

# MINUTES – Regular Meeting

## Aransas County Commissioners Court



9:00 AM – Tuesday, May 27, 2025

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met on 27th DAY of May, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW COURTROOM IN 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 \(aransascourttx.gov\)](https://aransascourttx.gov), then scroll to the bottom of the page and select the date you wish to view.

Present: **Ray A. Garza**, County Judge  
**Leslie Casterline**, Commissioner, Precinct 2  
**Pat Rousseau**, Commissioner, Precinct 3  
**Robert Dupnik**, Commissioner, Precinct 4-4A  
Absent: **Jack Chaney**, Commissioner Precinct 1-1A

### I. CALL TO ORDER

*Video Time 0:27*

### II. INVOCATION

*Video Time 0:30*

### III. PLEDGES

*Video Time 1:32*

### IV. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

*Video Time 1:59 Commissioner Chaney is Absent*

### V. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

*Video Time 2:13*

- ✪ Micheal Miller, Teal Construction
- ✪ Justin McCombs, Teal Construction

### VI. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Acknowledge and accept Proclamation #P-11-2025, a Proclamation to establish Rockport-Fulton and Aransas County as the "Ecosystem Capital of the Texas Gulf Coast" and proclaim June 20, 2025, as Sustainable Ecotourism Day – Jennifer Day/Judge Garza  
*Video Time 13:29*
  - ✪ **Motion to acknowledge and accept:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered
2. Acknowledge and accept Proclamation #P-12-2025, proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza  
*Video Time 17:17*
  - ✪ Struck from the agenda by Judge Garza

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

3. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the April 28, 2025 Regular Meeting {Tabled 05/12/2025} – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
4. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the May 12, 2025 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza

Video Time 17:22

★ **Motion to accept the consent agenda:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau

★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

**VIII. COUNTY REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS**

5. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Friends of the Fulton Mansion 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025 Report - Jane Hill/Judge Garza

Video Time 17:40

★ **Motion to accept the report:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik

★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

6. Acknowledge and accept the Aransas County Animal Care Services update from January 2024 – May 16, 2025 – Caitlan Frazier/Judge Garza

Video Time 28:16

★ **Motion to accept the report:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau

★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

**IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN**

7. Discuss, approve, or disapprove request for a Variance on County minimum lot size requirements to replat 268 Royal Oak Lane from three lots into one lot; Legal description: Lots 262,268 and 269, Hillcrest Section, Holiday Beach Subdivision re-platted as Lot 268-R, Hillcrest section, Holiday Beach Subdivision – Katherine Comeaux/Judge Garza

Video Time 37:54

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

★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

**X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS**

8. Discuss, approve or disapprove request from Aransas Pathways Steering Committee (APSC) to apply for a T-Mobile grant to fund site improvements at Linda S. Castro site - Commissioner Rousseau

Video Time 39:54

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

★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

9. Discuss, approve or disapprove Resolution #R-15-2025, a Resolution selecting and awarding a contract for the MEDICAL/LIFE/DENTAL/VISION & AD&D/RX benefits to the highest scoring company, Texas Association of Counties “TAC” and authorize the County Judge to execute all necessary documents – Desiree Upton/Eric Smith/Judge Garza

Video Time 40:30



- ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
- ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered
- 10. Discuss, approve or disapprove a request by Rotocraft Leasing Corporation (RLC) to be released immediately from a hangar lease at the airport – Mike Geer/Judge Garza  
Video Time 44:25
  - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
  - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered
- 11. Discuss, approve, or disapprove authorizing the County Procurement Specialist to proceed with negotiating an agreement with AvFuel Corporation for bulk airport fuel supply and credit card processing services, based on the recommendation of the Request for Proposals (RFP) evaluation committee, which determined AvFuel Corporation's bid as the best value to the County – Mike Geer/Judge Garza  
Video Time 46:37
  - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
  - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered
- 12. Discuss, approve or disapprove Hiring Resolution #R-12-2025, selecting and awarding the contract for the aviation fuel supplier to AvFuel Corporation, authorizing the County Judge to execute necessary documents, providing for severance of invalid provisions and confirming compliance with the open meetings act – Mike Geer/Judge Garza  
Video Time 47:39
  - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
  - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered
- ★ **Judge Garza called for a break**  
Video Time 48:19
- ★ **Judge Garza called the meeting back into session**  
Video Time 55:18
- 13. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign a contract between Aransas County and GrantWorks, Inc. for Grant Administration Services for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-MIT) funds Contract Number 24-065-128-E986, administered by the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for recovery and infrastructure improvements; authorizing the County Judge to sign all associate documents – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza  
Video Time 55:23
  - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
  - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered
- 14. Discuss, approve or disapprove and adopt Resolution R-13-2025, a Resolution to designate authorized signatories for the Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation Program (CDBG-MIT) for General Land Office (GLO) State Contract No. 24-065-128-E986 – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

**Video Time 58:04**

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

★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

15. Discuss, approve or disapprove Adopting Resolution R-14-2025, a Resolution regarding Civil Rights which includes the following policies:

- Citizen Participation Plan and Grievance Procedures;
- Section 3 Policy;
- Excessive Force Policy;
- Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Standards Plan;
- Section 504 Policy and Grievance Procedures;
- Code of Conduct Policy; and
- Fair Housing Policy

for the General Land Office (GLO) State Contract #24-065-128-E986; authorizing County Judge to sign documents – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

**Video Time 58:48**

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

★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

16. Discuss, approve or disapprove Adoption of Resolution #R-16-2025, which will formally Adopt the Aransas County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

**Video Time 1:00:26**

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

★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

17. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorization to rescind Hiring Resolution No. R-21-2024 and contract award for the Sheriff's Office Radio Tower Equipment and Installation RFP #2024-701 awarded to Motorola Solutions, Inc. on August 26, 2024 – Jacky Cockerham /Judge Garza

**Video Time 1:02:27**

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

★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

18. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorization to Solicit Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Sheriff's Office Radio Tower Equipment and Installation to be funded by the General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) MIT-MOD Grant Contract No. 204-065-128-E986 – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

**Video Time 1:03:50**

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

★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

19. Discuss, approve or disapprove Hiring Resolution #R-20-2025 for Hanson Professional Services, Inc. for the Lamar Drainage Project in the County's General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation Program (CDBG-MIT) Contract #24-065-128-E986 – Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza

**Video Time 1:05:16**

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



- ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered
- 20. Discuss, approve or disapprove Hiring Resolution #R-21-2025 for Hanson Professional Services, Inc. for the Fulton Street Improvement Project in the County's General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation Program (CDBG-MIT) Contract # 24-065-128-E986  
Video Time 1:06:20
  - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
  - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

## XI. PLANNING AND BUDGET

- 21. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the April 2025 Treasurer's Report – Alma Cartwright /Judge Garza  
Video Time 1:07:24
  - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
  - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered
- 22. Discuss, approve or disapprove appointing Suryta Laqua to serve on the Board of Directors of Crossroads Community Action and authorize the County Judge to sign the appointment letter to Crossroads Community Action – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza  
Video Time 1:07:53
  - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
  - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered
- 23. Discuss, approve or disapprove Resolution #R-17-2025, a Resolution approving the Aransas County Investment Policy (No Changes – Yearly Review & Update) – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza  
Video Time 1:09:05
  - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
  - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered
- 24. Discuss, approve or disapprove Resolution #R-18-2025, a Resolution appointing Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer, and Tana Taylor, Assistant Auditor, as Investment Officers to invest Aransas County's funds in accordance with the foregoing Investment Policy – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza  
Video Time 1:09:55
  - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
  - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered
- 25. Discuss, approve or disapprove Resolution #R-19-2025, a Resolution Acknowledging the Broker/Dealers List as being authorized to provide services as required to Aransas County (No Changes) – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza  
Video Time 1:11:01
  - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
  - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered
- 26. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Budget Line Items - Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza  
Video Time 1:11:36

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

★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

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

Video Time 1:11:51

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

★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

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

Video Time 1:14:19

★ Jacky Cockerham, Auditor

★ Commissioner Casterline

★ Commissioner Rousseau

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

Video Time 1:17:41

★ **There were none**

**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 privilege 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 36<sup>th</sup> 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 formal review, action, and notices as may be required under a contract, the grant funding requirements, or the law; and
- vi. *Wendt Services, Inc.* Public Information Act Request; and
- vii. Hutt Public Information Act; and
- viii. Stewart Group – Purchase of 12-Unit T-Hangar – Aransas County Airport

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



attorney(s) 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” -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 1:17:48](#)

- ✧ **Motion to move into closed session:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
- ✧ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

- ✧ **Judge Garza called for a break before Closed Session**

[Video Time 1:20:52](#)

- ✧ **Judge Garza called the meeting back into session**

[Video Time 1:30:52](#)

## XV. OPEN SESSION

29. Reconvene into Open Session

[Video Time 1:30:14](#)

- ✧ **Motion to reconvene into open session:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
- ✧ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

30. Discuss, approve or disapprove taking action or issuing instructions to the County Attorney’s Office to act on the County’s behalf regarding any of the pending matters identified for Closed Session and authorizing County Attorney’s Office to act accordingly, including potential additional engagement of Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C. (“Lloyd Gosselink”), and any necessary subcontractors, consultants or additional legal/law firm subcontract assistance to be engaged by Lloyd Gosselink on the County’s behalf to assist the County with respect to any of the subject matter identified for Closed Session, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$60,000.00, subject to later amendment – Amanda Oster/Adela Martinez/Judge Garza

[Video Time 1:30:30](#)

- ✧ **Motion to approve taking action discussed in closed session:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
- ✧ **Vote:** Motion carried 3-1, Commissioner Rousseau voted nay; it was so ordered

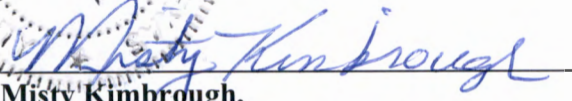
## XVI. ADJOURNMENT

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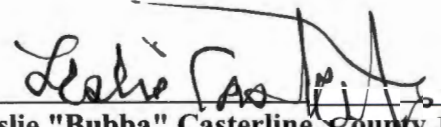
- ✧ **Motion to adjourn:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
- ✧ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered
- ✧ **Meeting adjourned at 11:24 AM**

**ARANSAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT**



  
Misty Kimbrough,  
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

6-23-25  
Date signed and attestation.

  
Leslie "Bubba" Casterline, County Judge  
Pro-Tem

6-23-25  
Date signed.

