

MINUTES – Regular Meeting

Aransas County Commissioners Court



9:00 AM – Monday, June 9, 2025

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met on 9th 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 \(aransascountytexas.gov\)](https://aransascountytexas.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 0:04](#)

II. INVOCATION

[Video Time 0:07](#)

III. PLEDGES

[Video Time 1:20](#)

IV. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

[Video Time 1:47](#)

V. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

[Video Time 2:07](#)

☼ Jerry Brundrett

VI. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Acknowledge and accept a re-read of Proclamation #P-08-2025, a proclamation recognizing the month of June as Elder Abuse Prevention Month in Aransas County – Judge Garza

[Video Time 4:06](#)

☼ Item was struck from the agenda by Judge Garza

VII. CONSENT AGENDA - NONE

VIII. COUNTY REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

2. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Resolution #R-22-2025, a Resolution requesting that the State of Texas and the Federal Government take immediate action to combat the spread of an invasive insect – Commissioner Pat Rousseau

[Video Time 4:13](#)

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

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

IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN

3. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Order #O-06-2025, an Order to abandon and vacate a 20-foot platted Alleyway in Block 269, Manning Addition, Aransas County, Texas – Elizabeth Brundrett/Katherine Comeaux/County Judge

[Video Time 8:57](#)

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

X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

4. Discuss, approve or disapprove contract for architectural service for the aquarium project with Garza/Bomberger & Associates and authorize County Judge to execute necessary documents – Judge Garza
Video Time 9:56
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
5. Discuss, approve, or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program, prepared by The Solco Group, as required by the U.S. Department of Transportation under 49 CFR Parts 23 and 26 to qualify the airport for Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Grant funding and the designation of the County Contracts and Procurement Specialist as the DBE Liaison Officer (DBELO) officer – Mike Geer/Judge Garza
Video Time 10:40
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
 - ★ **Motion was amended to strike having the County Attorney as the administrator and change it to the County Auditor** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
6. Discuss, approve or disapprove Order #O-07-2025, an Order to adopt an additional exemption, pursuant to Texas Tax Code, Section 11.13(n), wherein an individual could receive an exemption from taxation a percentage of the appraised value of his/her residence homestead if adopted by the taxing unit by July 1 and the percentage adopted does not exceed 5 percent – Judge Garza
Video Time 21:33
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
 - ★ **Motion was amended to make the homestead percentage 5%** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
7. Discuss, approve or disapprove a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Rockport and Aransas County to place a drop box to assist its residents in the collection of City Documents and payments; the City is responsible for the cost of procuring the drop box and all labor and materials necessary for installation – Elle Morales/Judge Garza
Video Time 25:57
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
8. Discuss, approve or disapprove entering into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Amendment with the City of Rockport and the Aransas Navigation District for a stormwater management drainage solution in and around the Rockport Harbor area, authorizing the County Judge to execute the necessary documents – Adela C. Martinez/Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza
Video Time 29:41

- ★ **Motion to disapprove:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by NO second motion dies
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
 - ★ Darrell Seibert
 - ★ Tim Tuggey, Navigation District Attorney
 - ★ Judy Vlasek, Precinct 1-1A Navigation Commissioner
 - ★ Jack Wright, Precinct 3 Navigation Commissioner
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
9. Discuss, approve or disapprove Stormwater Management Technical Committee's recommendation to select Halff for professional engineering services associated with the Concho Stormwater Drainage Project – Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza
Video Time 45:06
- ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
10. Discuss, approve or disapprove Hiring Resolution #R-23-2025 for Halff Engineers for the Concho Stormwater Quality Project – Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza
Video Time 46:25
- ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- ★ **Judge Garza called for a break**
Video Time 47:00
- ★ **Judge Garza called us back into session**
Video Time 55:49
- XI. PLANNING AND BUDGET**
11. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Aransas County Indigent Health Care Report for May 2025 – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
Video Time 55:52
- ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
12. Discuss, approve or disapprove updated job description for Court Manager. No new monies – Judge Richard Bianchi/Desiree Upton/Judge Garza
Video Time 57:39
- ★ **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 2-step increase for the Court Manager after completing the Certified Court Manager program - Judge Richard Bianchi/Desiree Upton/Judge Garza
Video Time 59:07
- ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
14. Discuss, approve or disapprove the updated Aransas County Hazard Communication Policy – Desiree Upton/Judge Garza
Video Time 1:03:48

- ★ **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 the updates to the Aransas County Employee Handbook – Desiree Upton/Judge Garza
Video Time 1:06:29
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ★ **Motion tabled:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Judge Garza
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion to table carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- 16. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Aransas County Official Holiday Schedule 2026 – Desiree Upton/Judge Garza
Video Time 1:08:04
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- 17. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Aransas County Transfer Station Official Holiday Schedule 2026 – Desiree Upton/Judge Garza
Video Time 1:08:44
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- 18. Discuss, approve or disapprove the May 2025 Auditor’s Monthly Report – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
Video Time 1:09:09
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- 19. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Budget Line Items – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
Video Time 1:14:27
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- 20. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
Video Time 1:14:42
 - ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney (Commissioner Casterline added to the motion that Salazar Concrete get paid)
 - ★ **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 1:18:24

- ★ Commissioner Chaney
- ★ Commissioner Rousseau
- ★ Commissioner Casterline

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

[Video Time 1:21:53](#)

- ★ Commissioner Rousseau
- ★ Tracy Orr
- ★ Judge Garza
- ★ Jacky Cockerham

XIV. CLOSED SESSION

21. 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 x 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 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 request: and

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 C. Martinez/Judge Garza

- viii. *Stewart Group – Purchase of 12-Unit T-Hanger – Aransas County Airport*

Texas Government Code, §551.072, also known as the Texas Open Meetings Act, authorizes Closed Session meetings to allow for a governmental body to conduct a closed meeting to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person – Judge Garza

[Video Time 1:24:43](#)

- ★ **Motion to move into closed session:** by Judge Garza, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
- ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

- ★ **Judge Garza called for a five-minute break, then move into closed session**

[Video Time 1:24:43](#)

XV. OPEN SESSION

22. Reconvene into Open Session

Video Time 1:39:48

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

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

23. 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

Video Time 1:39:50

✧ **Judge Garza noted there is no action to be taken**

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Video Time 1:40:32

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

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

✧ **Meeting adjourned at 10:41 A.M.**

ARANSAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT



Misty Kimbrough
Misty Kimbrough,
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

6-23-25
Date signed and attestation

Leslie "Bubba" Casterline
Leslie "Bubba" Casterline, County Judge Pro-Tem
6-23-25
Date signed

