

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

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 **18th DAY of AUGUST, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW COURTROOM IN THE ARANSAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 2718 HWY 35 N., 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.

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.

1. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the August 11, 2025 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
2. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the August 11, 2025 Budget Workshop Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza

VIII. COUNTY REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

3. Discuss, approve, or disapprove authorizing County Judge to submit to the Texas Department of Information Resources required electronic documents to certify Aransas County's compliance with Texas State Government Code 2054.5191, which mandates personnel to complete an annual State Certified Cyber Security Training Course – Collin Jackson/Judge Garza

IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN - NONE

X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

4. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing an order under the Texas Department of Information Resources (TxDIR) TEX-AN 2021 Rate Contract #AT&T DIR-TELE-CTSA-002 to upgrade existing internet service to a 1 gigabit internet service, for a base rate of \$931.84/month for 24 months. The existing circuit base rate is \$998.75/month and will be replaced by the new rate. No new monies – Collin Jackson/Judge Garza
5. Discuss, approve or disapprove Hiring Resolution #R-32-2025, to award the contract to Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for United States Army Corp of Engineering (USACE) permit extension services for the Lamar Beach Road Drainage dated July 14, 2025, and previously approved at the July 28, 2025 Commissioners Court meeting, authorizing the County Judge to execute necessary documents, provide for severance of invalid provisions and confirm compliance with the Open Meetings Act – Federal Emergency Management Agency/Texas Division of Emergency Management – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (FEMA/TDEM/HMGP) Sub-Award grant agreement #DR-4332-0015 provides federal funding for grant management and construction of the project – Elle Moralez/Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza
6. Discuss, approve, or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign the Notice of Award between Aransas County and Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for the Lamar Beach Road Drainage project. Federal Emergency Management Agency/Texas Division of Emergency Management – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (FEMA/TDEM-HMGP) Sub-Award grant agreement #DR-4332-0015 provides federal funding for grant management and construction of the project. Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) funding may be utilized for the United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) permit extension request – Elle Moralez/Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza

7. Discuss, approve or disapprove and authorize the County Judge to sign the Contract between Aransas County and Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for the Lamar Beach Road Drainage project. Aransas County's Federal Emergency Management Agency/Texas Division of Emergency Management – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (FEMA/TDEM/HMGP) Sub-Award grant agreement #DR-4332-0015 provides federal funding for grant management and construction of the project. Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) funding may be utilized for the United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) permit extension request – Elle Morales/Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza
8. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to enter into contract with Lowery Property Advisors for the Licensed-Certified General Real Estate Appraiser projects – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

XI. PLANNING AND BUDGET

9. Discuss, approve or disapprove changing the title of the Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator to Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator in order to better reflect the duties and responsibilities associated with the position – Mike Geer/Judge Garza
10. Discuss, approve or disapprove the purchase of a 2026 Mack MD742 Dump Truck in the amount of \$117,598.49, and authorize the County Judge to execute necessary documents – Road & Bridge/Judge Garza
11. Discuss the 2026 Budget - Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
12. Discuss and propose a 2025 Tax Rate of \$0.378500/\$100. The Tax Rate Proposed is General Fund M&O of \$0.286743/\$100 and General Fund Debt Rate of \$0.046412/\$100. The Road and Bridge Proposed Tax Rate is \$.039100/\$100 and a Flood Control Debt Rate of \$0.006245/\$100, and schedule Public Hearing for Monday, September 8, 2025, at 8:30am and September 22, 2025 at 8:30am – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
13. Discuss and receive information from the public concerning the 2026 Proposed Budget and schedule the 2026 Budget Public Hearings for September 8, 2025, at 8:45am and September 22, 2025 for 8:45am – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
14. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Budget Line Item - Transfers – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
15. 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

16. 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 –
Amanda Oster/Adela Martinez/Judge Garza

- i. *Aransas County Texas v. Endurance American Specialty Insurance Company, et al*, Aransas County District Court Cause No. 23-0021;

- ii. *Northstar Recovery Services, 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;

- iii. *Western Steel Company v. T2J Partners, LLC D/E/A FPS Recovery, LLC and Aransas County, Texas*; Cause No. 24-0072, in the 36th District Court of Aransas County, Texas;

- 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

- vi. 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 office or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public meeting – Judge Garza

XV. OPEN SESSION

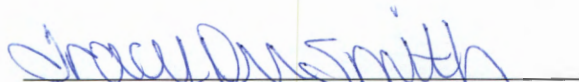
17. Reconvene into Open Session

18. 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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MISTY KIMBROUGH
COUNTY CLERK, ARANSAS CO., TEXAS
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