

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

Notice is hereby given that a **Regular Meeting** of the above named Commissioners Court will be held on the **9th DAY of SEPTEMBER, 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:

- 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 August 26, 2024 Public Hearing on the proposed 2024 Tax Rate
2. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the August 26, 2024 Public Hearing on the proposed 2025 Budget
3. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the August 26, 2024 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
4. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the August 27, 2024 Special Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza

VIII. COUNTY REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND RESOLUTIONS

IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN

X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

5. Discuss, approve or disapprove purchasing interpretive signs for downtown anchor (DTA) project authorizing the County Judge to sign necessary documents-Elle Morales/Judge Garza
6. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the surplus of outdated Law Library books-Amanda Oster/Judge Garza
7. Discuss, approve or disapprove allowing the County Judge to sign an annual agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the 2025 Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP) Grant M2516RCKP which reimburses 90% of cost for eligible airport maintenance projects up to \$100,000.00-Mike Geer/Judge Garza
8. Discuss, approve or disapprove Order#O-19-2024, a new Order of General Election for the election to be held on November 5, 2024 for the purpose of electing county and precinct officers, and providing notice of the election-Kevin Stroud/Judge Garza
9. Discuss, approve or disapprove pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code Sec. 292.001, the Aransas County Commissioners Court Finding necessary and designating the Aransas County Public Library “Meeting Room” address 701 East Mimosa Rockport Texas 78382, which is within the city limits of Aransas County, Texas an Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 Courtroom until further notice-Judge Dupnik/Judge Garza

10. Discuss, approve, or disapprove advertising Request for professional services to complete Shoreline Delineation survey and Category 1A Land Survey for GOMESA CMP PSM project – Copano Cove Ranch Acquisition Project GLO Contract No. 24-099-005-E79 – Katherine Comeaux/Judge Garza
11. Discuss, approve, or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign an updated Staffing Services Agreement with Sterling Personnel, Inc. – Judge Garza
12. Discuss Amendment #5 for the General Land Office Contract #20-065-098-C270 Extending the Contract terms, Revising Performance Statement Budget and Benchmarks and Revise the General Affirmations and Revised Nonexclusive List of Applicable Laws Rules, and Regulations and Revisions will Result in no Additional Encumbrance of Contract Funds – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
13. Discuss, approve, or disapprove DLF Two, Inc.'s Change Order no. 007 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 107 days for the additional proposed work including installation of Fiber Optic Conduit; the new project substantial completion date will be December 31, 2024 – Elle Morales/Judge Garza
14. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Change Order No. 5 of construction contract for Southeast Aransas County Drainage Improvements in the County's General Land Office Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Relief (CDBG-DR) Contract #20-065-098-C270. Brizo Construction, LLC request an increase to the contract time by an additional 20 days-David Reid/Judge Garza
15. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Change Order No 6 of construction contract for Southeast Aransas County Drainage Improvements in the County's General Land Office Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Relief (CDBG-DR) Contract #20-065-098-C270. Brizo Construction, LLC request an increase in the contract amount by \$40,597.00 and increase in time by an additional 60 days-David Reid/Judge Garza

XI. PLANNING AND BUDGET

16. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Aransas County Indigent Health Care Report for August 2024 – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
17. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the 2023-2024 End of Year Report for the Aransas County Indigent Health Care Program-Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza

18. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the July 2024 Treasurer's Report-Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
19. Discuss, approve, or disapprove proposed revision to Aransas County's Employee Handbook, Policy 2A-14 SALARY GRIEVANCES so that Aransas County's policy on Salary Grievances more closely follows the language of the Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 152, Subchapter B-Commissioner Rousseau
20. Approve or disapprove Transferring Salary Funds from County Attorney's Office to the County Judge's Office to fund the Governmental Affairs Position that will provide Legal Support to Commissioner Court and the County Auditor's Office to Fund the Contract/Procurement Specialist Position in the 2025 Budget-Commissioner Dupnik
21. Discuss, approve or disapprove Adopting the 2025 Budget – THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY AN AMOUNT OF \$1,688,569.00 WHICH IS A 9.80% INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR'S BUDGET, THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR IS \$608,797.00 – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
22. Discuss, approve or disapprove 2025 Salaries, expenses and other allowances of elected officials – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
23. Discuss, approve or disapprove the adoption of Resolution #R-21-2024, a Resolution for the 2024 Tax Roll, Levy and Rate. The total tax rate to be levied for the County of Aransas for the tax year 2024, be and is hereby set at \$0.370000 per \$100.00 valuation with an assessment rate of 100 percent, to assessed and collected by the Tax Assessor-Collector for Aransas County as follows-Anna Marshall/Judge Garza
 - a) \$0.284884 per \$100 valuation for the purpose of the County ad valorem maintenance and operations fund.
 - b) \$0.037548 per \$100 valuation for the purpose of the County ad valorem interest and sinking fund
 - c) \$0.041450 per \$100 valuation for the purpose of the County Farm to Market/Flood control maintenance and operations with the resulting levy being split on a percentage basis: 83% designated for the County's Road & Bridge maintenance and operations fund and 17% designated for the Flood Control maintenance and operations fund.
 - d) \$0.006118 per \$100 valuation for the purpose of the County Farm to Market/Flood Control FLOOD ONLY Interest and Sinking Fund.
24. Discuss, approve or disapprove adopting the 2024 Tax Roll and Levy – Anna Marshall/Judge Garza

25. Discuss, approve or disapprove Ratifying the Property Tax Increase reflected in the 2025 Budget – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
26. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Designation of Courtrooms – Judge Garza
 - 1.Designate address 2718 HWY 35 N, Rockport, Texas 78382, which is within the city limits of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas as an Auxiliary Courtroom for the County and District Courts of Aransas County until further notice.
 - 2.Designate address 2740 HWY 35 N, Rockport, Texas 78382 which is within the city limits of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas as an Auxiliary Courtroom for the County and District Courts of Aransas County until further notice.
 - 3.Designated address 701 E. Mimosa Street, Rockport, Texas 78382 which is within the city limits of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas as an Auxiliary Courtroom for the County and District Courts of Aransas County until further notice.
 - 4.Designate address 402 E. Laurel Street, Rockport, Texas 78382, which is within the city limits of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas as an Auxiliary Courtroom for the County and District Courts of Aransas County until further notice.
 - 5.Designated address 714 E. Concho Street, Rockport, Texas 78382, which is within the city limits of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas as an Auxiliary Courtroom for the County and District Courts of Aransas County until further notice.
27. Discuss, approve or disapprove the July 2024 Auditor's Monthly Report – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
28. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Budget Line Items - Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
29. 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.

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

30. 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 –Amanda Oster/Judge Garza

XV. OPEN SESSION

31. Reconvene into Open Session
32. Discuss and take action on matters discussed in closed session – Jennifer O'Steen/ 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.

Emily Guerrero

Emily Guerrero Administrative Assistant
Aransas County Judge's Office
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Posted on bulletin board by Aransas County Clerk's Office:

On _____ at _____ p.m. / a.m.

By: _____
Signature of County Clerk or her designee

FILED FOR RECORD

AT 2:30 P.M.

SEP 05 2024

MISTY KIMBROUGH
COUNTY CLERK, ARANSAS CO., TEXAS

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