

MINUTES – Regular Meeting

Aransas County Commissioners Court



9:00 AM, August 31, 2026

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met on **31st 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 \(aransascountytexas.gov\)](https://www.aransascountytexas.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 5:07

II. INVOCATION

Video Time 5:33

III. PLEDGES

Video Time 8:10

IV. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Video Time 8:39

V. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Video Time 8:51

★ There were none

VI. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS - NONE

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve the Minutes from the August 17, 2026 Regular Meeting - Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
2. Approve the Minutes from the August 24, 2026 Regular Meeting –Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
3. Acknowledge and accept a painting, valued at \$300.00 and donated by John Graham, hanging above the bailiff's desk on the second floor of the Aransas County Courthouse – Judge Garza
4. Acknowledge and accept a painting, valued at \$250.00 and donated by Linda Haynes, to be hung in the Aransas County Courthouse – Judge Garza
5. Acknowledge and accept donations of in-kind goods and services from community partners in support of the 2026 Aransas Bird Days, held April 18-19, 2026, and Kayak at Sunset,

held June 19, 2026, as seen in the attached summary: Leah Medado / Rene Butler / Judge Garza

- A. Aransas Bird Days: 5 Donors totaling \$2,275.71
- B. Kayak at Sunset: 4 Donors totaling \$2,931.60

Video Time 9:01

- ★ **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 - NONE

IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN - NONE

X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

- 6. 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 Government Code 2054.5191, which mandates personnel to complete an annual State Certified Cyber Security Training and an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Training Course – Collin Jackson/Judge Garza

Video Time 10:06

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

- 7. Discuss, approve or disapprove a service agreement with STORY to enhance the Aransas Pathways marketing capabilities using a digital visitor-engagement platform, and authorize the County Judge to execute the agreement – Leah Medado/Rene Butler/Judge Garza

Video Time 10:52

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

- 8. Discuss, approve or disapprove an agreement with G&W Engineering for the feasibility study related to the HMGP (Hazard Mitigation Grant Project) Standby Generators projects – Detention Center Generator, DR-4332-0195 and the Public Safety EOPS Generator, DR-4332-0196, FEMA disaster recovery-approved projects via sub-award agreement with TDEM (Texas Division of Emergency Management) as a Hazard Mitigation Grant Project – Elle Morales/Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Video Time 14:38

- ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
- ★ **Amend Motion** to include the verbiage of “up to \$75,000.00”: by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
- ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

- 9. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing Garver LLC, in collaboration with County Staff, to prepare and advertise Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals for the Aransas County Backup Generator Improvements Project No. 2502223 – Elle Morales/Judge Garza

Video Time 22:45

- ★ **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 authorizing the County Judge to sign the construction contract for the Town of Fulton Streets and Drainage Project with Tex-Mix Paving, LLC, in the total amount of \$1,974,684.75 utilizing the Base Bid with Alternates #1 and #2, funded through the Aransas County, Texas General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-MIT-MOD) Contract No. 24-065-1285-E986 – Darrell Seibert/Commissioner Dupnik/Judge Garza
Video Time 23:43
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- 11. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign an Agreement and necessary documents with Pape-Dawson Consulting Engineers, LLC, (KSA) for engineering design and specifications at the County Airport, funded by the 2023 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Grant (BIL 2616RCKP), subject to final review and approval as to form by Marsha Perez – Mike Geer/Judge Garza
Video Time 24:55
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- 12. Discuss, approve or disapprove a new professional services engagement letter with Allensworth & Porter, L.L.P., Will Allensworth to provide specialized legal counsel and litigation representation for Aransas County regarding Cause No. 26-0007, and authorize the County Judge to execute all related documents – Marsha Perez/Judge Garza
Video Time 30:15
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
 - ★ **Amended Item #12 from Cause No. 26-007 to 26-0007**
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- XI. **PLANNING AND BUDGET**
- 13. Discuss, approve or disapprove and authorize the County Judge to sign the updated Aransas County Employee Handbook – Desiree Upton/Judge Garza
Video Time 31:23
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- 14. Discuss and take action regarding updates, revisions and proposed changes to the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget prior to final adoption – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
Video Time 31:55
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, 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 33:18
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik

- ★ **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 34:00

- ★ Desiree Upton, HR Director
- ★ Judge Garza

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

Video Time 34:42

- ★ 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.

16. 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

Video Time 34:50

- ★ **No Executive Session was needed.**

XV. OPEN SESSION

17. Reconvene into Open Session
 - ★ **There was no executive session.**
18. Discuss and take action as necessary as a result of executive session discussion.
 - ★ **There was no executive session.**

VII. XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Video Time 34:52

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

⊛ Meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM

ARANSAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT



Misty Kimbrough

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

9/14/2026

Date signed and attestation.

Ray A. Garza

Ray A. Garza, County Judge

9/14/2026

Date signed.