

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 **26th 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 the 2022 Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Historical Commission to the Aransas County Historical Commission in recognition of its outstanding preservation work accomplishments. This annual award recognizes Aransas County Historical Commission appointees for managing well-rounded history and preservation-related programs that enrich Texas communities – Dave Hattman/Betty Stiles/Doreen Bronner
2. Presentation by Lenora Keas of Del Mar College to Provide an Update on the Workforce Development Center – Lenora Keas/Del Mar College

## **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.*

3. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Minutes from the May 30, 2023 Special Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
4. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Minutes from the June 12, 2023 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
5. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Proposed Aransas County Official Holiday Schedule for 2024 – Judge Garza
6. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Proposed Aransas County Transfer Station Official Holiday Schedule for 2024 – Judge Garza
7. Acknowledge and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court the value of services donated from Another Chance RFT to Aransas County Animal Care for May 2023: \$7,361 value for medical veterinary care including spaying/neutering, vaccinations, medications, and heartworm tests; \$480 for transportation of dogs going to rescue homes in and out of state; and \$393 for microchipping. The total value of donated services in May was \$8,234 – Commissioner Rousseau

## **VII. COUNTY REPORTS**

8. Discuss, approve or disapprove the 1st Quarter 2023 Report of the Texas Maritime Museum – Justin Parkoff
9. Discuss, approve or disapprove Order #O-14-2023, an Order of the County of Aransas, Texas, Prohibiting Outdoor Burning for a Period of 90 days – Judge Garza

## VIII. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

10. Discuss, approve, or disapprove a subscription agreement with Virtower to install antennas and equipment at the Airport for the purpose of traffic counts and tracking of aircraft at the cost of \$6,000 per year, which expense is eligible for reimbursement at 50% through the Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP) Grant– Mike Geer/Judge Garza
11. Discuss, approve, or disapprove allowing the Aransas County Airport to be the site of a Guinness World Record attempt by Global Jet Racing on October 14, 2023 pending an approved safety plan, a signed liability waiver, and liability insurance policy, and which will be a free event open to the public – Mike Geer/Judge Garza
12. Discuss, approve, or disapprove authorizing County Judge to sign AEP electrical easement document for the new Community Center Plaza and Parking Lot for the Downtown Anchor Project – John Strothman/Judge Garza
13. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing County Judge to sign Amendment No. 4 to the Agreement for Architectural, Engineering, and Administrative Services for the Aransas County Courthouse/Downtown Anchor Project with PGAL, Inc. to approve an increase in scope for services related to a fiber optic project and to increase costs by \$4,000 for the Community Building and \$2,000 for the Courthouse – John Strothman/Judge Garza
14. Discuss, approve or disapprove Change Order #8 for the Teal Construction contract for the new Aransas County Courthouse, resulting in an increase in the contract costs of \$8,912.05 for additional structural support at the tower for exterior walls, with zero impact days; an increase of \$5,142.50 for fire alarm requirements, with zero impact days; an increase of \$6,914.60 for light pole to bollards, with zero impact days; and an increase of \$1,780.23 for the time capsule, with zero impact days – John Strothman/Judge Garza
15. Discuss, approve or disapprove an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Aransas County and Gonzales County for Jail Services to alleviate jail overcrowding at the Gonzales County Detention Center on an as needed basis, in exchange for the payments set forth therein, with the Agreement being in effect from the date of execution until December 31, 2024 and for up to Four (4) renewals of One (1) year – Sheriff Mills/Judge Garza
16. Discuss, approve or disapprove a Memorandum of Agreement between Cameron County and Aransas County and the Lower Rio Grande Valley (LRGV) Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Stormwater Task Force Partnership, Inc. for membership in the Regional South Texas Coastal Consortium MOA #R-RGV-TF-2023-00025 – Judge Garza

17. Discuss, approve or disapprove adoption of Resolution R-18-2023, a Resolution of the Aransas County Commissioners Court supporting Governor Greg Abbott's June 11, 2023 Proclamation Renewing the Disaster Declaration as a Result of the Ongoing and Imminent Threat of Disaster in a Number of Texas Counties because of the Surge of Individuals Unlawfully Crossing the Texas-Mexico border: Certifying Compliance with the Open Meeting Act: and Providing for an Effective Date – Sheriff Mills/Judge Garza

#### **IX. PLANNING AND BUDGET**

18. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the May 2023 Treasurer's Report – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
19. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign the County Request for Capital Credits, and submit to the Texas Comptroller, Unclaimed Property Division, and further authorize the County Treasurer to disburse any said funds received from the Texas Comptroller as follows: 100% to the Children's Coalition of Aransas County – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
20. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Budget Line Item - Transfers for the 2023 Budget – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
21. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

#### **X. 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.*

#### **XI. 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.*

#### **XII. CLOSED SESSION**

22. Consider convening into 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:

- 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

### **XIII. OPEN SESSION**

23. Reconvene into Open Session
24. Discuss and take action on matters discussed in closed session – Amanda Oster/Jennifer O’Steen/ Judge Garza

### **XIV. 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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Tracy Orr Smith, Executive Assistant  
Aransas County Judge’s Office  
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**FILED FOR RECORD**  
AT 11:30 A.M.

**JUN 22 2023**

**MISTY KIMBROUGH**  
COUNTY CLERK, ARANSAS CO., TEXAS  
Posted By 11:40 A.