

COMMISSIONERS COURT
Aransas County, Texas
Ray A. Garza, County Judge

Jack Chaney
Commissioner, Pct 1-1A

Leslie Casterline
Commissioner, Pct 2



Pat Rousseau
Commissioner, Pct 3

Robert Dupnik
Commissioner, Pct 4-4A

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING AND AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that a **Regular Meeting** of the above named Commissioners Court will be held on the **8th DAY of JANUARY, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM IN THE ARANSAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 2840 HWY. 35 N., ROCKPORT, TEXAS, 78382.**

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need assistance should contact the County Judge's office at (361) 790-0100 two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. **To watch the meeting, visit:** here <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTxprR-CFvaZfapOVcLeDWQ/live>. The following subjects will be discussed at this meeting:

- I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGES**
- II. INVOCATION**
- III. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**
- IV. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

At this time, comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter that is not on the Agenda. To address the Commissioners, please sign the Public Participation Form located at <https://actxgov.seamlessdocs.com/w/ccpublicparticipation> or sign the Public Participation Form located on the table outside of the County Courtroom and deliver to the County Clerk before the meeting begins. Citizens who wish to speak on a matter included in this Agenda will be invited to speak when that particular matter is being deliberated by the Commissioners Court. Each member of the public who appears before the Commissioners Court shall be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes to make his/her remarks. Please note, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Commissioners may not discuss or take action on any item that is not on the agenda.

V. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Presentations are scheduled in advance of the meeting and limited to fifteen (15) minutes unless other arrangements have been made with the Court.

1. Presentation from the Coastal Bend Disaster Recovery Group – Long Term Recovery and Disaster Management – Christopher Brandt

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

All Consent Agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the Commissioners Court and will be enacted by one motion and no separate discussion of these items will occur unless a Commissioner or the County Judge so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

2. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the December 27, 2023 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
3. Discuss, approve or disapprove the re-appointment of County Judge nominee Debbie Griffith for a three (3) year term and the appointment of County Judge nominee Lonnie Matthews for a three (3) year term, both to serve as members of the Aransas County Tree Committee – Judge Garza

VII. COUNTY REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

4. Discuss, approve or disapprove the motion to repeal/replace Resolution #R-24-2011 “Resolution to Establish an Aransas Pathways Steering Committee” with Resolution #R-30-2023-A (Amended), “Revised Resolution to Establish Aransas Pathways Steering Committee”; to amend definitions and procedures; to provide for severability; repealer, and to establish an effective date [*Tabled 12/27/2023*]- Commissioner Rousseau
5. Discuss the Five Star Award, acknowledging Vital Statistics Partners who understand the importance of vital statistics and their impact on the citizens of Texas. This award honors Partners who go above and beyond the duties of birth and death registration by attending training and keeping up with the latest legislation and trends. Present the Five Star Award to Crystal Powell, Deputy County Clerk, Vital Statistics and the other Official Public Record Clerks, Nita Solis, Chief Deputy County Clerk, and Angela Picarazzi, Deputy County Clerk, who contributed to this award as well – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
6. Discuss the budget savings recognized by revisions to the Detention Center meal menus, all while retaining the daily nutritional objectives, resulting in a \$0.24 reduction in costs per tray (17,958 average number of trays per month) with a possible savings of \$4,309.00 per month and nearly \$50,000 per year. No action needed – Sheriff Mills/Judge Garza
7. Discuss the Intoxilyzer equipment graphs and numbers. No action needed – Sheriff Mills/Judge Garza

VIII. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN

8. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Final Plat proposed by Metropol, LLC to re-plat 2582- R FM 1069 and 2502-2560 FM 1069 into the Lucas Ranch Subdivision, Lots 1-124 – Katherine Comeaux/Judge Garza

IX. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

9. Discuss, approve or disapprove a request to Solicit a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Disaster Recovery company to coordinate with County staff to oversee the recovery efforts in the immediate aftermath of a catastrophic event [Tabled 12/27/2023]– Mike Geer/Judge Garza
10. Discuss, approve, or disapprove authorizing the Airport Manager to publish a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a bulk aviation fuel provider – Mike Geer/Judge Garza
11. Discuss, approve or disapprove hiring M&M Asphalt & Paving to perform airport paving repairs at a cost of \$17,500.00 – Mike Geer/Judge Garza
12. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing Environmental Health – Transfer Station to re-seek bids for a 2024 Brush Grinding contract; only two bids were received in December and both bids were more than double the cost of the previous year’s awarded contract – Elle Morales/Judge Garza
13. Discuss, approve or disapprove Change Order No. 2 for construction contract for Loop 1781 Road Improvements – Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Relief (CDBG-DR) Contract #20-065-098-C270, to LCR Total Transport, LLC; Change Order increases the contract time by sixty (60) days with no increase in the dollar amount – David Reid/Judge Garza
14. Discuss, approve or disapprove accepting and approving as-built drawings for Copano Heights Road Improvements, in the County’s General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Relief (CDBG-DR) Contract #20-065-098-C270 and authorize County Judge to sign a letter of as-built approval – David Reid/Judge Garza
15. Discuss, approve or disapprove accepting Copano Heights Road Improvements, in the County’s General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Relief (CDBG-DR) Contract #20-065-098-C270, as complete and authorize County Judge to sign a Certificate of Construction Completion – David Reid/Judge Garza

X. PLANNING AND BUDGET

16. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the December 2023 Indigent Health Care Report – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
17. Discuss, approve or disapprove changes to the job descriptions for the Executive Assistant and Records Clerk for the Sheriff’s Office, adding supervisory duties to Executive Assistant to oversee Records Clerk – Desiree Upton/Judge Garza
18. Discuss, approve or disapprove a proposed job description for Construction/Maintenance Inspector II at Pay Group 21 – David Reid/Desiree Upton/Judge Garza
19. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Budget Line Item - Transfers for the 2024 Budget – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

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

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

At this time, Commissioners will provide reports or updates on committee assignments and Elected Officials and Department Heads may provide reports or updates related to advisory boards, fee reports, and more.

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

At this time, Commissioners Court will receive reports and updates from Commissioners, County Judge, and County staff related to items of community interest such as: expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolences; information regarding holiday schedules or closures; honorary or salutatory recognition of a public official, employee, or a citizen; reminders about upcoming events; reports on public events attended by Commissioners, County officials, and/or employees; and any announcement involving an emergency or imminent threat to public health and safety that arose after the posting of this Agenda.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

21. Convene into a Closed Session to consult with counsel and receive legal advice about insurance matters related to Aransas County’s projects and insurance claims from Hurricane Harvey, including the following pending litigation:

- 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. *Aransas County v. Kathleen Hicks, in her official capacity as Director of the Regional Pool Alliance*, Aransas County District Court Cause No. 23-0069.

pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, which authorizes closed sessions for a governmental body to consult with its attorney(s) regarding advice on legal matters pertaining to “Pending or Contemplated Litigation; or 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/Judge Garza

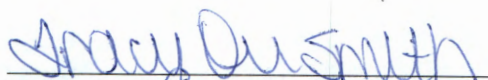
XIV. OPEN SESSION

22. Reconvene into Open Session
23. Discuss and take action on matters discussed in closed session – Amanda Oster/ Judge Garza

XV. ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby affirmed that this **NOTICE OF MEETING and AGENDA** was duly posted at the Aransas County Courthouse at least seventy-two (72) hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting on enclosed bulletin boards outside of the Courthouse that are readily accessible to the general public twenty-four (24) hours each day and also on the Aransas County website, in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and Texas Government Code §551.043.



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