

MINUTES – Regular Meeting

Aransas County Commissioners Court



9:00 AM, August 11, 2025

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met on **11th DAY of AUGUST, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.** **AT THE ROCKPORT AQUARIUM EDUCATION CENTER LOCATED AT 706 NAVIGATION CIRCLE, 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
Jack Chaney, Commissioner Precinct 1-1A
Pat Rousseau, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Robert Dupnik, Commissioner, Precinct 4-4A

I. CALL TO ORDER

Video Time 5:39

II. INVOCATION

Video Time 5:55

III. PLEDGE

Video Time 6:54

IV. ROLL CALL

Video Time 7:21

V. DECLARE QUORUM

Video Time 7:31

VI. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Video Time 7:32

★ Debbie Thompson

VII. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS – There were none.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the August 4, 2025 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
2. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the August 4, 2025 Budget Workshop Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza

3. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the August 5, 2025 Budget Workshop Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
4. Acknowledge and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court a donation of two pair of binoculars donated by Land Sea & Sky to be used as grand prizes in the Pathways Poker Tour during the Rockport-Fulton HummerBird Celebration – Melissa Zieschang/Rene Butler/Commissioner Rousseau

Video Time 12:30

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

IX. COUNTY REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

5. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Order #O-12-2025, an Order of the Commissioners Court of Aransas County, Texas, Prohibiting Outdoor Burning for a period of up to Sixty (60) days – Judge Garza

Video Time 13:01

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

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

6. Discuss, approve or disapprove Resolution #R-29-2025, a Resolution of the Aransas County Commissioners Court regarding the appointment of members to the Board of Directors of the Aransas County Appraisal District {*Tabled 07/28/2025*}– Judge Garza

Video Time 13:38

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

- ⊛ **Motion to table:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

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

X. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN - NONE

XI. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

7. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Texas Maritime Museum's 2nd Quarter Report-Ashley Pieprzyca/Judge Garza

Video Time

- ⊛ **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 terminating the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with ePN (eRecording Partners Network), this eRecording platform used in the Aransas County Clerk's Office – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza

Video Time 31:02

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

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

9. Discuss, approve, or disapprove an Additional Services Fee Proposal for Broaddus & Associates for the new Aransas County Courthouse {*Tabled 07/28/2025*} – Judge Garza

Video Time 32:11

- ★ **Motion to approve:** by Judge Garza, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
- ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-1: Commissioner Rousseau voted nay, it was so ordered

XII. PLANNING AND BUDGET

10. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Aransas County Indigent Health Care Report for July 2025 – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza

Video Time 48:19

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

11. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Indigent Health Care Expenditures for the Fiscal Year September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026, based on 8% Gross Revenue Tax Levy as calculated by the Aransas County Tax Assessor-Collector on State Comptroller Form 50-252 – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza

Video Time 49:33

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

12. Discuss and propose a 2025 Tax Rate of \$0.371293/\$100. The Tax Rate Proposed is General Fund M&O of \$0.286748/\$100 and General Fund Debt Rate of \$0.032955/\$100. The Road and Bridge Proposed Tax Rate is \$0.045345/\$100 and a Flood Control Debt Rate of \$0.006245/\$100, and schedule Public Hearing for Monday, August 25, 2025, at 8:30am and September 2, 2025 at 8:30am – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Video Time 51:25

- ★ **Struck from the agenda by Judge Garza**

13. Discuss and receive information from the public concerning the 2026 Proposed Budget and schedule the 2025 Budget Public Hearings for August 25, 2025, at 8:45am and September 2, 2025 for 8:45am – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Video Time 51:48

- ★ **Struck from the agenda by Judge Garza**

14. Discuss, approve or disapprove the July 2025 Auditor's Monthly Report – Jacky Cockerham /Judge Garza

Video Time 52:00

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

15. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Budget Line Item - Transfers – Jacky Cockerham /Judge Garza

Video Time 56:40

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

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

Video Time 56:59

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

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

Video Time 59:08

- ★ Commissioner Rousseau

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

Video Time 1:00:23

- ★ There were none

XV. CLOSED SESSION

17. Convene into a Closed Session in accordance with Texas Government Code §551.071 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, any items posted on this Agenda and the items listed below:

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 or 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 1:00:33

- ★ **Motion to move 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 a seven-minute break then move into Closed Session**

Video Time 1:01:49

XVI. OPEN SESSION

18. Reconvene into Open Session

Video Time 1:31:28

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

19. Discuss and take action on matters discussed in closed session – Judge Garza

Video Time 1:31:43

- ★ **No action to be taken**

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Video Time 1:31:48

- ⊛ **Motion to adjourn:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
- ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- ⊛ **Meeting adjourned at 10:27 AM**

ARANSAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT



Misty Kimbrough

Misty Kimbrough,
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

8-18-25

Date signed and attestation

Ray A. Garza
Ray A. Garza, County Judge

8/18/25
Date signed.

