



MINUTES

Aransas County Commissioners Court

9:00 AM – Monday, August 19, 2024

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met on Monday, August 19, 2024, at 9:00 AM, in the Aransas County Courthouse, 2840 Hwy 35 N, Rockport, Texas. Aransas County Commissioner's Court meeting video recordings are available by following this link: [Commissioners Court Minutes and Agendas \(aransascountytx.gov\)](https://www.aransascountytx.gov), then scroll to the bottom of the page and select the date you wish to view.

Present: **Ray A. Garza**, County Judge
Jack Chaney, Commissioner Precinct 1-1A
Leslie Casterline, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Pat Rousseau, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Robert Dupnik, Commissioner, Precinct 4-4A

I. CALL TO ORDER

[Video Time 0:06](#)

II. INVOCATION

[Video Time 0:13](#)

III. PLEDGES

[Video Time 0:52](#)

IV. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

[Video Time 1:19](#)

V. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

[Video Time 1:30](#)

☛ There were none

VI. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

[Video Time 1:38](#)

1. Presentation on the June 2024 Aransas Pathways Strategic Plan Update - Rich Connell/Judge Garza

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

2. Discuss, approve or disapprove the [Minutes](#) from the August 5, 2024 Budget Workshop Meeting-Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
3. Discuss, approve or disapprove the [Minutes](#) from the August 6, 2024 Budget Workshop Meeting-Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
4. Discuss, approve or disapprove the [Minutes](#) from the August 9, 2024 Special Meeting - Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
5. Discuss, approve or disapprove the [Minutes](#) from the August 12, 2024 Regular Meeting-Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza

[Video Time 5:26](#)

- ☛ **Motion to accept the consent agenda:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
- ☛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

VIII. COUNTY REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

6. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the [2nd Quarter 2024 Report for the Friends of the Fulton Mansion](#) - Jane Hill/Judge Garza

[Video Time 5:49](#)

- ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline. motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
- ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN – NONE

X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

7. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing County Judge to sign various lease agreements for the Live Oak Plaza Shopping Center for the relocation of the various elected and appointed County Offices - Adela Martinez/Judge Garza

Video Time 15:53

- ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
- ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

8. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing County Judge to sign a lease agreement for the Harbor Oaks Shopping Center for the relocation of the various elected and appointed County Offices -Adela Martinez/Judge Garza

Video Time 17:02

- ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
- ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

9. Discuss, approve or disapprove awarding a contract for the Compensation Study to Evergreen Solutions, LLC and authorize the County Judge to execute all necessary documents - Desiree Upton/Judge Garza

Video Time 17:34

- ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
- ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

10. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Grant Management Plan for Aransas County's Local Hazard Mitigation Grant Plan Program application to the Texas General Land Office - Katherine Comeaux/Judge Garza

Video Time 20:33

- ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
- ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

XI. PLANNING AND BUDGET

11. Draw names to select and announce members of the Salary Grievance Committee, including alternate members, as required by Section 152.014 of the Local Government Code - Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza

Video Time 23:43

- ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
- ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

12. Adopt the list of Public Members Names and Alternates for Salary Grievance Committee in accordance with 152.015 of Local Government Code Discuss - Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza

Video Time 28:45

- ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
13. Discuss and set the Public Hearing for the Salary Grievance for Friday, August 23, 2024 at 9:00am in the Commissioners Courtroom - Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
Video Time 29:13
- ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
14. Discuss, approve or disapprove adding a Temporary Kennel Technician position-Caitlan Frazier/Desiree Upton/Judge Garza
Video Time 29:42
- ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
15. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Budget Line Items - Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
Video Time 30:42
- ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
16. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities - Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
Video Time 30:59
- ★ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
 - ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- XII. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND DEPARTMENT HEADS - NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN**
Video Time 31:25
- ★ Commissioner Chaney
 - ★ Alma Cartwright, Treasurer
- XIII. REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST - NO ACTION WILL BETAKEN**
Video Time 33:13
- ★ None
- XIV. CLOSED SESSION**
17. 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 36th 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

Video Time 33:22

⊗ **No need to go into closed session**

XV. OPEN SESSION

18. Reconvene into Open Session

⊗ **There was no closed session**

19. Discuss and take action on matters discussed in closed session - Amanda Oster / Judge Garza

⊗ **There was no closed session**

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Video Time 33:29

⊗ **Motion to adjourn:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline

⊗ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

⊗ **Meeting adjourned at 9:32 AM**

ARANSAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT



Misty Kimbrough

Misty Kimbrough,
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

8/26/24

Date signed and attestation.

Ray A. Garza

Ray A. Garza, County Judge

8/26/24

Date signed.

