

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

AMENDED 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 **8th DAY of SEPTEMBER, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. AT THE AQUARIUM EDUCATION CENTER LOCATED AT 706 NAVIGATION CIRCLE, 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

1. Presentation by Ray Presley regarding the Aransas County Appraisal District – Judge Garza
2. Proclamation #P-13-2025 - Texas Navy Week – Michael Ables/Judge Garza

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.

3. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the August 25, 2025 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
4. Acknowledge and accept a donation of blankets and pillowcases from Elain McCollum, to be distributed by the Aransas County Assistance Dept. to residents that need them – Alma Cartwright/Commissioner Chaney/Judge Garza
5. Acknowledge and accept a memorial donation to the Aransas County Public Library from Ronny & Pat Barker in the amount of \$50 in memory of James “Jim” Elliott Friebele – Iris Sanchez/Judge Garza
6. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court the County Judges and Commissioners Court Association of Texas’ Continuing Education Transcript for Commissioner Dupnik with 21 hours earned – Commissioner Dupnik
7. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court the County Judges and Commissioners Court Association of Texas’ Continuing Education Transcript for Commissioner Casterline with 24 hours earned – Commissioner Casterline

VIII. COUNTY REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

8. Discuss, approve or disapprove the request from the Rockport Center for the Arts (RCA) to place a sculpture by internationally renowned French artist Bernar Venet in the Celebration Plaza courtyard of the new Aransas County Courthouse. Venet is a celebrated conceptual artist, recipient of the 2016 International Sculpture Center’s Lifetime Achievement Award, and recognized worldwide for his dynamic, thought-provoking large - scale works – Karen Ernst, Executive Director - RCA/Commissioner Pat Rousseau
9. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Rockport Cultural Arts District 2nd Quarter Report for 2025 – Jennifer Day/Judge Garza
10. Discuss, approve or disapprove the distribution of the \$102,322.00 US Fish and Wildlife Service Refuge Revenue Sharing Account Annual Payments to Local Governments for Lands under their Administration for Fiscal Year 2024, received in 2025 – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza

IX. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

11. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign contract with Kofile for Custom Archival Storage Solution Services. Storage is for the County Clerk projects SO 209036, 208027, 209092, 20916510 and District Clerk project SO 20917123 – Misty Kimbrough/Zach Westlake/Judge Garza

12. Discuss, approve or disapprove a contract renewal with Austin Wood Recycling, Inc.; Aransas County and Austin Wood Recycling entered into an agreement on April 14, 2025 for an initial term ending December 31, 2025 with four (4) one-year renewal options for Brush Grinding Services – Anthony Van Meter/Judge Garza
13. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign the Notice to Proceed between Aransas County and Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., for the Lamar Beach Road Drainage projects for the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) permit extension request. The 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 the construction of the project. Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) funding may be utilized for the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) permit extension request – Elle Morales/Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza
14. Discuss, approve or disapprove request to execute Notice to Proceed (NTP) with Lowrey Property Advisors – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
15. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign an annual agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the 2025 Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP) Grant M2616RCKP, which reimburses 90% of costs for eligible airport maintenance projects up to \$100,000.00 – Mike Geer/Judge Garza
16. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing payment to WayPoint, our reseller partner, to renew our Mission Critical Server Software and Hardware licensing at a total cost of \$129,586.87, which is due by September 18, 2025 – Collin Jackson/Judge Garza
17. Discuss, approve or disapprove accepting the Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program's (CBBEP) funding award of \$80,000 for the Aransas Pathway's "Airport Kayak Launch Site Improvements" – Jim Farnsworth/Aransas County Pathways Steering Committee/Rene Butler, Facilities Director/Commissioner Pat Rousseau
18. Discuss, approve or disapprove a Supplemental Engagement Letter with Will W. Allensworth to continue providing legal services related to the Aransas County Courthouse project; authorize a not-to-exceed amount of \$60,000; and authorize the County Judge to execute the Supplemental Engagement Letter – Judge Garza

X. PLANNING AND BUDGET

19. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Aransas County Indigent Health Care Report for August 2025 – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
20. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Aransas County Indigent Health Care End of Year Report FY 2024-2025 - Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
21. Discuss, approve or disapprove the updated job descriptions for the Director and Senior IT Technician roles in the Information Technology Department – No new Monies – Collin Jackson/Judge Garza

22. Discuss, approve or disapprove the July 2025 Auditor's Monthly Report –
Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
23. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities –
Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

**XI. 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.

**XII. 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.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

24. 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 – Marsha Perez/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 officer or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public meeting – Judge Garza

XIV. OPEN SESSION

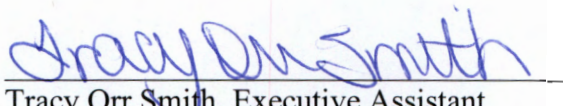
25. Reconvene into Open Session

26. 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 – Marsha Perez/Judge Garza

XV. ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby affirmed that this **NOTICE OF MEETING and AGENDA** was duly posted at the Aransas County Courthouse at least three (3) business days 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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FILED FOR RECORD
AT 5:07 P.M.
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MISTY KIMBROUGH
COUNTY CLERK, ARANSAS CO., TEXAS