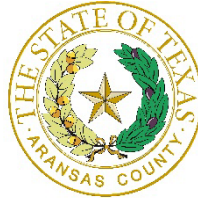


**COMMISSIONERS COURT**  
**Aransas County, Texas**  
**Ray A. Garza, County Judge**

**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 JULY, 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 that is not 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.*

None

**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.*

1. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the May 30, 2023 Special Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
2. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the June 12, 2023 Budget Workshop Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
3. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the July 10, 2023 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
4. Acknowledge and record in the minutes of the Commissioners Court the donation of services valued at \$3,948.60 for May and \$5,704.79 for June from Cat Tales Rescue, Rockport, TX to Aransas County Animal Care, which services include \$1,308.35 for medical (veterinarian and medicine) expenses and \$2,640.25 for spay/neuter expenses for a total of \$3,948.60 for May 2023 and \$3,203.49 medical (veterinarian and medicine) expenses and \$2,501.30 for spay/neuter expenses for a total of \$5,704.79 for June 2023 – Commissioner Rousseau
5. Acknowledge and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court accepting a donation of an Epson flatbed scanner with an approximate value of \$100.00 from the History Center to the Aransas County Historical Commission to assist with digital archiving of historical documents– Doreen Bronner/Judge Garza
6. Acknowledge and accept a memorial donation from the Woman’s Club of Aransas County, Inc., in the amount of \$25.00 to the Aransas County Public Library – Iris Sanchez/Judge Garza
7. Acknowledge receipt of, and record in the minutes, a Certificate of Completion acknowledging that County Clerk Misty Kimbrough completed 17 hours of continuing education at the County and District Clerks’ Association (CDCAT) Summer Conference – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
8. Acknowledge receipt of, and record in the minutes of the Commissioners Court, a Certificate of Completion acknowledging that Commissioner Bob Dupnik completed 13 hours of educational training through the V.G. Young Institute of County Government at the South Texas County Judge and Commissioners Annual Conference – Commissioner Dupnik
9. Acknowledge receipt of, and record in the minutes of the Commissioners Court, a Certificate of Completion acknowledging that County Judge Ray Garza completed 13 hours of educational training through the V.G. Young Institute of County Government at the South Texas County Judge and Commissioners Annual Conference – Judge Garza

**VII. COUNTY REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND RESOLUTIONS**

10. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce Report for the 3rd Quarter of 2023 (the Chamber's fiscal year is Oct-Sept. This report is for the County's 2nd Quarter) – Shelly Stuart/Judge Garza
11. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the 2nd Quarter Report for 2023 for the Friends of the History Center of Aransas County – Pam Stranahan/Judge Garza
12. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the 2nd Quarter Report for the Aransas County Historical Commission – Doreen Bronner/Dave Hattman/Judge Garza

**VIII. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN**

13. Discuss, approve, or disapprove a request for variance on County Subdivision regulations on minimum lot size requirements to replat 231 & 235 Paradise Dr. from two lots into one lot – Katherine Comeaux/Judge Garza

**IX. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS**

14. Discuss and consider authorizing County staff to move forward with the Aransas County Aquarium Construction Project – John Strothman/Judge Garza
15. Discuss and consider authorizing the use of funds generated through the Aransas County Hotel and Motel Occupancy Tax to fund the Aransas County Aquarium Construction Project – John Strothman/Judge Garza
16. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the proposal from VG Architects to provide architectural services for a new Aquarium at Rockport Harbor, which services will include estimating cost, permitting, and construction administration for the cost of \$7,200.00 – John Strothman/Judge Garza
17. Discuss, approve, or disapprove formally declining to draw upon, and requesting to close, the account for a Traditional Community Disaster Loan of \$5,000,000.00 for operational expenses due to lost revenue associated with Hurricane Harvey, which loan was granted to Aransas County through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in Loan No. EMT-2019-LF-4332TX14 – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
18. Discuss, approve, or disapprove continuing the with the County Clerk's Records Archive Plan, Part 2 Contract with Kofile, for restoration, imaging, and indexing of records with a cost up to the budgeted amount of \$807,874.56, which amount does not include mold remediation – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza

**X. PLANNING AND BUDGET**

19. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the June 2023 Treasurer's Report – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
20. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Treasurer's Investment Report for 2nd Quarter 2023 – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza

21. Discuss, approve, or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign the County Indigent Health Care Program (CIHCO) Optional Health Care Services Notification for Aransas County Indigent Health Care, to provide information about the optional healthcare services that Aransas County chooses to provide for the fiscal year September 1, 2023 through August 21, 2024 – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
22. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing the Aransas County Indigent Health Care program to change qualification standards from the 21% Federal Poverty Guideline Minimum Income Standard to the 50% Federal Poverty Guideline Minimum Income Standard, based on the 2023 Federal Poverty Guideline – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
23. Discuss, approve or disapprove a request for a Temporary Part-Time Employee at the Tax-Assessor-Collector’s office to help with the training an employee for the Accounting Specialist position – Anna Marshall/Judge Garza
24. Discuss, approve, or disapprove a revised job description for On-Site Sewage Facilities (OSSF) Environmental Investigator, a job posting date, and hiring overlap of position for training purposes before current employee retirement – Elle Morales/Judge Garza
25. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Budget Line Item - Transfers for the 2023 Budget – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
26. 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**

27. Consider convening into a 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:

- i. *Aransas County Texas v. Endurance American Specialty Insurance Company, et al*, Aransas County District Court Cause No. 23-0021; and
- ii. *Northstar Recovery Service, Inc. v. Aransas County Independent School District and Aransas County*, Aransas County, District Court Cause No. 23-006; and
- iii. *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

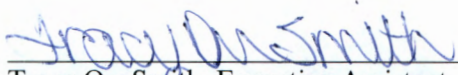
**XIV. OPEN SESSION**

- 28. Reconvene into Open Session
- 29. 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.

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

**FILED FOR RECORD**

AT 10:28 A.M.

**JUL 19 2023**

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

*Posted e 10:38am*