

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

2ND AMENDED 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 **26th DAY of FEBRUARY, 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**
- 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.

1. Presentation by the Wings **Over** Rockport, a 501c3, on the subject of having an Airshow at the Aransas County Airport – Katrina Brown/Mike Geer

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.

2. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the February 8, 2024 Special Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
3. Acknowledge receipt of, and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court, a Certificate for Continuing Education for Alma Cartwright from the Texas Association of Counties, fulfilling all required continuing education hours and County Investment Academy hours – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
4. Acknowledge receipt of, and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court, a Certificate of Compliance for Continuing Education for Alma Cartwright from the County Treasurer's Association of Texas – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
5. Acknowledge receipt of, and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court, a Certificate for Continuing Education for Emily Guerrero for the 2024 County Court Assistants Training Conference - Emily Guerrero/Judge Garza

Donations

6. Discuss and accept a donation from the Les and Mary Puckett Children's Foundation in the amount of \$1,500 to the Aransas County Public Library – Iris Sanchez/Judge Garza
7. Discuss and accept a donation from William Kleine, an airport user, in the amount of \$606.26 to the Aransas County Airport to replace the grounding reel on the self-serve fuel pump – Mike Geer/Judge Garza

VIII. COUNTY REPORTS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

8. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Friends of the History Center 4th Quarter of 2023 – Pam Stranahan/Judge Garza
9. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Appointment of Members to the Aransas Pathways Steering Committee – Judge Garza
10. Discuss, approve or disapprove Order #O-03-2024, Aransas County Animal Control Order to establish a rabies control program, regulate the registration and restraint of certain animals, designate a local animal control authority, regulate dangerous dogs, prohibit dogs running at large, prohibit the inhumane treatment of animals, and provide penalties pursuant to Chapters 821, 822 and 826 of the Texas Health and Safety Code and the Order herewith – Caitlan Frazier/Judge Garza

IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN – NONE

X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

11. Discuss, approve or disapprove accepting and awarding insecticides/mosquito control chemical bids for FY2024 – Elle Moralez/Judge Garza
12. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Plans, Specifications and Contract Bid Documents for three (03), Hazard Mitigation Grant Project (HMGP), Standby Generator Installation Projects for Aransas County, Texas and to authorize G & W Engineers, Inc. to solicit for Construction Bids. The three generator projects consist of the Airport Field Lighting DR-4332-0197, Road and Bridge Office DR-4332-0202, and Transfer Station DR-4332-0203. The generators are FEMA disaster recovery approved projects with funding and sub-award agreements through the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) – Elle Moralez/Judge Garza
13. Discuss, approve or disapprove extending the Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement between Rockport Property Entity, LLC, EVC-CC Land Holdings LLC, and Aransas County, Texas by thirty (30) days for the purchase of approximately 972.952 acres of land out of the A6 Joseph Fessenden Survey, J. Smith Survey, and A14 Anselmo Bergara Survey, near Cape Valero and 1751 FM in Aransas County, for Two Million Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,350,000.00), to provide additional time to finalize the agreement for the receipt of grant funds from the GOMESA Program, CMP Cycle 29 for Projects of Special Merit, and authorize the County Judge to execute necessary documents – Katherine Comeaux/Judge Garza
14. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Tiger Field Athletic Complex Lease Agreement – Judge Garza
15. Discuss, approve or disapprove Change Order #13 from Teal Construction for the following changes: CPR 84 – Reduce Plaque Size – Deduct \$4,345.00 to Change the five (5) foot Diameter Plaque to a three (3) foot Diameter Plaque; and CPR 86 to Add Data and Power in DC A210 and DC Lobby A208 – add \$18,019.00 and five (5) impact days – Elle Moralez/Judge Garza

XI. PLANNING AND BUDGET

16. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Jacky Cockerham being appointed County Auditor of and for the County Of Aransas County, Texas, effective February 1, 2024, to serve at the pleasure of the District Judges of the 36th, 156th and 343rd Judicial Districts for a term not to exceed two (2) years and her compensation is set at one hundred and two thousand one-hundred and forty-six dollars and sixty-four cents (\$102,146.64) per annum payable out of the General Fund of Aransas County, Texas, in equal bi-weekly installments together with any and all increases as permitted by law – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
17. Discuss, approve or disapprove revised job description for Transfer Station Senior Mechanic – Elle Moralez/Judge Garza
18. Discuss, approve or disapprove changes to job descriptions for several departments; changes are for duties, no change to pay. Updated job descriptions were requested to prepare for a salary study – Desiree Upton/Judge Garza

19. Discuss, approve or disapprove a request to Solicit a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a salary study, conducted to collect and analyze data on wages and salaries. The purpose of a salary survey is to help employers and employees understand what different jobs pay in different geographic areas, and to identify trends in wage and salary levels – Desiree Upton/Judge Garza
20. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Assistant County Engineer position. The County Engineer will mentor the Assistant County Engineer so the Assistant may fill the Engineer’s position when he retires; once the Assistant County Engineer is promoted to County Engineer, the Assistant position will not be filled. The proposed salary for the Assistant County Engineer is Group 29, which equates to \$83,544 annually; this salary is below the salary of contiguous county, Nueces County (\$105,164.80). There was not an Assistant County Engineer position in San Patricio County or Calhoun County to compare rates but David Reid and Desiree Upton gathered several Assistant County Engineer job postings from other Texas Counties – David Reid/Desiree Upton/Judge Garza
21. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Budget Line Item - Transfers for the 2023 Budget – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
22. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities – 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

23. 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

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

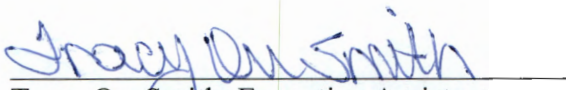
XV. OPEN SESSION

- 24. Reconvene into Open Session
- 25. Discuss and take action on matters discussed in closed session – Amanda Oster/ 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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