

Commissioners' Court
Aransas County, Texas

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WORKSHOP AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that a **Workshop Meeting** of the above named Commissioners Court *V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.001(4)*, will be held on the **18th day of March 2024 at 1:30 P.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Aransas County Courthouse, 2840 HWY. 35 N., Rockport, Texas**. 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:

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. DECLARE QUORUM
- IV. ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR DISCUSSION
 - 1. Discuss the Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) Grant and projects within the county which might be eligible for funding – Mike Geer/Judge Garza
- V. ADJOURNMENT

ARANSAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

By: 

Ray A. Garza
Aransas County Judge

CERTIFICATION
COMMISSIONERS COURT, ARANSAS COUNTY, TEXAS

It is hereby affirmed that this NOTICE OF MEETING was duly posted at the Aransas County Courthouse at least seventy-two (72) hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting, on the bulletin boards that are readily accessible to the general public during normal business hours 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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ARANSAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

WORKSHOP AGENDA ITEM MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Ray A. Garza and the Commissioners Court
FROM: Mike Geer
DEPT: Airport
MTG DATE: March 18, 2024
SUBJECT: Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) Grant

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

Discuss the Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) Grant and projects within the county which might be eligible for funding.

BACKGROUND:

Last year, I initiated collaboration with members of the airport advisory board, along with Congressman Michael Cloud, Senator John Cornyn, and Texas State Representative Todd Hunter, to highlight a longstanding issue: the Navy has utilized our airport as a practice landing field for decades without compensating the airport or county. Their touch-and-go landings not only wear down the runway pavement but also strain it, necessitating frequent repairs that drain the airport fund's limited revenue streams. Consequently, other essential infrastructure projects have been deferred as the focus shifts to runway maintenance.

In 2022, our Airport Improvement Project (AIP) Grant and funds from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act were depleted solely on repairing movement-area pavement. Had the Navy contributed to the 2022 pavement rehab project, AIP and CARES funds could have been allocated to address other critical needs such as the fuel farm, electric gates, terminal building and hangars, all of which are progressively deteriorating. Despite the maintenance budget and the TxDOT Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP) Grant, our aging infrastructure's upkeep remains insufficient.

The Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) was established to mitigate the impact of the US military on neighboring communities. I believe we can demonstrate that our airport and possibly other aspects of our community have been significantly affected by the US Navy's aviator training. While immediate runway rehabilitation might not be necessary, DCIP could support other vital and eligible projects that would have been funded through AIP and CARES, had they not been allocated to pavement repairs.

To learn more about DCIP and review past grant awards, please visit <https://oldcc.gov/defense-community-infrastructure-program-dcip>. —Mike Geer

ATTACHMENT(S): NA

BUDGETED ITEM: NA

WITHIN BUDGET: NA

FUND: NA