

MINUTES – Regular Meeting

Aransas County Commissioners Court



9:00 AM – Monday, October 27, 2025

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met on **27th DAY of October, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. AT THE ARANSAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 2718 HWY. 35 NORTH, ROCKPORT, TEXAS, 78382.** The meeting video recordings are available by following this link: [Commissioners Court Minutes and Agendas \(aransascountytx.gov\)](https://aransascountytx.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 1-1A
Leslie Casterline, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Pat Rousseau, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Robert Dupnik, Commissioner, Precinct 4-4A

I. CALL TO ORDER

Video Time 1:43

II. INVOCATION

Video Time 2:01

III. PLEDGES

Video Time 2:46

IV. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Video Time 3:11

V. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Video Time 3:23

☛ Judge Garza read Jennifer Wood's statement sent via email.

VI. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Presentation by Roy Lewis, AIA, Principal with Garza/Bomberger & Associates, on the schematic design selected for the Aquarium re-build – County Judge/Commissioner Pat Rousseau

Video Time 4:07

☛ **I would like to hear the presentation:** by Commissioner Rousseau

2. Issuance of Proclamation #P-16-2025, Declaring October 2025 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month – Judge Garza

Video Time 17:40

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

3. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the September 5, 2025 Special Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
4. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the October 13, 2025 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
5. Acknowledge and accept a donation in the amount of \$30.00 to the Aransas County Public Library given by Anne R. Lockwood in honor of Martha Pearson – Iris Sanchez/Judge Garza

Video Time 19:43

☛ **Motion to accept the consent agenda:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

- ✪ Commissioner Rousseau noted that on the September 5, 2025 Minutes, the votes should be 4-0 not 5-0, Misty Kimbrough, County Clerk will correct those minutes prior to posting.
- ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

VIII. COUNTY REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

6. Acknowledge receipt of official notification that Aransas County Public Library is accredited and will be a fully qualified member of the Texas Library System for the State Fiscal Year 2026 – Iris Sanchez/Judge Garza
Video Time 20:41
 - ✪ **Motion to acknowledge and accept:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
 - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
7. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Rockport Center for the Arts (RCA) 3rd Quarter Report for 2025 – Karen Ernst/Judge Garza
Video Time 21:58
 - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
 - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
8. Discuss, approve or disapprove Order #O-16-2025, an Order of the County of Aransas, Texas, prohibiting Outdoor Burning for a period of up to sixty (60) days – Judge Garza
Video Time 35:06
 - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
 - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN

9. Discuss, approve or disapprove request for a variance on County minimum lot size requirements to replat 23 Red Oak Lane from three lots into one lot; Legal Description: The East Half of Lot 22, All of Lot 23, and the West Half of Lot 24 Mesquite Tree Section, Holiday Beach Subdivision re-platted as Lot 23-R, Mesquite Tree Section, Holiday Beach Subdivision – Kat Comeaux/Judge Garza
Video Time 35:39
 - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
 - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
10. Discuss, approve or disapprove request for a variance on County Minimum lot size requirements to replat 619 N. Terry St. from four lots into two lots. Legal Description: Lots 5, 6, 7 & 8, Block 141, Smith & Wood Subdivision replated as Lots 6-R & 8R, Block 141 Smith & Wood Subdivision – Kat Comeaux/Judge Garza
Video Time 36:40
 - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

11. Discuss, approve or disapprove renewing an Interlocal Agreement with San Patricio County for them to provide a Technical Supervisor to inspect and service the County's Intoxilyzer equipment and to be available to testify as a witness, if necessary, for the cost of \$15,112 for one year, beginning on January 1, 2026 – Sheriff Mills/Judge Garza

Video Time 37:32

✧ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline

✧ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

12. Discuss, approve or disapprove an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Aransas County and San Patricio County for Jail Services to alleviate jail overcrowding at the San Patricio Detention Center on an as-needed basis, in exchange for the payment set forth therein, with the Agreement being in effect from the date of execution until September 30, 2026, and may be renewed annually by the mutual agreement of the parties – Sheriff Mills/Judge Garza

Video Time 38:35

✧ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

✧ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

13. Discuss, approve or disapprove bids received in response to the FY 2026 Road Materials Invitation for bids – Darrell/Seibert/Judge Garza

Video Time 39:56

✧ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau

✧ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

14. Discuss, approve or disapprove an Amendment to the April 14, 2025 Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Rockport, and the Aransas Navigation District for a stormwater management drainage solution in and around the Rockport Harbor area, authorizing County Judge to execute the proposed, revised Amendment – Darrell Seibert/Marsha Perez/Judge Garza

Video Time 40:56

✧ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau

✧ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

15. Discuss, approve, or disapprove authorizing airport manager to engage the County on-call appraiser, Lowery Property Advisors, to determine the Fair Market Value (FMV) for a potential airport ground and hangar lease with Vintage Air Tours – Mike Geer/Judge Garza

Video Time 53:58

✧ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

✧ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

16. Discuss, approve or disapprove recognizing the recently purchased Copano Cove/Bailey Ranch property as an eco-tourism site to be included as an additional Aransas Pathways venue – Commissioner Pat Rousseau

Video Time 43:47

✧ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

✧ **Motion to table:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik

✧ **Vote:** Motion to table carried 5-0: it was so ordered

17. Discuss, approve or disapprove Environmental Health accepting bids for insecticides/mosquito chemicals for FY2026 – Anthony Van Meter/Judge Garza

Video Time 47:09

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

XI. PLANNING AND BUDGET

18. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the September 2025 Treasurer's Report – Alma Cartwright / Judge Garza

[Video Time 49:31](#)

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

19. Discuss, approve or disapprove the 3rd Quarter Aransas County Treasurer's Investment Report – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza

[Video Time 49:59](#)

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

20. Discuss, approve or disapprove a 2-Step increase for Donna White to stay within the guidelines of grant funding – Judge McGinnis/Judge Garza

[Video Time 52:02](#)

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

21. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

[Video Time 54:34](#)

- ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
- ★ **Requested to amend to:** remove the September 2025 invoice for Broaddus by Commissioner Rousseau & add other invoices by Jacky Cockerham, Auditor
- ★ **Amended motion:** by Commissioner Casterline, and seconded by Commissioner Chaney
- ★ **Vote:** Amended Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

XII. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND DEPARTMENT HEADS – NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

[Video Time 56:58](#)

- ★ Commissioner Chaney
- ★ Commissioner Dupnik
- ★ Darrell Seibert, Road and Bridge
- ★ Commissioner Rousseau
- ★ Judge Garza
- ★ Mike Geer, Emergency Management Coordinator & Airport Manager
- ★ Jacky Cockerham, Auditor
- ★ Rene Butler, Director of Pathways & Maintenance, introduced Leah Medado, Pathways Administrator

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

- ⊛ This was combined with XII.

XIV. CLOSED SESSION

22. Convene into a Closed Session in accordance with Texas Government Code §551.071 to consult with counsel Marsha Perez, of 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 D/E/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 officer or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public meeting – Judge Garza

Video Time 1:10:59

- ⊛ **Motion to convene into closed session:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik

- ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

- ⊛ **Judge Garza called for an eight-minute break**

Video Time 1:11:59

XV. OPEN SESSION

23. Reconvene into Open Session

Video Time 1:36:24

- ⊛ **Motion to reconvene into open session:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline

- ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- 24. Discuss and take action on matters discussed in closed session – Marsha Perez
Video Time 1:36:42
 - ★ **Motion to authorize Marsha Perez to take action as discussed, contacting the County Attorney's office about pending litigation:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered


VII. ADJOURNMENT

Video Time 1:37:08

- ★ **Motion to adjourn:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
- ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- ★ **Meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM**

ARANSAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT




Ray A. Garza, County Judge

11/10/2025
Date signed.

Misty Kimbrough

Misty Kimbrough,
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

11/10/25
Date signed and attestation.