

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

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING AND AGENDA**

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Notice is hereby given that a **Regular Meeting** of the above named Commissioners Court will be held on the **24th DAY of APRIL, 2023 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:

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- 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, which has not been posted 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 of Pearl Point Rockport 1, LLC's Chapter 381 Economic Development Agreement Report for 2022

2. Presentation of Pearl Point Phase 2, LLC's Chapter 381 Economic Development Agreement Report for 2022
3. Discuss, approve or disapprove Proclamation #P-07-2023, a Proclamation recognizing April 2023 as National Preservation in History Month – Judge Garza
4. Discuss, approve or disapprove Proclamation #P-08-2023, a Proclamation recognizing the Month of April as Trauma Awareness Month and Stop the Bleed – Patricia Arnold/Judge Garza

## **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.*

5. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Minutes from the April 10, 2023 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
6. Acknowledge and record in the minutes of the Commissioners Court a donation from Another Chance RFT for the following: March 2023: \$5,975 value for medical veterinary care including 8 spay/neuters, vaccines, heartworm preventative, rabies shots, flea and tick preventative, and 4 heartworm treatments plus \$1,028 for transportation, supplies, cremations, and boarding. Total value of donated services in March: \$7,003.00. Volunteer hours donated in March were 285 – Commissioner Rousseau
7. Acknowledge and record in the minutes of the Commissioners Court a donation from Cat Tails Rescue for the following services to Aransas County Animal Control/Animal Care: covered expenses for spay/neuter surgeries, medical tests, and vaccinations to enable rehoming cats through partnering with no-kill shelters outside of Aransas County. Total value of donated services for March: \$2,183.54 – Commissioner Rousseau
8. Acknowledge and accept a donation of \$50.00 from Victor Perez for Aransas County Animal Care Services – Spay/Neuter program – Lori Cesar/Judge Garza
9. Acknowledge and accept a donation of \$40.00 of supplies from Karen Small for Aransas County Animal Care – Lori Cesar/Judge Garza
10. Acknowledge and accept a donation of \$2,000.00 from Ruth Chambers for the spay/neuter program for Aransas County Animal Care – Lori Cesar/Judge Garza
11. Acknowledge and accept a donation of a \$50.00 Amazon Gift Card for cat supplies from the Seiberts – The Pirate Shack – Lori Cesar/Judge Garza

## **VII. COUNTY REPORTS**

12. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Aransas County Historical Commission 1st Quarter Report for 2023 – Doreen Bronner/Dave Hattman/Judge Garza
13. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Friends of the History Center of Aransas County 1st Quarter Report for 2023 – Pam Stranahan/Judge Garza
14. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Rockport – Fulton Chamber of Commerce 2nd Quarter Report for 2023 (the Chamber’s fiscal year is Oct-Sept. This is the report for the County’s 1st Quarter) – Shelly Stuart/Judge Garza
15. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the 2022 Annual Library Report for the Texas State Library and authorize the County Judge to sign the report – Iris Sanchez/Judge Garza
16. Discuss, approve or disapprove the April 1, 2023 presentation for Pearl Point Rockport 1, LLC, as required by the Chapter 381 Economic Development Agreement and Authorize Payment of a \$32,175.64 rebate of 2022 Taxes paid January 2023 – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
17. Discuss, approve or disapprove the April 1, 2023 presentation for Pearl Point Phase 2, LLC, as required by the Chapter 381 Economic Development Agreement and Authorize Payment of a \$2,275.50 rebate of 2022 Taxes paid January 2023 – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
18. Discuss, approve or disapprove the presentation of the Annual Report on Racial Profiling to the Commissioners Court as required by Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Sections 2.131-2.138 – Sheriff Mills/Judge Garza

## **VIII. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN**

19. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Order #O-08-2023, an Order Closing, Abandoning, and Vacating a 60-foot Roadway called Elizabeth Street, between Blocks 24 and 29, Bellevue Addition, Aransas County, Texas and being more particularly described by metes and bounds on Exhibit “A” and “B” attached to the petition filed with the Commissioners Court which is made a part hereof by reference and incorporation – Katherine Comeaux/Elizabeth Brundrett/ Judge Garza

## **IX. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS**

20. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the issuance of a Request for Proposals for software designed to assist counties with jury management, including jury selection and impaneling, to improve efficiency and ensure that justice is carried out fairly and impartially - Pam Heard/Judge Garza

21. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the proposal from Gray & Pape for professional archaeological survey services for Lamar Beach Road Hazard Mitigation project 4332-015. The project is funded by a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 404 Hazard Mitigation grant administered by the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) – John Strothman/Judge Garza
22. Discuss, approve or disapprove Change Order #5 from Teal Construction for the new Aransas County Courthouse. Change Order #5 includes a deduction of <\$3,598.00> for NEMA 1 ATS Platform Revisions, an addition of \$4,030.35 to change door/frame/hardware schedule per RFI #59, a deduction of <\$2,401.98> for ASI 002, and an addition of \$2,070.84 for PR 9 blocking for jump seating in courtrooms. Total Change Order #5 amount is \$101.21. The new Contract Sum including this Change Order is \$23,385,603.91 – John Strothman/Judge Garza

## **X. PLANNING AND BUDGET**

23. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the March 2023 Treasurer’s Report – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
24. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Treasurer’s Investment Report for the 1st Quarter of 2023 – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
25. Discuss, approve or disapprove request to declare the list of items provided as surplus to include vehicles, equipment, and items located in the surplus trailers, and allow Public Facilities to dispose of scrap metal to be salvaged and sold as recyclable – Rene Butler/Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
26. Discuss, approve, or disapprove declaring Seven (7) vehicles surplus from the Sheriff’s Office fleet and authorizing the Sheriff to trade Five (5) vehicles in on the vehicle replacements included in the 2023 budget and authorizing Two (2) vehicles to be reassigned within the County- Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
27. Discuss, approve or disapprove Aransas County contracting with License Chemical Dependency Counselor (LCDC) or License Professional Counselor (LPC) to provide services to inmates at the Aransas County Detention Center or defendants required to receive services by a Magistrate’s Court Order Bond Conditions, using Opioid Settlement funds – Judge McGinnis
28. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Transfer Station’s request for emergency approval to begin searching for a suitable backhoe to purchase and authorizing the County Judge to execute necessary documents – Elle Moralez/Judge Garza
29. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Budget Line Item - Transfers for the 2023 Budget – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
30. 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**

The Commissioners Court will consider convening into a Closed Session to:

31. 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:
  - a. Aransas County Texas v. Endurance American Specialty Insurance Company, et al, Aransas County District Court Cause No. 23-0021; and,
  - b. Northstar Recovery Services, Inc. v. Aransas County Independent School District and Aransas County, Aransas County, District Court Cause No. 23-0066; and,
  - c. 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 –Jennifer O’Steen/Judge Garza

**XIV. OPEN SESSION**

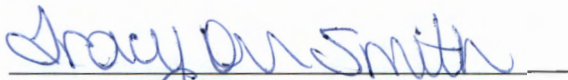
32. Reconvene into Open Session

33. Discuss and take action on matters discussed in closed session – Amanda Oster/Jennifer O’Steen/ 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.

  
Tracy Orr Smith, Executive Assistant  
Aransas County Judge’s Office  
Tel: 361-790-0100

**FILED FOR RECORD**  
AT 2:22 P.M.  
APR 19 2023

**MISTY KIMBROUGH**  
COUNTY CLERK, ARANSAS CO., TEXAS

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