

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 **21st 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 – 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.

2. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the August 8, 2023 Budget Workshop – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
3. Acknowledge and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court the value of services donated from Another Chance RFT to Aransas County for July 2023: Veterinary care, meds, spay/neuters, heartworm test, and vaccines - \$3,711.00. Dog supplies including leashes, food, waste disposal bags; \$400.00. Cremations, \$177.00. Total value of donated services for July \$4,288.00. – Commissioner Rousseau
4. Acknowledge and accept a Donation of \$15.00 from Helen Wing for Aransas County Animal Care Services - Lori Cesar/Judge Garza
5. Acknowledge and accept a Donation of \$300.00 from Robert & Susan Keller spay/neuter program from Aransas County Animal Care Services – Lori Cesar/Judge Garza
6. Acknowledge and accept a Donation of \$202.00 from Salty Dog Pet Resort spay/neuter program for Aransas County Animal Services – Lori Cesar/Judge Garza

VII. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN

7. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Order #O-16-2023, an Order to Close, Abandon, and Vacate the 0.168 acres of land out of the westerly portion of the end of the public right-of-way section of Rattlesnake Point Road, and being the portion south of and adjacent to Redfish Shores P.U.D., Aransas County, Texas recorded in Vol. 4, Pg. 277 of the Plat Records of Aransas County, Texas, and being more particularly by metes and bounds on Exhibit “A” attached to the petition – Katherine Comeaux/Judge Garza
8. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Order #O-17-2023, an Order to Close, Abandon, and Vacate the 16-foot wide alleyway lying in Block 24, the block bounded by Steart Street on the west, Traylor Avenue on the east, Elizabeth Street (a paper street) to the north and Laurel Street to the south, Bellevue Addition, Aransas County, Texas recorded in Vol 1, Pg. 12 of the Plat Records of Aransas County, Texas, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds on Exhibit “A” attached to the petition - Katherine Comeaux/Judge Garza

VIII. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

9. Discuss, approve or disapprove Change Order No. 2 to the Construction Contract between Aransas County and New Stout Excavating Group Texas, LLC, for the Rattlesnake Point Road Project Funded by the General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Contract No. 20-065-098-C270, to increase the scope to include additional pavement and associated work and to increase the compensation due by \$216,991.75 – David Reid/Judge Garza
10. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Amendment No 1 to the Consulting Agreement between the Grant Connection and Aransas County dated May 26, 2020, for Grant Administration services for the Bay Shore Drive Project to extend the term of the Agreement from May of 2023 to December 31, 2024, and to increase the compensation by \$70,695.81 for additional services for a total of \$170,695.81, which \$100,000 of the contract shall be funded through the RESTORE ACT Sub-recipient Reimbursement Contract No. 582-21-22184 with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for the Bay Shore Erosion Mitigation Project and the remainder funded with public funds – John Strothman/Judge Garza
11. Discuss, Approve or Disapprove Authorizing County Judge to Sign Engagement Letter with Belt Harris Pechacek, LLLP for Outside Auditing Services for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2023 – Jacky Cockerham/ Judge Garza
12. Discuss, Approve, or Disapprove an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Aransas County and the Coastal Bend Council of Governments (COG) for E 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point Services for the period of September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2025 – Judge Garza
13. Discuss, Approve, or Disapprove entering into a License and Services Agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc. for Jury Management Software with one time implementation costs of \$60,690.00 and license fee of \$47,110, as well as annual recurring maintenance and support costs which are \$14,133.00 and \$12,100 for the first year, which first year will be funded with a grant through the American Rescue Plan Act – Pam Heard/Judge Garza
14. Discuss, Approve, or Disapprove an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Tax Assessment and Collection of Property Tax in 2023-2024 Between Aransas County, Texas, and the Town of Fulton, Texas – Anna Marshall/Judge Garza
15. Discuss, Approve, or Disapprove an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Tax Assessment and Collection of Property Tax in 2023-2024 Between Aransas County, Texas, and the City of Rockport, Texas – Anna Marshall/Judge Garza
16. Discuss, Approve, or Disapprove an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Tax Assessment and Collection of Property Tax in 2023-2024 Between Aransas County, Texas, and the Aransas County Navigation District – Anna Marshall/Judge Garza
17. Discuss, Approve, or Disapprove an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Tax Assessment and Collection of Property Tax in 2023-2024 Between Aransas County, Texas, and the Rockport-Fulton Independent School District – Anna Marshall/Judge Garza

18. Discuss, Approve, or Disapprove an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Tax Assessment and Collection of Property Tax in 2023-2024 Between Aransas County, Texas, and Municipal Utility District No. 1 – Anna Marshall/Judge Garza

IX. PLANNING AND BUDGET

19. Discuss, approve or disapprove a Proposal to Publish Delinquent Taxpayers' Names – Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP – Judge Garza
20. Discuss and receive information from the public concerning any budget issues for the 2024 Budget Year and schedule the 2024 Budget Public Hearing for September 5, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. or immediately following the Tax Rate Public Hearing – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
21. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Budget Line Item - Transfers for the 2023 Budget – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
22. 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

23. 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

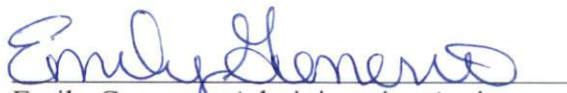
XIII. OPEN SESSION

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