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 <u>10th DAY of FEBRUARY, 2025</u> at <u>9:00 A.M. IN THE COUNTY COURT AT</u> <u>LAW COURTROOM IN THE ARANSAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 2718 HWY. 35 N.,</u> <u>ROCKPORT, TEXAS, 78382</u>. 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 <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTxprR-CFvaZfapOVcLeDWQ/live</u>. The following subjects will be discussed at this meeting:

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. INVOCATION
- III. PLEDGES
- IV. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

V. 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.

VI. 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.

VII. 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.

- Discuss, approve or disapprove the <u>Minutes</u> from the January 22, 2025 Special Meeting (originally scheduled for January 21, 2025 but delayed due to weather) – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
- 2. Discuss, approve or disapprove the <u>Minutes</u> from the January 27, 2025 Regular Meeting Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
- 3. Discuss, approve or disapprove the <u>Minutes</u> from the February 3, 2025 Special Meeting Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
- 4. Acknowledge and accept <u>donation of \$375 donated to Aransas Pathways from Renewable</u> <u>Energy Wildlife Institute (REWI)</u> to be used for Linda S. Castro site projects – Melissa Zieschang/Judge Garza
- 5. Acknowledge and accept <u>donation of \$10,000 donated to Aransas Pathways by Matt</u> <u>Corpora to be used for Linda S. Castro site projects – Melissa Zieschang/Judge Garza</u>
- 6. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court <u>the V.G. Young</u> <u>Institute of County Government Certificate awarded to Pat Rousseau for Completion of 24</u> <u>hours of Educational Training</u> – Pat Rousseau

VIII. COUNTY REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

- 7. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>appointing Janet Leah Hasty to the Aransas County</u> <u>Appraisal Board of Directors until the end of 2025</u> – Judge Garza
- 8. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the <u>4th Quarter 2024 Report from the Friends of the Fulton</u> <u>Mansion</u> – Jane Hill/Judge Garza
- 9. Discuss, approve or disapprove the <u>4th Quarter 2024 Report from the Aransas County</u> <u>Historical Commission</u> – Dave Hattman/Judge Garza
- 10. Acknowledge <u>Friends of the History Center 4th Quarter 2024 Report</u> Eric Koenig/Judge Garza

IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN

11. Discuss, approve, or disapprove <u>accepting the roads and drainage infrastructure in the Lucas Ranch Subdivision for maintenance by the County and approving Resolution #R-04-2025, a Resolution accepting infrastructure for County Maintenance – Kat Comeaux/Judge Garza</u>

X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

- 12. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>rejecting all responses for the Brush Grinding Services</u> <u>Request for Proposals advertised and opened on December 19, 2024, and resoliciting the</u> <u>project</u> – Anthony Van Meter/Judge Garza
- 13. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>authorizing Environmental Health Transfer Station to</u> seek new bids for a 2025 Brush Grinding Contract – Anthony Van Meter/Judge Garza
- 14. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>Construction Change Request #111, Credit for Tree Grate</u>, and Construction Change Order #112 to furnish and install power supply and relay necessary to trip the breaker inside the elevator machine room in case of fire – Judge Garza
- 15. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>accepting and approving As-Built drawings and authorize</u> <u>the County Judge to sign the As-Built Acceptance Letter and the Certificate of Construction</u> <u>Completion for the Holiday Beach Road Improvements Project</u>, in the County's General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Relief (DBG-DR) Contract #20-065-098-C270 – Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza
- 16. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>accepting and approving As-Built drawings and authorize</u> <u>the County Judge to sign the As-Built Acceptance Letter and the Certificate of Construction</u> <u>Completion for Ruby Allen & Traylor Ditch Improvements Project</u>, in the County's General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Relief (CDBG-DR) Contract #20-065-098-C270 – Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza
- 17. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>accepting and approving As-Built drawings and authorize</u> <u>the County Judge to sign the As-Built Acceptance Letter and the Certificate of Construction</u> <u>Completion for the Southeast Aransas County Drainage Improvements Project</u>, in the County's General Land Office Community Development Block Grant- Disaster Relief (CDBG-DR) Contract #20-065-098-C270 – Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza
- Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>DLF Two, Inc.'s Aransas County Change Order No. 25 for</u> the Aransas County Downtown Anchor Project fiber and hydro trenching for conduit installation. The cost of the 30x48x36 box is \$8,917.10 paid by Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds (LATCF) – Elle Moralez/Judge Garza
- Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>FEMA Disaster Recovery Project No. DR-4332-0195-TX</u> <u>Hurricane Harvey Phase, Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) Sub-Grant</u> <u>Award for a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), for the Aransas County Detention</u> <u>Center Generator</u> – authorizing the County Judge to sign and execute all necessary documents – Elle Moralez/Judge Garza
- 20. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>FEMA Disaster Recovery Project No. DR-4332-0199-TX</u> <u>Hurricane Harvey Phase, Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) Sub-Grant</u> <u>Award for a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), for the Aransas County</u> <u>Environmental Health Facility Generator</u> – authorizing the County Judge to sign and execute all necessary documents – Elle Moralez/Judge Garza

- 21. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>FEMA Disaster Recovery Project No. DR-4332-0200-TX</u> <u>Hurricane Harvey Phase, Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) Sub-Grant</u> <u>Award for a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), for the Aransas County Fulton</u> <u>Elementary Generator</u> – authorizing County Judge to sign and execute all necessary documents – Elle Moralez/Judge Garza
- 22. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>FEMA Disaster Recovery Project No. DR-4332-0196-TX</u> <u>Hurricane Harvey Phase, Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) Sub-Grant</u> <u>Award for a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), for the Aransas County Public</u> <u>Safety EOPS Generator</u> – authorizing the County Judge to sign and execute all necessary documents – Elle Moralez/Judge Garza
- 23. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>entering into the Interlocal Project Cooperation Contract</u> for the General Land Office (GLO) Contract No. #25-047-000-E868 between Aransas County and the GLO and authorizing County Judge to sign the necessary documents – Adela C. Martinez/Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
- 24. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>authorizing the County Attorney to agree to the proposed</u> terms of settlement in the iWorQ Systems, Inc. contract dispute in Civil No. 240100226 and authorizing County Judge to sign any necessary documents – Adela C. Martinez/Judge Garza
- 25. <u>Presentation of OR2025-003486, an Order to Aransas County from the Office of the Attorney General regarding the Wendt Services, Inc. Public Information Act Request</u> Amanda Oster/Adela C. Martinez/Judge Garza
- 26. Discuss, approve or disapprove ordering <u>authorizing the County Attorney to file a</u> <u>challenge to OR2025-003486 in the District Court of Travis County</u> – Amanda Oster/Adela C. Martinez/Judge Garza
- 27. Discuss, approve, or disapprove <u>authorizing the County Judge to sign an agreement with</u> the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center, a 501c(3) non-profit organization, to provide interpreting services to persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, low vision or deaf/blind on an "as needed" basis Judge Garza

XI. PLANNING AND BUDGET

- 28. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the <u>Aransas County Indigent Health Care Report for</u> <u>January 2025</u> – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
- 29. Discuss, approve or disapprove <u>the renewal of the program agreement with Texas</u> <u>Association of Counties (TAC) for the Affordable Care Act Reporting & Tracking Service</u> (ARTS) and authorizing the County Judge to execute necessary documents – Desiree Upton/Judge Garza
- 30. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the <u>Budget Line Items</u> Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

31. Discuss, approve, or disapprove <u>Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities</u> – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

XII. 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.

XIII. 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.

XIV. CLOSED SESSION

32. 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 insurance matters related to Aransas County's projects and insurance claims from Hurricane Harvey, various contract disputes and the Wendt Services, Inc. Public Information Act Request:

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. *iWorQ Systems, Inc., a Utah Corporation v. Aransas County, Texas*, Case No. 240100226, in the District Court of the First Judicial District County of Cache, Utah; and

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vi. Wendt Services, Inc. Public Information Act Request

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/Adela Martinez/Judge Garza

XV. OPEN SESSION

- 33. Reconvene into Open Session
- Discuss and take action on matters discussed in closed session Jennifer O'Steen/ Judge Garza

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

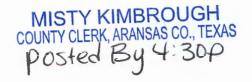
CERTIFICATION

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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