

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

**AMENDED 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 **12th DAY of JUNE, 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 Proclamation P-10-2023, proclaiming June 19 – 25, 2023 as National Pollinator Week – Ginger Easton Smith/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.*

2. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Minutes from the May 22, 2022 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
3. Acknowledge receipt of, and record in the minutes of the Commissioners Court, a certificate of completion for Lori Cesar from the Humane Educators of Texas, LLC for Dangerous Dog Investigator – Lori Cesar/Judge Garza
4. Acknowledge and accept a donation of \$43 from Nadezda and Terry Redd for Aransas County Animal Care Service's Spay/Neuter Program – Lori Cesar/Judge Garza
5. Acknowledge and accept a donation from Amber Lousberg of a LG Inverter Washer and Dryer, value of \$900, for Aransas County Animal Care Services – Lori Cesar/Judge Garza

## VII. COUNTY REPORTS

6. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the 1st Quarter 2023 Report of the Texas Maritime Museum – Justin Parkoff

## VIII. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN

7. Discuss, approve, or disapprove accepting a permanent Twenty Foot (20') wide drainage easement from JoAnn McLester as depicted on the attached Exhibit and authorize the County Judge to execute necessary documents – David Reid/Judge Garza

## IX. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

8. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing County Judge to sign Change Order #2 for Bahia Bay Drainage Improvements Project. The change order is a \$98,627.42 increase of the contract with Gerke Excavating, Inc. – David Reid/Judge Garza
9. Discuss, approve, or disapprove entering into a contract with Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Vital Statistics Sections and Aransas County to allow the County Clerk's office to provide the service of providing birth certificates for anyone born in the State of Texas – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
10. Discuss, approve or disapprove the annual County Clerk Archive Plan as required by Local Government Code Sections 118.011 (f) – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
11. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing County Judge to use Stellar Energy Solutions, an Energy Broker Service, to Locate and Price Electricity Service for the County – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

12. Discuss, approve, or disapprove authorizing County Judge to sign a letter of commitment to provide \$35,000 of GOMESA funds to go toward the match of a CEPRA (Coastal Erosion Planning and Response Act) grant to provide the engineering and design components of the project titled “Newcomb Marsh Shoreline Protection – Phase II – John Strothman/Judge Garza
13. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing County Judge to sign Access Easements for the Bay shore Drive Shoreline Restoration Project, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Contract #582-21-22184 – John Strothman/Judge Garza
14. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Change Order #7 for the Construction Contract between Teal Construction and Aransas County for the construction of the new Aransas County Courthouse, resulting in an increase in the Contract Cost of \$79,941.89 with no change in the length of the contract and further consisting of the following changes: 1) Plan Revision #2 to the generator yard – Cost increase of \$37,558. 2) Plumbing – Roof Drains – Cost increase of \$38,346.82. 3) Frame Plumbing Pipes – Cost increase of \$3,073.55. 4) Ceiling Revisions for Corner Offices – Cost increase of \$13,933.52. 5) Thermory Wood Soffit Material Change – Cost decrease of \$21,000. 6) Change in Locks – Cost increase of \$8,030. - John Strothman/Judge Garza
15. Discuss, approve or disapprove Change Order #1 to the contract with DLF Texas, for building foundation and perimeter beam changes – Cost increase of \$38,807.67 for the construction of the new Community Building – John Strothman/Judge Garza
16. Discuss, approve or disapprove the authorization of County Judge to execute necessary documents to use American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the purchase of Transfer Station Equipment – Elle Morales/Judge Garza
17. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing County staff to contact AEP to purchase and install a security light near the Lamar Boat Ramp, also known as the St. Charles Bay Boat Ramp, for a cost not to exceed \$1,500 and authorize payment for monthly electrical services Aransas County’s negotiated rates – Commissioner Dupnik/Judge Garza
18. Discuss, approve or disapprove an Amendment to the Harbor Oaks Village Shopping Center Lease Agreement between ILS Rockport, LLC, and Aransas County, Texas, to extend the term of the Lease to November 30, 2023, with options for up to three automatic extensions of three months each and notice of termination of ninety days – Jennifer O’Steen/Judge Garza

**X. PLANNING AND BUDGET**

19. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the May 2023 Indigent Health Care Report – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
20. Discuss, approve or disapprove adding a full-time Supervisor-In-Training position at the Transfer Station – Elle Morales/Judge Garza

21. Discuss, approve or disapprove job description update and changing the Facilities Maintenance Director's Group/Step from 23-8 to 26-10 moving Pathways from under the County Judge and Director of Community Development to Facilities, adding additional required job duties – Judge Garza
22. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing County Judge to enter into and sign the Renewal Agreement with Texas Association of Counties (TAC) for Employee Health Insurance for the 2023-2024 Plan Year – Linda Doane/Judge Garza
23. Discuss, approve or disapprove electing to change voluntary Dental & Vision providers from UNUM to Texas Association of Counties (TAC) and authorize County Judge to enter into and sign Voluntary Dental and Vision Benefit Elections form agreement - Linda Doane/Judge Garza
24. Discuss, approve or disapprove electing to replace the current Section 125 Cafeteria Plan from HealthEquity WageWorks at a cost of \$185 annually to WEX through Texas Association of Counties (TAC) at a \$0 annual cost for the county and authorize County Judge to enter into and sign agreement. TAC is covering the cost as an added benefit to participating counties and WEX processes and stores all the required documents – Linda Doane/Judge Garza
25. Discussion of Proposed 2024 Budget for Aransas County Appraisal District – Commissioner Rousseau
26. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the May 2023 Auditor's Monthly Report – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
27. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Budget Line Item - Transfers for the 2023 Budget – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
28. 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**

- 29. Consider convening into a Closed Session to consult with and receive advice from legal counsel about insurance matters related to Aransas County's projects and insurance claims from Hurricane Harvey, 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/Jennifer O'Steen/Judge Garza

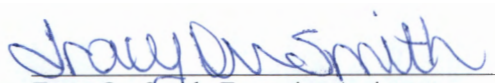
**XIV. OPEN SESSION**

- 30. Reconvene into Open Session
- 31. 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 4:08 P.M.

**JUN 07 2023**

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

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