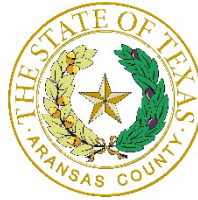


COMMISSIONERS COURT
Aransas County, Texas

Ray A. Garza, County Judge

Jack Chaney
Commissioner, Pct 1-1A



Pat Rousseau
Commissioner, Pct 3

Leslie Casterline
Commissioner, Pct 2

Robert Dupnik
Commissioner, Pct 4

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 MAY, 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:

- 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 by Linda Maclsaac, Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) and Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor (LCDC) on Opioid Usage in Aransas County – Commissioner Rousseau
2. Presentation and update on the Workforce Development Center – Judge Garza

3. Presentation of the Coastal Bend Disaster Recovery Group (CBDRG) Harvey Response Final Report – Christopher Brandt/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.

4. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Minutes from the April 24th Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
5. Acknowledge receipt of, and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court, a Certificate of Achievement to Patricia Randall from the County Investment Academy – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
6. Acknowledge receipt of, and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court, a Certificate of Completion from the Texas Association of Counties for successfully completing 32.50 hours of educational training for the 2023 Judicial Orientation for New County Judges – Judge Garza
7. Acknowledge and accept a donation of a Memorial Bench, valued at \$2,182.10, from Jim Ross and Family to Aransas Pathways - Jennifer Heard/Rene Butler/Judge Garza
8. Acknowledge and accept a donation of a pair of binoculars, valued at \$279.95, from Land, Sea and Sky to Aransas Pathways – Jennifer Heard/Rene Butler/Judge Garza
9. Acknowledge and approve allowing the Aransas County Public Library to declare Nine Hundred and Fifty-Five (955) used books surplus and authorize disposal by donating the books to the Friends of the Aransas County Public Library for its book sale - Iris Sanchez/Judge Garza
10. Consider authorizing a one (1) year renewal of the Contract for Disaster Debris Management, Debris Removal, and Debris Disposal Services between Aransas County, Texas, and Crowder Gulf, LLC beginning on June 13, 2023 and expiring on June 12, 2024, unless renewed – Mike Geer/Judge Garza
11. Consider authorizing a one (1) year renewal of the Contract for Disaster Emergency Response Services between Aransas County, Texas, and Ceres Environmental Services, Inc., beginning on July 1, 2023 and expiring on June 30, 2024, unless renewed – Mike Geer/Judge Garza
12. Consider authorizing a one (1) year renewal of the Contract for Disaster Emergency Response Services between Aransas County, Texas, and Garner Environmental Services, Inc., beginning on July 1, 2023 and expiring on June 30, 2024, unless renewed – Mike Geer/Judge Garza

13. Consider authorizing a one (1) year renewal of the Contract for Monitoring Services related to Debris Removal and Disposal between Aransas County, Texas, and Thompson Consulting, LLC beginning on June 13, 2023, and expiring on June 12, 2024, unless renewed – Mike Geer/Judge Garza

VII. COUNTY REPORTS

14. Review and discuss interim report received from the Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program entitled “Evaluating the Chemical Levels of Soil and Groundwater at Several Sites near the Tailings Ponds in Rockport (Aransas County)” – Commissioner Rousseau
15. Review, discuss, and consider acceptance of the CBDRG Harvey Response Final Report – Judge Garza

VIII. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN

16. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Final Plat of Lot 1, Block 1, Costa Palms Resort, Phase I, a manufactured home community at 519 Rattlesnake Point Road – Katherine Comeaux/Judge Garza

IX. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

17. Discuss, approve, or disapprove entering into a Memorandum of Understanding between Aransas County, Texas and Coastal Bend Disaster Recovery Group (CBDRG) to express the intention of the Parties to work collaboratively to coordinate aid and assistance in the event of a disaster and establish terms and conditions – Judge Garza
18. Discuss, approve, or disapprove authorizing County Judge to sign the AT&T Agreement for Limited Access to Local Control for FirstNet to allow the Aransas County IT Department to maintain the list of qualified personnel within Aransas County who are eligible to utilize FirstNet as their personal mobile device provider, which comes at no cost to the County, and speeds up the on-boarding process for qualified employees – Collin Jackson/Judge Garza
19. Discuss, approve, or disapprove an Amendment to the Contract for Professional Engineering Services between Aransas County, Texas and G & W Engineers, Inc. for the HMGP Standby Generator Projects to add an additional project location, the Transfer Station, to the Contract for a total increase in cost of \$27,400.00 for a new total of \$82,200.00, which Contract is funded through a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 404 Hazard Mitigation Grant administered through the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM)– John Strothman/Judge Garza

20. Discuss, approve or disapprove Change Order # 6 for the Construction Contract between Teal Construction Company and Aransas County for the Construction of the New Aransas County Courthouse resulting in an increase in the Contract Cost of \$64,345.82 for a new total Contract Cost of \$23,449,949.73 and an increase in the length of the Contract by 156 days, and further consisting of the following changes: 1) Delete corridor wall in A105 and build a fourth wall to enclose the vital records room in the County Clerk's office – cost increase of \$2,214.17; 2) Modifications to access control system including additional card readers – cost increase of \$71,185.76; 3) Increase in contract term by 156 days due to supply change issues; and 4) Changes to plans for the Indigent Health Department including deleting walls, windows, a door, and changes to millwork – cost decrease of \$9,054.11 – John Strothman/Judge Garza
21. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to Sign a Rental Agreement with the Town of Fulton for use of the Fulton Convention Center for May 23, 2023, to host a Joint Evacuation Transportation Triage (ETT) Training for Aransas and San Patricio Counties for a reduced cost of \$350.00 – Mike Geer/Judge Garza
22. Discuss, approve or disapprove a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the U.S. Marshal Service in which the Marshal Service agrees to reimburse Aransas County for up to \$15,000.00 in overtime expenses related to Aransas County Deputies serving warrants over a 30 day period – Sheriff Mills/Tana Taylor/Judge Garza
23. Discuss, approve or disapprove adoption of a Citizens Participation Plan for the County of Aransas for the Texas General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Method of Distribution (CDBG-MIT-MOD) program and authorizing County Judge to sign all necessary documents – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
24. Discuss, approve or disapprove Mott MacDonald recommendation to award construction contract for Southeast Aransas County Drainage Improvements in the County's General Land Office Community Development Block Grant –Disaster Relief (CDBG-DR) Contract #20-065-098-C270, to Brizo Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$5,542,866.32 and authorize the County Judge to sign contract – David Reid/Judge Garza

X. PLANNING AND BUDGET

25. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the April 2023 Indigent Health Care Report – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
26. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the April 2023 Auditor's Monthly Report – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
27. Discuss, approve or disapprove the distribution of \$114,186.00 of the US Fish and Wildlife Service Refuge Revenue Sharing Account Annual Payments to Local Governments for Lands under their Administration for Fiscal Year 2022, received in 2023 – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza

28. Discuss, approve or disapprove the creation of a new job description for Litter Abatement, Transfer Station Attendant, and Mosquito Control Supervisor to replace the existing Litter Abatement and Mosquito Control Supervisor position at the existing pay rate – Elle Moralez/Linda Doane/Judge Garza
29. Discuss, approve or disapprove job description for Emergency Management Coordinator with no change to rate of pay– Linda Doane/Judge Garza
30. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Budget Line Item - Transfers for the 2023 Budget – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
31. 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 receive reports and 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:

32. 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

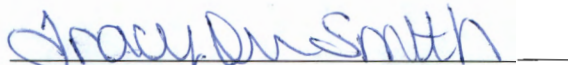
XIV. OPEN SESSION

- 33. Reconvene into Open Session
- 34. 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
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AT 4:45 P.M.
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COUNTY CLERK, ARANSAS CO., TEXAS