

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 **13th DAY of OCTOBER, 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 Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agents and 4-H Youth of Proclamation #P-14-2025, a Proclamation designating October 5 – 11, 2025 as National 4-H Week in Texas – Melinda Cobb/Judge Garza

2. Accept Proclamation #P-15-2025 Recognizing October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month – Judge Garza
3. Presentation from Gary Guillory, Co-Chair, about the Restore Little Bay Initiative. This is a Tier 1 project approved a few years ago by the General Land Office (GLO) in the Clean Coast Texas Program. Including governmental entities, individuals, and stakeholders, this group addresses best practices to resolve environmental challenges and restore and preserve the bay's historical and ecological significance – Commissioner Pat Rousseau
4. Discuss, approve or disapprove the recommendation of the Aransas Pathways Steering Committee's (APSC) Selection Committee of placing a sculpture by Kirk Seese at Linda S. Castro Nature Site. This sculpture is funded by a donation from Matt Corpora in memory of his mother, Debra Corpora –
Jims Farnsworth, Rene Butler, Commissioner Pat Rousseau

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.

5. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the September 22, 2025 Public Hearing Meeting for the 2025 Tax Rate – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
6. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the September 22, 2025 Public Hearing Meeting for the 2026 Budget – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
7. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the September 22, 2025 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
8. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the September 29, 2025 Special Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza

VIII. COUNTY REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

9. The Governmental Collector Association of Texas (GCAT) Awarded Melissa Brown, the Aransas County Collections Specialist, the 2025 Collector of the Year –
Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza

IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN - NONE

X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

10. Discuss, approve or disapprove entering into an Interlocal Agreement for emergency and disaster response between the Aransas County Sheriff's Department and the Rockport-Fulton Independent School District (ISD) and authorize the County Judge to sign all necessary documents – Sheriff Mills/ Judge Garza

11. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Procurement Specialist to solicit for engineering and design for construction and relocation of the airport bulk fuel farm – Mike Geer/Judge Garza
12. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the Airport Surface Observation System (ASOS) equipment – Mike Geer/Judge Garza
13. Discuss, approve or disapprove request to solicit Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering Firm(s) for future capital projects – Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza
14. Discuss, approve or disapprove Resolution #R-38-2025, Designation of the County Judge as the Authorized Official and contact person to apply for, accept, decline, modify, or cancel the Indigent Defense Grant Program. The County Auditor is designated as the Financial Officer for this grant – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
15. Discuss, approve or disapprove Ratifying the County Judge's Signature on the Execution of Documents for Amendment No. 1 to the GLO Contract No. 24-065-128-E986 – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
16. Discuss, approve or disapprove accepting the Statement of Qualification (SOQ) and awarding Electrical Engineering Services to Garver for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Generator Environmental Health Project 2025 – Elle Moralez/Eric Smith/Judge Garza
17. Discuss, approve or disapprove the acceptance and authorize the County Judge to execute all necessary documents related to the \$500,000 Notice of Award for the Coastal Erosion Planning and Response Act (CERPA) 1825 Lamar Beach Road Feasibility Study and Alternatives Analysis Project for Aransas County, Texas. This project includes the Lamar Beach Road Drainage, a FEMA disaster recovery-approved project No. DR-4332-0015 via sub-award agreement with TDEM (Texas Division of Emergency Management) as a HMGP (Hazard Mitigation Grant Project) – Elle Moralez/Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
18. Discuss, approve or disapprove the acceptance of the bid tabulation and award the Contract to Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for the Government Land Office (GLO) – Coastal Erosion Planning & Response Act (CEPRA) 1825 Lamar Beach Road Feasibility Study and Alternatives Analysis Project for Aransas County, Texas. This project includes Lamar Beach Road Drainage, a FEMA disaster recovery-approved project No. DR-4332-0015 via sub-award agreement with TDEM (Texas Division of Emergency Management) as a HMGP (Hazard Mitigation Grant Project) – Elle Moralez/Eric Smith/Judge Garza

19. Discuss, approve or disapprove and authorize the County Judge to sign all necessary documents between Aransas County and Anchor QEA for Addendum No. 1, adding \$31,000 for additional services required in response to the request from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for the Shell Ridge Road Flood Protection Phase II project USACE permit extension. Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) funding is being utilized for the re-engineering design and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) permit extension request. Aransas County's Federal Emergency Management Agency/Texas Division of Emergency Management – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (FEMA/TDEM-HMGP) Sub-Award grant agreement #DR-4332-016 provides federal funding for grant management and construction of the project – Elle Moralez/Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza

XI. PLANNING AND BUDGET

20. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Aransas County Indigent Health Care Report for September 2025 – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
21. 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
22. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Aransas County Navigation District proposal for 2025/2026 No New Revenue Tax Rate of \$0.030599/\$100 – Judge Garza
23. Discuss, approve or disapprove the September 2025 Auditor's Monthly Report - Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
24. 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

25. 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

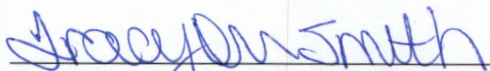
XV. OPEN SESSION

- 26. Reconvene into Open Session
- 27. 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 1:08 P. M.

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