

MINUTES – Regular Meeting

Aransas County Commissioners Court



9:00 AM – Monday, August 25, 2025

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met on **25th 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), 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 5:23

II. INVOCATION

Video Time 5:40

III. PLEDGES

Video Time 6:54

IV. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Video Time 7:21

★ Judge Garza struck item # 13

Video Time 7:34

V. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Video Time 7:42

★ Kathy Kane

VI. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Video Time 9:54

★ There were none

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the August 18, 2025 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza

Video Time 9:57

★ **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, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

2. 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 [*Tabled 08-11-2025*] - Judge Garza

Video Time 10:15

- ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ★ **Commissioner Rousseau** proposed an amended version it was not seconded, see attachment
 - ★ **Vote on the original motion:** Motion carried 1-4: Commissioner Chaney voted for; it was so ordered
3. Discuss, approve or disapprove Resolution #R-33-2025, a resolution expressing intent to finance expenditures to be incurred by Aransas County, Texas – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Video Time 21:55

- ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
- ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN - NONE

X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

4. Discuss, approve or disapprove a request from Community Development to apply for the Q3 T-Mobile grant to fund a furniture purchase for the Aransas County Community Center Building, and research and apply for additional grant funding opportunities for furniture – Elle Morales/Commissioner Casterline/Judge Garza

Video Time 25:34

- ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
5. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing Environmental Health to seek bids for Insecticides/Mosquito chemicals for FY2026 – Anthony VanMeter/Judge Garza

Video Time 26:50

- ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
6. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing solicitation of Invitation for Bids (IFB) for road materials for 2026 for the County of Aransas and authorize the County Judge to sign all necessary documents – Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza

Video Time 27:37

- ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
7. Discuss, approve or disapprove rescinding the approved Change Order No. 6 and approve the Revised Change Order No. 6 for the construction contract for Southwest Aransas County Drainage Improvements in the County's General Land Office (GLO), Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Relief (CDBG-DR), Contract #20-065-098-C270. LCR Total Transport, LLC., in the Revised Change Order No. 6, requests an increase in the contract time by an additional fourteen (14) calendar days – Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza

Video Time 28:38

- ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
- ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

8. Discuss, approve or disapprove Change Order No. 7 for the construction contract for Southwest Aransas County Drainage Improvements in the County's General Land Office Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Relief (CDBG-DR) Contract #20-065-098-C270. LCR Total Transport, LLC., requests an increase in the contract amount by \$2,000.00 – Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza

Video Time 29:54

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

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

9. Discuss, approve or disapprove accepting and approving As-Built drawings and authorize the County Judge to sign the As-Built Acceptance Letter and the Certificate of Construction Completion for the Southwest Aransas County Drainage Improvements Project, in the County's General Land Office Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Relief (CDBG-DR) Contract #20-065-098-C270 – Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza

Video Time 31:10

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

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

10. Discuss, approve, or disapprove and authorize County Judge to sign G&W Engineers Amendment #04 as a contract extension of time through 05/22/2026, 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

Video Time 32:23

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

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

XI. PLANNING AND BUDGET

11. Discuss, approve or disapprove July 2025 Treasurer's Report – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza

Video Time 34:10

★ **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 creating the Chief Court Clerk position for Justice of the Peace 2 – Judge McGinnis/Judge Garza

Video Time 34:54

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

★ **Amended the motion to:** create the Chief Court position by reclassifying from the Court Clerk for JP2, by Commissioner Rousseau and seconded by Commissioner Casterline

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

13. Discuss, approve or disapprove adding a Governmental Affairs Liaison/Court Manager position to the County Judge's Office to provide legal support to the Commissioner's

Court and County – Judge Garza

Video Time 7:34

★ **Tabled by Judge Garza**

14. Discuss, approve or disapprove job description for a Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator/Public Information Officer – Judge Garza

Video Time 37:47

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

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

15. Discuss, approve or disapprove and authorize the County Judge to sign 2025 Catapult Health Addendum with Catapult Health for Onsite Screenings during the Annual Aransas County Employee Health Fair – Desiree Upton/Judge Garza

Video Time 39:09

★ **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 the Revised Procurement Procedures Policy, increasing the Small Purchase Amount to \$100,000, set by SB (Senate Bill) 1173 – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Video Time 40:32

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

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

17. Discuss the 2026 Budget - Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Video Time 41:53

★ **Discussion**

18. Discuss, approve or disapprove setting the Budget Public Hearings for the 2026 Annual Budget on September 8, 2025, at 8:45am in the Aquarium Education Center located at 706 Navigation Circle, and September 22, 2025 at 8:45am in the County Court at Law Courtroom located at 2718 Hwy 35 N - Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Video Time 43:41

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

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

19. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Budget Line Item - Transfers – Jacky Cockerham /Judge Garza

Video Time 44:26

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

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

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

Video Time 44:45

★ **Motion to approve:** 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 46:13

- ★ Jacky Cockerham, Auditor
- ★ Commissioner Chaney
- ★ Elle Morales, Community Development
- ★ Mike Geer, Airport Manager & Emergency Management Coordinator

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

Video Time 53:31

- ★ Commissioner Rousseau

XIV. CLOSED SESSION

21. 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/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 DIE/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

- ★ **There was no closed session**

XV. OPEN SESSION

22. Reconvene into Open Session

- ★ **There was no closed session**

23. 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/Judge Garza

✱ **There was no closed session**

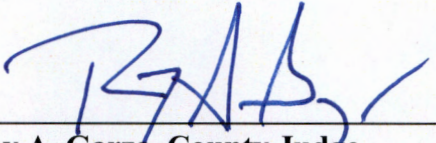
XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Video Time 54:16

- ✱ **Motion to adjourn:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
✱ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
✱ **Meeting adjourned at 9:49 AM**

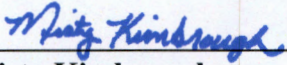
ARANSAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT





Ray A. Garza, County Judge
9/8/2025

Date signed.



Misty Kimbrough,
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court
9/8/25

Date signed and attestation.