

**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 4-4A

**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 AUGUST, 2024 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**
- II. INVOCATION**
- III. PLEDGES**
- IV. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**
- V. 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.*

**VI. 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.*

**VII. 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 July 22, 2024 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
2. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the August 5, 2024 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
3. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the August 5, 2024 Workshop Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
4. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the August 6, 2024 Workshop Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza

**VIII. COUNTY REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS - NONE**

**IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN - NONE**

**X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS**

5. Discuss, approve or disapprove DLF Two, Inc.'s Change Order No. 006 for the Aransas County Community Building/Plaza/Parking Lot General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Contract #20-065-098-C270 – Adding 30 Days for the additional proposed work including installation of Fiber Optic Conduit; the new project substantial completion date will be September 15, 2024 – Elle Moralez/Judge Garza
6. Discuss, approve or disapprove Bay Shore Erosion Mitigation Project RESTORE ACT Sub-recipient Reimbursement Contract No. 582-21-22184 with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ); Orion Construction requests an increase in the contract price of \$25,680 for Change Proposal/Order #6 due to differing site conditions; No Impact Days – Elle Moralez/Judge Garza
7. Discuss, approve or disapprove Reimbursement to the Friends of the Aquarium (Aquarium at Rockport Harbor, Inc) for payment of electrical utilities at the Aquarium Education Center for FY 2024 in the amount of \$1,653.75 – Commissioner Pat Rousseau
8. Discuss, approve or disapprove an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Tax Assessment and Collection of Property Tax in 2024-2025 between Aransas County, Texas, and the Town of Fulton, Texas – Anna Marshall/Judge Garza
9. Discuss, approve or disapprove an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Tax Assessment and Collection of Property Tax in 2024-2025 between Aransas County, Texas, and the City of Rockport, Texas – Anna Marshall/Judge Garza
10. Discuss, approve or disapprove an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Tax Assessment and Collection of Property Tax in 2024-2025 between Aransas County, Texas and the Aransas County Navigation District – Anna Marshall/Judge Garza

11. Discuss, approve or disapprove an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Tax Assessment and Collection of Property Tax in 2024-2025 between Aransas County, Texas and the Rockport-Fulton Independent School District – Anna Marshall/Judge Garza
12. Discuss, approve or disapprove an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Tax Assessment and Collection of Property Tax in 2024-2025 Between Aransas County, Texas, and Municipal Utility District No. 1 – Anna Marshall/Judge Garza
13. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing County Judge to submit to the Texas Department of Information Resources the required electronic documents to certify Aransas County’s compliance with Texas Government Code 2054.5191, which mandates personnel to complete an annual State Certified Cyber Security Training Course – Collin Jackson/Judge Garza

**XI. PLANNING AND BUDGET**

14. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Indigent Health Care expenditures, for the Fiscal Year September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025, based on 8% of Gross Revenue Tax Levy as calculated by the Aransas County Tax Assessor Collector on State Comptroller form 50-252 - Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
15. Discuss and receive information from the public concerning any budget issues for the 2025 Budget Year and schedule the 2025 Budget Public Hearing for August 26, 2024 at 8:45am and September 5, 2024 at 8:30am – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
16. Discuss and Propose a 2024 Tax Rate, and schedule Public Hearing for Monday, August 26, 2024 at 8:45am and September 5, 2024 at 8:30am – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
17. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Budget Line Items – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
18. Discuss, approve or disapprove Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

**XII. 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.*

19. PowerPoint presentation on the Mechanic Building at the Transfer Station – Elle Moralez/Judge Garza
20. PowerPoint presentation on the ARPA Standby Diesel Generator at Animal Control/Texas A&M AgriLife Extension – Elle Moralez/Judge Garza

**XIII. 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.*

#### **XIV. CLOSED SESSION**

21. Convene 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. 23-0066 consolidated with *Northstar Recovery Services, Inc. v. HR&R, LLC, et al*, Aransas County District Court Cause No. 20-0159; and

- iii. *Western Steel Company v T2J Partners, LLC DIE/A FPS Recovery, LLC and Aransas County, Texas; Cause No. 24-0072, in the 36<sup>th</sup> District Court of Aransas County, Texas;*

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/Judge Garza


#### **XV. OPEN SESSION**

22. Reconvene into Open Session
23. Discuss and take action on matters discussed in closed session – Amanda Oster/Judge Garza

**XVI. 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 4:12 P.M.

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*Posted 4:35 pm*

MISTY KIMBROUGH  
COUNTY CLERK, ARANSAS CO., TEXAS