

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 **14th DAY of AUGUST, 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 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.

1. Presentation from the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) – Risk Management Services (RMS) – Lisa McCaig

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 July 31, 2023 Budget Workshop – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
2. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the August 1, 2023 Special Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
3. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the August 1, 2023 Budget Workshop – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
4. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the August 7, 2023 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza

VII. COUNTY REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND RESOLUTIONS

5. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Friends of the Fulton Mansion Report for 2nd Quarter of 2023 – Pam Black/Judge Garza

VIII. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN

6. Discuss, approve, or disapprove authorizing to advertise for bids to purchase a 2000 gallon water truck – David Reid/Judge Garza

IX. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

7. Discuss, approve or disapprove Change Order No. 9 between Aransas County and Teal Construction, which consists of CPR-61 to delete B3574 seat cover and paper dispenser and add B39029, a surface-mounted unit adding an additional \$444.00; CPR-63 to change light fixture for canopy by exchanging the original D2E fixture with a WAC light fixture adding \$303.00; CPR-64 to add transfer air device from Room 207 and 251; CPR-67 to change exterior handrails from powder coated stainless steel to aluminum with clear anodized finish for a credit of \$18,000 [*Tabled 08-07-2023*] – John Strothman/Judge Garza
8. Discuss and consider taking action on request of property owners interested in the improvement of Resendez Road, including the possibility of utilizing the procedures set forth in Section 253 of the Transportation Code –David Reid/Judge Garza

X. PLANNING AND BUDGET

9. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Indigent Health Care expenditures for the Fiscal Year September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024, 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

10. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Aransas County Commissioners Court taking action in their August 14, 2023, Open Meeting to appoint Glass, Sorenson & McDavid, Inc. (also known as “GSM” or “GSM Insurors”), FEID #74-1950429, 1102 E. Laurel, Rockport, TX 78382, as its insurance agent for all lines of supplemental employee benefits coverage with Colonial Life. In addition, Judge Ray A. Garza, is authorized to communicate this appointment on behalf of the Commissioners Court
11. Discuss and accept the Aransas County Annual Financial Report and Single Audit for the Year Ended December 31, 2022, as presented by Belt Harris and Pechacek LLLP, Certified Public Accountants – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
12. Discuss, approve or disapprove Budget Amendment #2023-1 to the 2023 Annual Budget. Requesting to use \$11,000 out of Fund Balance to purchase shade structure for the Transfer Station Mechanic due to the excessive summer heat, and radio equipment (2 Walkie/Talkies) to improve communication among staff and reduce safety risks at the Transfer Station Property – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
13. Discuss and propose a 2023 Tax Rate of \$0.365800/\$100. The Tax Rate Proposed is General Fund M&O of \$0.276923/\$100 and General Fund Debt Rate of \$0.039815/\$100. The Road and Bridge Proposed Tax Rate is \$.042572/\$100 and a Flood Control Debt Rate of \$0.00649/\$100 and schedule Public Hearing for Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
14. Discuss and receive information from the public concerning any budget issues for the 2024 Budget Year and schedule the 2024 Budget Public Hearing for August 21, 2023, at 8:45 a.m.– Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
15. Discuss, approve or disapprove the July 2023 Auditor’s Monthly Report – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
16. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Budget Line Item - Transfers for the 2023 Budget – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
17. 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

18. 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. *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

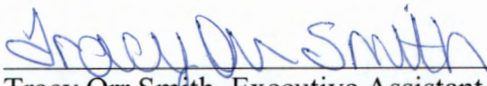
XIV. OPEN SESSION

19. Reconvene into Open Session
20. Discuss and take action on matters discussed in closed session – 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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