[Video Time 3:09](#)

III. PLEDGES

[Video Time 3:50](#)

IV. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

[Video Time 4:18](#)

V. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

[Video Time 4:30](#)

☼ Brad Brundrett, read by Commissioner Rousseau

VI. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Presentation and brief update from the Aransas Pathways Copano Cove Ranch Land Use Plan Sub-Committee Chair, Steve Ferguson – Rene Butler/Commissioner Pat Rousseau
[Video Time 5:51](#)

2. Presentation from Chris Veatch, Key Allegro Island Manager, regarding critical need for replacement/revetment of Reach 5 along Bay Shore Drive in Key Allegro -
Commissioner Rousseau

[Video Time 23:13](#)

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approve the Minutes from the August 3, 2026 Regular Meeting - Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
4. Approve the Minutes from the August 3, 2026 Workshop Meeting – Misty Kimbrough /Judge Garza
5. Approve the Minutes from the August 4, 2026 Workshop Meeting – Misty Kimbrough /Judge Garza

[Video Time 34:43](#)

☼ **Motion to accept the consent agenda:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik

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

VIII. COUNTY REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

6. Discuss, approve or disapprove Order #O-10-2026, an Order of the County of Aransas, Texas, prohibiting outdoor burning for a period of up to sixty (60) days – Judge Garza
Video Time 35:01
 - ✧ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
 - ✧ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
7. Discuss and approve the Texas Maritime Museum Report for 2nd Quarter 2026 – Ashley Pieprzyca/Judge Garza
Video Time 37:29
 - ✧ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
 - ✧ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
8. Discuss and approve a Certificate of Appreciation recognizing Sarah Linnea Donato for her outstanding dedication and two years of exemplary service as a youth volunteer for Aransas County Animal Care Services – Caitlan Frazier/Judge Garza
Video Time 43:54
 - ✧ **Item 8 struck by Judge Ray Garza**

IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN

9. Discuss, approve or disapprove a request for a variance on a County requirement that all newly subdivided lots front a paved roadway for replat of 2011 Smith Road – Katherine Comeaux/Judge Garza
Video Time 43:59
 - ✧ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
 - ✧ **Vote:** Motion denied 3-2, Commissioners Chaney, Casterline and Dupnik nay: it was so ordered
10. Discuss, approve or disapprove a petition from Cape Velero Subdivision for residents requesting the removal of an accessory structure within the Aransas County right-of way – Katherine Comeaux/Judge Garza
Video Time 57:50
 - ✧ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ✧ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

11. Discuss, approve or disapprove proceeding to the bids process for commissary vendors for the Detention Center services – Michael Brooks/Sheriff Mills/Judge Garza
Video Time 59:23
 - ✧ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ✧ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
12. Discuss, approve or disapprove the surplus of the license and weight portable scales and sale to Menard County Sheriff's Office – Michael Brooks/Sheriff Mills/Judge Garza
Video Time 1:00:51
 - ✧ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
 - ✧ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

★ **Judge Garza called for a five-minutes break**

Video Time 1:05:29

★ **Judge Garza called to continue the meeting**

Video Time 1:11:58

13. Discuss, approve or disapprove a request from Aransas County Animal Care Services to purchase an 8-stall slide-in truck cage with storage and an exhaust fan for an 8-foot bed from Jones Trailer Company for the new 724 truck, in the total amount of \$10,399.58 (including shipping), and authorize County Judge to execute all related documents –

Caitlan Frazier/Judge Garza

Video Time 1:12:01

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

★ **Amendment Motion:** to correct the agenda to correct it from “8-stall to 6-stall slide-in truck cage”; by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline

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

14. Discuss, approve or disapprove ratifying the County Judges signature on the execution of documents for Amendment No. 10 in the General Land Office (GLO) Contract No. 24-065-098-C270 – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Video Time 1:14:57

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

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

XI. PLANNING AND BUDGET

15. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Aransas County Indigent Health Care Report for July 2026 – Suryta Laqua/Judge Garza

Video Time 1:16:38

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

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

16. Discuss, approve or disapprove proposing a 2026 Total Tax Rate of \$0.381634 per \$100 valuation and scheduling a Public Hearing for Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 8:30am and Monday, September 14, 2026 at 8:30am – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Proposed Tax Rate Breakdown:

- General Fund M&O Rate: \$0.293172/\$100
- General Fund Debt Rate: \$0.037517/\$100
- Road & Bridge Rate: \$.045171/\$100
- Flood Control Debt Rate: \$0.005774/\$100
- Total Proposed Tax Rate: \$0.381634/\$100

Video Time 1:21:21

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

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

17. Discuss and take action to propose the 2027 Budget and schedule Public Hearings for Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 8:45am and Monday September 14, 2026 at 8:45am – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Video Time 1:24:25

- ✧ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
- ✧ **Amended Motion to 2027 Budget** – to remove Director of Community Development job position for 2027, by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik.
- ✧ **Vote Amendment Motion:** motion denied 2-3, Commissioners Chaney, Casterline and Judge Garza were nay; it was so ordered

Video Time 1:28:23

- ✧ **Vote on the first Motion to schedule the hearings:** the motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

Video Time 1:34:22

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

Video Time 1:34:38

- ✧ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
- ✧ **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 1:35:39

- ✧ Wings over Rockport; Chad Mitchell, read by Commissioner Dupnik
- ✧ Anna Marshall, Office Closure
- ✧ Sheriff Bill Mills, School Starting on Wednesday

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

Video Time 1:38:01

- ✧ Commissioner Rousseau, Opening of Purple Heart Museum and Ribbon Cutting RFHS

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.

19. 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

20. Consult with counsel pursuant to §551.071 regarding legal issues and attorney-client matters related to the County's participation in TIRZ No. 1 and the proposed interlocal agreement – Marsha Perez

⊛ **Item 20 struck by Judge Ray Garza**

Video Time 1:39:01

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

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

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

Video Time 1:39:53

XV. OPEN SESSION

21. Reconvene into Open Session

Video Time 2:03:26

⊛ **Motion to reconvene into open session:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

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

22. Discuss and take action as necessary as a result of executive session discussion.

Video Time 2:03:41

⊛ **No Action Taken**

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Video Time 2:03:45

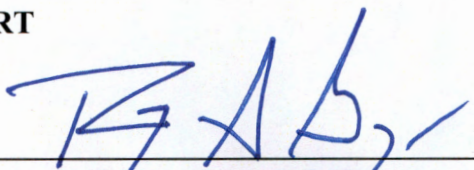
⊛ **Motion to adjourn:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau

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

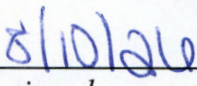
⊛ **Meeting adjourned at 11:01 AM**

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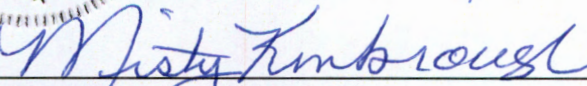




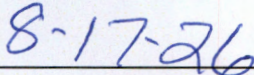
Ray A. Garza, County Judge



Date signed.



Misty Kimbrough,
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court



Date signed and attestation.