

MINUTES – Regular Meeting

Aransas County Commissioners Court



9:00 AM – Monday, March 24, 2025

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met on 24th DAY OF MARCH, 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. The meeting video recordings are available by following this link: [Commissioners Court Minutes and Agendas \(aransascountytx.gov\)](https://aransascountytx.gov), 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 0:00

II. INVOCATION

Video Time 0:10

III. PLEDGES

Video Time 1:15

IV. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Video Time 1:41

V. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Video Time 2:00

- ★ Gordon Lester, will speak on Airport Board Item

VI. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Joint Proclamation #JP-01-2025 with City of Rockport, Town of Fulton and Aransas County recognizing that investing in educators is an investment in children, families and our future, and proclaiming April 5 – April 11, 2025 as the Week of the Young Child – Judge Garza

Video Time 2:22

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

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

2. Discuss, approve or disapprove Proclamation #P-02-2025 recognizing April as Fair Housing Month – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Video Time 4:51

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

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

3. Discuss, approve or disapprove Proclamation #P-03-2025 recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month – Judge Garza

Video Time 6:12

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

4. Coastal Marine Resources Program Update – Progress and Development presented by Patrick Cruz, Aransas County Extension Agent – Coastal Marine Resources – Judge Garza
Video Time 8:06

VII. **CONSENT AGENDA**

5. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the March 3, 2025 Special Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
6. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the March 10, 2025 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
7. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the March 12, 2025 Joint Workshop Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
8. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas (CJCA) Certificate of Completion showing Commissioner Dupnik has completed the continuing education requirements for 2024 - Commissioner Dupnik
Video Time 17:09

- ⊛ **Motion to accept the consent agenda:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
- ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

VIII. **COUNTY REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS**

9. Discuss, approve or disapprove Resolution #R-07-2025, the Juvenile Justice and Truancy Prevention Grant Program for Aransas County – Judge McGinnis/Judge Garza
Video Time 17:30
 - ⊛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
10. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the conclusion of the Aransas County Animal Care Needs Assessment Report conducted for the expansion and/or new facility – Caitlan Frazier/Judge Garza
Video Time 23:23
 - ⊛ **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 – NONE**

X. **CONTRACTS AND GRANTS**

11. Discuss, approve or disapprove extending the Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement between Rockport Property Entity, LLC, EVC-CC Land Holdings LLC, and Aransas County, Texas by ninety (90) days for the purchase of approximately 972.952 acres of land out of the A6 Joseph Fessenden Survey, J. Smith Survey, and A14 Anselmo Bergara Survey, near Cape Valero and 1751 FM in Aransas County, for Two Million Three

Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,350,000), to provide additional time to finalize the agreement for the receipt of grant funds from the GOMESA (Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act) Program, CMP (Coastal Management Program) Cycle 29 for Projects of Special Merit, and authorize the County Judge to execute necessary documents – Kat Comeaux/Judge Garza

Video Time 33:17

★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik, with a correction, the agenda stated 1751 FM it should be 1781 FM, it was correct in the Sale Agreement.

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

12. Discuss, approve or disapprove a contract renewal with Ceres Environmental Services, Inc., for Disaster Emergency Response between Aransas County and Ceres Environmental Services, Inc. The one-year renewal option to begin on July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 – Mike Geer/Judge Garza

Video Time 40:12

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

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

13. Discuss, approve, or disapprove a contract renewal with Crowder Gulf for Disaster Debris Management between Aransas County and Crowder Gulf. The one-year renewal option to begin June 12, 2025 through June 11, 2026 – Mike Geer/Judge Garza

Video Time 41:57

★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau

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

14. Discuss, approve or disapprove a contract renewal with Garner Environmental Services, Inc., for Disaster Emergency Response Services between Aransas County and Garner Environmental Services, Inc. The one-year renewal option to begin July 01, 2025 through June 30, 2026 – Mike Geer/Judge Garza

Video Time 42:31

★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

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

15. Discuss, approve or disapprove a contract renewal with Thompson Consulting for Disaster Recovery and Restoration Services between Aransas County and Thompson Consulting. The one-year renewal option to begin May 01, 2025 through April 30, 2026 – Mike Geer/Judge Garza

Video Time 43:05

★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline

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

16. Discuss, approve or disapprove a contract renewal with Thompson Consulting for Monitoring Services related to Debris Removal and Disposal between Aransas County and Thompson Consulting. The one-year renewal option will begin July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 – Mike Geer/Judge Garza

Video Time 46:04

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

- ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- 17. Discuss, approve or disapprove a contract Non-Renewal with Campbell Oil Company for Aviation Fuel Services. Aransas County and Campbell Oil entered into an agreement on April 08, 2024 for a term of one-year with four (4) one-year renewal options. We are requesting approval to not renew the contract and go back out for bids – Mike Geer/Judge Garza
Video Time 46:40
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- 18. Discuss, approve or disapprove allowing the airport manager to publish a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a bulk aviation fuel provider – Mike Geer/Judge Garza
Video Time 56:32
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- ★ Judge Garza called for a 10 minute break
Video Time 57:20
- ★ Judge Garza called us back into session
Video Time 1:04:46
- 19. Discuss, approve or disapprove a request to solicit a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Medical, Dental and Vision Insurance for a possible change of coverage for Aransas County Employees – Desiree Upton/Judge Garza
Video Time 1:04:48
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- 20. Approve or disapprove accepting the bid tabulation scores and awarding engineering to Anchor QEA, Inc., for the Shell Ridge Road Flood Protection, a FEMA disaster recovery approved Project No. DR-4332-0016 via sub-award agreement with TDEM (Texas Division of Emergency Management) as an HMGP (Hazard Mitigation Grant Project) for Aransas County – Elle Morales/Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza
Video Time 1:10:19
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ★ **Motion amended to include approval of:** Resolution R-08-2025, it was attached but not mentioned in the agenda item, by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- XI. **PLANNING AND BUDGET**
- 21. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the December 2024 Treasurer's Report – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
Video Time 1:14:52
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline

- ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- 22. Discuss, approve or disapprove the 4th Quarter Aransas County Treasurer's Investment Report – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
Video Time 1:17:13
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- 23. Discuss, approve or disapprove the January 2025 Treasurer's Report – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
Video Time 1:21:21
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- 24. Discuss, approve or disapprove the February 2025 Treasurer's Report – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
Video Time 1:22:50
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- 25. Discuss, approve or disapprove reappointing Mike Geer as Emergency Management Coordinator for one (1) year beginning April 8, 2025 at a stipend of \$20,000 – Judge Garza
Video Time 1:23:38
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- 26. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Budget Line Items - Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
Video Time 1:29:42
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau. **There were no budget line item transfers.**
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- 27. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
Video Time 1:30:04
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

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

Video Time 1:34:35

- ★ There were none.

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

Video Time 1:34:48

- ★ Commissioner Rousseau requested Carrie Moore, field rep for Michael Cloud introduce herself
- ★ Carrie Moore

XIV. CLOSED SESSION

28. Convene into a Closed Session 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, the items listed below –

Amanda Oster/Adela C. Martinez

- 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. Permissible actions under the County's contract with Teal Construction Company; and
- vi. *iWorQ Systems, Inc., a Utah Corporation v. Aransas County, Texas*, Case No. 240100226, in the District Court of the First Judicial District County of Cache, Utah; and
- vii. *Wendt Services, Inc.* Public Information Act Request

Texas Government Code, §551.071, also known as the Texas Open Meetings Act, authorizes Closed Session meetings to allow for a governmental body to consult with its attorneys and receive advice on legal matters pertaining to pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer; or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Open Meetings Act –Amanda Oster/Adela Martinez/Judge Garza

Video Time 1:36:19

- ⊛ **Motion to move into closed session:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
- ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

- ⊛ **Judge Garza Ordered a break**

Video Time 1:38

- ⊛ **Closed session started at 10:48 AM**

Video Time 1:48

XV. OPEN SESSION

29. Reconvene into Open Session at 10: AM

Video Time 2:06:37

- ⊛ **Motion to reconvene into open session:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
- ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered


30. Discuss and take action on matters discussed in closed session – Amanda Oster/Adela C. Martinez/Judge Garza
⊛ There was no action taken

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Video Time 2:06:55

- ⊛ **Motion to adjourn:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
⊛ **Meeting adjourned at 11:07 AM**

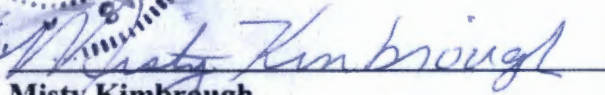
ARANSAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT



Ray A. Garza, County Judge
4/14/25

Date signed.





Misty Kimbrough,
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

4-14-25

Date signed and attestation.

