

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 **22nd DAY of SEPTEMBER, 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.

1. Presentation by Mark Ocker and Ray Pressley regarding the Aransas County Appraisal District [*Tabled 09/08/2025*]- 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 September 8, 2025 Public Hearing Meeting for the 2025 Tax Rate – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
3. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the September 8, 2025 Public Hearing Meeting for the 2026 Budget – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
4. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the September 8, 2025 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
5. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas' Continuing Education Transcript for Commissioner Rousseau with 49 hours earned – Commissioner Rousseau

VIII. COUNTY REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

6. Discuss, approve or disapprove adopting Resolution #R-35-2025 which adds one new member to the Aransas County Appraisal District Board of Directors (ACAD BOD) to represent the City of Rockport. The new number of voting members on the ACAD BOD will total six plus the Aransas County Tax Assessor-Collector (non-voting position) – Commissioner Rousseau

IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN - NONE

X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

7. Discuss, approve or disapprove a contract renewal with Charlie Marshall Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Inc., for the transportation of bodies to autopsies and cremations and the transportation of paupers – Judge Garza

XI. PLANNING AND BUDGET

8. Discuss, approve or disapprove the August 2025 Treasurer's Report – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
9. Discuss, approve or disapprove the formation of the Assistant Director position for the Information Technology Department. No new monies – Collin Jackson/Desiree Upton/Judge Garza
10. Discuss, approve or disapprove and authorize the County Judge to sign the HEB Pharmacy Agreement to Administer Immunizations at the Annual Aransas County Employee Health Fair – Desiree Upton/Judge Garza

11. Discuss, approve or disapprove paying for immunizations at the Annual Aransas County Employee Health Fair for employees not covered by health insurance, at an estimated cost of \$1,500 already budgeted for from the Health Care Sales Tax – Desiree Upton/Judge Garza
12. Discuss, approve or disapprove replacing the Government Affairs position with the Commissioners Court Legal Liaison position to provide legal support to the Commissioner’s Court and to the County - Desiree Upton/Judge Garza
13. Discuss, approve or disapprove Order #O-14-2025, authorizing the issuance of Aransas County, Texas Tax Notes, Series 2025; Levying a continuing direct annual Ad Valorem Tax on all taxable property within the County to pay the Principal of and Interest on said notes and to create a Sinking Fund for the redemption thereof and the Assessment and Collection of such taxes; Authorizing the sale thereof; and enacting provisions incident and related to the issuance of said notes – Jacky Cockerham/ Judge Garza
14. Discuss, approve or disapprove 2026 Salaries, Expenses and other allowances of Elected Officials – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
15. Discuss, approve or disapprove adopting the 2026 Budget – This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year’s budget by an amount of \$1,732,330.00, which is a 9.15% increase from last year’s budget; the property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$533,604.00 – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
16. Discuss, approve or disapprove the adoption of Resolution #R-34-2025, a Resolution for the 2025 Tax Roll, Levy and Rate. The total tax rate to be levied for the County of Aransas for the tax year 2025, be and is hereby set at \$0.378500 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) \$0.286743 per \$100 valuation for the purpose of the County ad valorem maintenance and operations fund.
 - b) \$0.046412 per \$100 valuation for the purpose of the County ad valorem interest and sinking fund.
 - c) \$0.039100 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) \$0.006245 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 2025 Tax Roll and Levy – Anna Marshall/Judge Garza

18. Discuss, approve or disapprove Ratifying the Property Tax Increase reflected in the 2026 Budget – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
19. Discuss, approve or disapprove to declare Auditor’s list of items as surplus, including vehicles, equipment, and items located in the surplus trailers, and allow Public Facilities to dispose of scrap metal to be salvaged and sold as recyclable, with the remaining being sold in auction - Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
20. Discuss, approve or disapprove the retirement of a K9 due to age health issues, declare the K9 as surplus and remove from County inventory – Sheriff Mills/Judge Garza
21. Discuss, approve or disapprove the August 2025 Auditor’s Monthly Report – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
22. 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

23. Convene into a Closed Session in accordance with Texas Government Code §551.071 to consult with counsel Marsha Perez, Chaves, Obregon & Perales, LLP, 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:
 - i. *Aransas County Texas v. Endurance American Specialty Insurance Company, et al*, Aransas County District Court Cause No. 23-0021; and

ii. *Northstar Recovery Service, 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; and

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; and

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; and

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 of 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

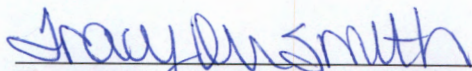
24. Reconvene into Open Session

25. Discuss and take action on matters discussed in closed session – Marsha Perez/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 three (3) business days preceding the scheduled time of said meeting on enclosed bulletin boards inside and outside 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 1:18 P.M.

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MISTY KIMBROUGH
COUNTY CLERK, ARANSAS CO., TEXAS

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