

COMMISSIONERS COURT
Aransas County, Texas
Ray A. Garza, County Judge

Jack Chaney
Commissioner, Pct 1

Leslie Casterline
Commissioner, Pct 2



Pat Rousseau
Commissioner, Pct 3

Robert Dupnik
Commissioner, Pct 4

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 **14th DAY of SEPTEMBER, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM AT THE ARANSAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 308 N LIVE OAK, 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 Commissioners 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. Proclamation #P-07-2026 – National POW/MIA Day in Aransas County – 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.

2. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the August 31, 2026 Regular Meeting - Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
3. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the September 8, 2026 Amended Public Hearing Meeting for the 2026 Tax Rate – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
4. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the September 8, 2026 Public Hearing Meeting for the 2026 Budget – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
5. Discuss, approve or disapprove the County Library staying open on October 23, 2026, until 7:30pm for a Halloween event for all patrons. – Iris Sanchez/Judge Garza

VIII. COUNTY REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

6. Discuss, approve or disapprove Resolution #R-28-2026, a Resolution of Aransas County, Texas, certifying that the County has made a \$50,000 grant to Aransas County Council on Aging, an organization that provides home-delivered meals to homebound seniors and individuals with disabilities, and certifying that the County has approved the organization's accounting system or fiscal agent. – Debbie Thompson/Judge Garza

IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN

7. Discuss, approve or disapprove accepting a permanent drainage easement from Robert and Patricia Wight at 15 East Lake Drive in the Goose Island Lake Estates Subdivision and as depicted on the attached exhibits; authorizing the County Judge to execute necessary documents; and directing that the conveyance documents be recorded in the office of the Aransas County Clerk. – Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza
8. Discuss, approve or disapprove Aransas County applying for Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Planning Grant Funds to assess and fortify the resilience of local roads and evacuation routes against natural hazards; and authorize the County Judge to execute all necessary application documents. – Kat Comeaux/Judge Garza

X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

9. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for 2027 road materials for Aransas County and authorize the County Judge to sign all necessary documents – Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza

10. Discuss, approve or disapprove the feasibility study agreement with G&W Engineers, Inc. for the Detention Center Generator (DR-4332-0195) and Public Safety/Emergency Operations Center Generator (DR-4332-0196) projects, and authorize the County Judge to execute the agreement, Notice to Proceed, and related necessary documents. The feasibility study is outside the FEMA/TDEM – approved grant scope of work and will be funded with County funds as a non-grant-reimbursable expense. – Elle Moralez/Judge Garza

XI. PLANNING AND BUDGET

11. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Aransas County Indigent Health Care Report for August 2026 – Suryta Laqua/Judge Garza
12. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Aransas County Indigent Health Care End of Year Report FY 2025-2026 – Suryta Laqua/Judge Garza
13. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Indigent Health Care expenditures, for the Fiscal Year September 1, 2026 to August 31, 2027, based on 8% of the Gross Revenue Tax Levy as calculated by the Aransas County Tax Assessor-Collector on State Comptroller Form 50-252 – Suryta Laqua/Judge Garza
14. Discuss, approve or disapprove 2027 Salaries, Expenses and other allowances of Elected Officials – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
15. Discuss, approve or disapprove adopting the 2027 Budget – THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY AN AMOUNT OF \$506,728.00 WHICH IS A 2.46% INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR'S BUDGET; THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR IS \$447,306.00 – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
16. Discuss, approve or disapprove the adoption of Resolution #R-27-2026, a Resolution for the 2026 Tax Rate. The total tax rate to be levied for the County of Aransas for the tax year 2026, be and is hereby set at \$0.381634 per \$100.00 valuation with an assessment rate of 100 percent, to be assessed and collected by the Tax Assessor-Collector for Aransas County as follows: – Anna Marshall/Judge Garza
 - a) \$0.293172 per \$100 valuation for the purpose of the County ad valorem maintenance and operations fund.
 - b) \$0.037517 per \$100 valuation for the purpose of the County ad valorem interest and sinking fund.
 - c) \$0.045171 per \$100 valuation for the purpose of the County Farm to Market/Flood control maintenance and operations with the resulting levy being split on a percentage basis: 83% designated for the County's Road and Bridge maintenance and operations fund and 17% designated for the Flood Control maintenance and operations fund.

- d) \$0.005774 per \$100 valuation for the purpose of the County Farm to Market/Flood Control FLOOD ONLY Interest and Sinking fund

17. Discuss and approve or disapprove adopting the 2026 Tax Roll and Levy – Anna Marshall/Judge Garza
18. Discuss, approve or disapprove Ratifying the Property Tax Increase reflected in the 2027 Budget – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
19. 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

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.

20. 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

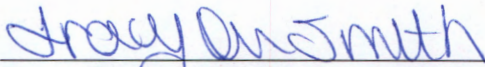
XV. OPEN SESSION

21. Reconvene into Open Session
22. Discuss and take action as necessary as a result of executive session discussion.

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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FILED FOR RECORD
AT 4:53 P.M.

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COUNTY CLERK, ARANSAS CO., TEXAS