

MINUTES – Regular Meeting

Aransas County Commissioners Court



9:00 AM – Monday, June 23, 2025

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met on **23 DAY of JUNE, 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), then scroll to the bottom of the page and select the date you wish to view.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

[Video Time 0:00](#)

II. INVOCATION

[Video Time 0:11](#)

III. PLEDGES

[Video Time 1:36](#)

IV. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

[Video Time 2:23](#)

V. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

[Video Time 2:15](#)

★ There were none

★ Commissioner Casterline as County Judge Pro-Tem, pulled item # 9 from the agenda

VI. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS - NONE

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the May 27, 2025 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
2. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the June 9, 2025 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
3. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the June 13, 2025 Special Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
4. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the June 13, 2025 Workshop Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
5. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the June 16, 2025 Budget Workshop Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
6. Acknowledge and accept a donation of craft sodas, cups and a serving tapper from Bay Area Brewing Company for the “Kayaks at Sunset” event – Melissa Zieschang/Judge Garza

7. Acknowledge and accept a donation from Tactacam for a FeatherSnap Scout Smart Bird Feeder and one-year unlimited subscription, valued at \$239.98 –
Melissa Zieschang/Judge Garza
8. Acknowledge and accept a donation to Aransas Pathways from Texas First Rentals for the use of a solar light tower, including deliver and setup for “Kayaks at Sunset” event –
Melissa Zieschang/Judge Garza
Video Time 2:39
 - ★ **Motion to accept the consent agenda:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

VIII. COUNTY REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

9. Discuss, approve or disapprove Hiring Resolution #R-24-2025 for the Airport Project Engineering Services Pool – Mike Geer/Judge Garza
 - ★ Commissioner Casterline, County Judge Pro-Tem, pulled Item # 9 from the agenda
10. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Resolution #R-25-2025, a Resolution designating County Judge Ray Garza as the Authorized Official for Aransas County’s FY 2026 Homeland Security Operation Lone Star Grant, Grant Number 5048202, effective September 1, 2025 – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
Video Time 3:51
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered
11. Discuss, approve or disapprove Resolution #R-26-2025, a Resolution of the Commissioners Court to accept Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Grant Funds; authorizing the County Judge and/or the County Elections Administrator to execute necessary documents; designating a single point of contact; providing for severability and certifying compliance with the Open Meetings Act – Kevin Stroud/Judge Garza
Video Time 5:02
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered

IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN – NONE

X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

12. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing County Judge to sign various lease agreements for the Live Oak Plaza Shopping center for the relocation of the various elected and appointed County Offices – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
Video Time 7:08
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered
13. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing County Judge to sign the Notice to Proceed with Garza Bomberger & Associates for Architectural Services for the Aquarium – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Video Time 8:51

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

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

14. Discuss, approve or disapprove Fourth Amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement by and between Rockport Property Entity, LLC and EVC-CC Land Holdings LLC (Sellers) and County of Aransas, Texas (Buyer) for property located at 1751 FM 1781 and 1751-R3 FM 1781, Rockport, TX – Judge Garza

Video Time 9:26

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

★ **Motion amended to note this is only for time extension:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

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

15. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Addendum to Data Processing Services Agreement with Indigent Healthcare Solutions, and authorize the County Judge to execute this Addendum – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza

Video Time 15:13

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

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

16. Discuss, approve or disapprove Aransas County Pathways selecting a firm from the pool of approved Engineering Firms to perform engineering services for future Capital and/or Grant Projects for the Linda S. Castro Nature Sanctuary and the Airport Road Kayak Sites as approved by the Aransas County Commissioners Court – Commission Rousseau

Video Time 16:07

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

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

17. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing County Judge to sign service agreement between Persona Digital Marketing and Aransas Pathways – Melissa Zieschang/Judge Garza

Video Time 17:11

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

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

18. Discuss, approve or disapprove a request from Community Development to apply for a T-Mobile grant to fund a furniture purchase for the Aransas County Community Center building – Elle Moralez/Commissioner Casterline/Judge Garza

Video Time 18:38

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

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

19. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign the Notice of Award between Aransas County and Anchor QEA for the Shell Ridge Road Flood Protection Phase II project; Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) funding is being utilized for the re-engineering design and the United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) permit extension requests; 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 Morales/Darrell Seibert/County Judge Pro-Tem Casterline/Judge Garza

Video Time 20:34

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

★ **Latisha Murphy**-correction to the agenda item: TDEM is listed as Texas Department of Emergency Management but should be listed as Texas Division of Emergency Management

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

20. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing County Judge to sign a contract between Aransas County and Anchor QEA for the Shell Ridge Road Flood Protection Phase II Project; Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) funding is being utilized for the re-engineering design and the United States Army Corp of Engineering (USACE) permit extension request; Aransas County's Federal 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 Morales/Darrell Seibert/County Judge Pro-Tem Casterline/Judge Garza

Video Time 22:43

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

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

21. Discuss, approve or disapprove the annual County Clerk Archive Plan as required by Local Government Code Sections 118.011(f) – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza

Video Time 23:57

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

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

22. Discuss, approve or disapprove an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Aransas County and Aransas County Municipal Utility District #1 for Road Paving Services; terms of this agreement are effective from July 1, 2025 until June 30, 2026, with four (4) individual, annual renewals with a termination clause of thirty (30) days written notice by either party – Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza

Video Time 33:08

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

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

23. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing County Judge to sign the Notice of Award and to sign all necessary documents to execute the professional engineering contract with Hanson Professional Services, Inc. for the Fulton Street Improvements Project, through the Texas Community Development Block Grant MIT-MOD Regional Mitigation Program's Method of Distribution Development and administered by the General Land Office (GLO) Grant Contract No. 24-065-128-E986 – Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza

Video Time 34:00

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

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

24. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing County Judge to sign the Notice of Award and to sign all necessary documents to execute the professional engineering contract with Hanson Professional Services, Inc. for the Lamar Drainage project, through the Texas Community Development Block Grant (CDBG MIT-MOD) Regional Mitigation Program's Method of Distribution Development and administered by the General Land Office (GLO) Grant Contract No. 24-065-128-E986 in the total amount of \$520,576 – Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza

Video Time 35:56

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

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

25. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing County Judge to sign the Notice of Award and to sign all necessary documents to execute the professional engineering contract between Aransas County and Pape-Dawson Engineers, LLC for the Aransas County Master Drainage Plan, through the Texas Community Development Block Grant (CDBG MIT-MOD) Regional Mitigation Program's Method of Distribution Development and administered by the General Land Office (GLO) Grant Contract No. 24-065-128-E986 in the total amount of \$1,798,387 – Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza

Video Time 37:42

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

★ Jake Powell, with Pape-Dawson

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

26. Discuss, approve or disapprove Change Order No. 6 for the construction contract for Southwest Aransas County Drainage Improvements in the County's General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Contract No. 20-065-098-C270; LCR Total Transport, LLC requests an increase in the contract time by an additional fourteen (14) days – Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza

Video Time 40:56

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

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

27. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing County Judge to sign a contract between Aransas County and Marpe by Ema to provide Inmate Medical Services for the County – Sheriff Mills/Judge Garza

Video Time 42:35

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

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

XI. PLANNING AND BUDGET

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

Video Time 43:49

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

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

29. Discuss, approve or disapprove a Step Increase of 3 Steps for Lisa Balser, Chief Deputy Treasurer (19-1 to 19-4) and 2 Steps for Rhea Riley, Deputy Treasurer, Payroll clerk (15-1 to 15-3) – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza

Video Time 44:31

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

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

30. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Texas County & District Retirement System (TCDRS) Renewal for Plan Year 2026 – Desiree Upton/Judge Garza

Video Time 48:24

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

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

31. Discuss, approve or disapprove allowing the Healthy County Coordinator (HR Director) to spend up the \$2,400 of the Healthy County & Fair Funds on incentives and other expenditures incurred for the Annual Aransas County Employee Health Fair in anticipation of receiving funds back from the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) Healthy County Program – Desiree Upton/Judge Garza

Video Time 49:44

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

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

32. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Budget Line Items - Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Video Time 50:44

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

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

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

Video Time 51:04

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

★ **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 52:43

★ Commissioner Rousseau

★ Commissioner Dupnik

★ Commissioner Chaney

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

Video Time 1:00:22

★ **There were none**

XIV. CLOSED SESSION

34. Convene into a Closed Session to consult with counsel and receive legal advice about pending or contemplated litigation 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 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, substantial completion dates, insurance claims, formal review, action, and notices as may be required under a contract, the grant funding requirements, or the law;
- vi. Wendt Services, Inc. Public Information Act Request
- vii. Hutt Public Information Act request, and;
- viii. City of Rockport Public Information Act request

Texas Government Code §551.071, also known as the Texas Open Meetings Act, authorizes Closed Sessions 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 –Amanda Oster/Adela Martinez/Judge Garza

[Video Time 1:00:31](#)

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

- ★ A ten-minute break was taken prior to starting the closed session

XV. OPEN SESSION

35. Reconvene into Open Session

[Video Time 1:43:49](#)

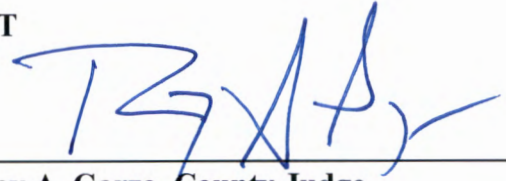
- ★ **Motion to reconvene into open session:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered
36. Discuss, approve or disapprove taking action or issuing instructions to the County Attorney's Office to act on the County's behalf regarding any of the pending matters identified for Closed Session and authorizing County Attorney's Office to act accordingly – Amanda Oster/Adela C. Martinez/Judge Garza
- ★ **No action to be taken**

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

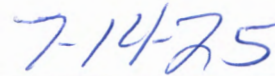
Video Time 1:44:02

- ★ **Motion to adjourn:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
- ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered
- ★ **Meeting adjourned at 10:44 A.M.**

ARANSAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

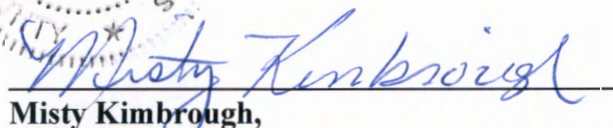


Ray A. Garza, County Judge




Date signed.





Misty Kimbrough,
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court



Date signed and attestation.

