

# MINUTES – Regular Meeting

## Aransas County Commissioners Court



9:00 AM – Monday, January 27, 2025

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met on 27th DAY of JANUARY, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. AT THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW COURTOOM IN THE ARANSAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 2718 Hwy. 35 N., ROCKPORT, TEXAS, 78382. The meeting video recordings are available by following this link: [Commissioners Court Minutes and Agendas \(aransascountytx.gov\)](https://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 0:00*

### II. INVOCATION

*Video Time 0:10*

### III. PLEDGES

*Video Time 1:16*

### IV. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

*Video Time 1:41*

### V. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

*Video Time 1:56*

☛ L C Robbins chose not to speak

### VI. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Presentation update on transportation services from R.E.A.L. Inc. regarding its role in providing services to Aransas County and the surrounding area. Pam Hernandez, Manager of Mobility Management Services for R.E.A.L. will update the Court on the newly introduced Flash Service – Pat Hernandez/Commissioner Rousseau

*Video Time 2:14*

2. Proclamation #P-01-2025 Black History Month – Judge Garza

*Video Time 2:31*

☛ **Vote:** Carried 5-0: it was so ordered

### VII. CONSENT AGENDA

3. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the January 13, 2025 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
4. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the January 14, 2025 Special Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza

*Video Time 22:47*

☛ **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, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS**

5. Discuss, approve or disapprove Resolution #R-03-2025, Texas Commission on the Arts – Luis Purón/Judge Garza  
Video Time 23:06
    - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
    - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
  6. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Rockport Center for the Arts Report for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024 – Karen Ernst/Luis Purón/Judge Garza  
Video Time 27:43
    - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
    - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
  7. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Texas Maritime Museum Report for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024 – Ashley Pieprzyca/Judge Garza  
Video Time 40:37
    - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
    - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
  8. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Rockport Cultural Arts District Report for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024 – Jennifer Day/Judge Garza  
Video Time 48:30
    - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
    - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- ✪ Judge Garza called for break at 10:06 AM  
Video Time 1:06:31
- ✪ Judge Garza called meeting back to order at 10:17 AM  
Video Time 1:17:19

**IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN – None**

**X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS**

9. Discuss, approve or disapprove accepting and awarding Insecticides/Mosquito Control Chemical Bids for FY2025 – Anthony Van Meter/Judge Garza  
Video Time 1:17:20
  - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
10. Discuss, approve or disapprove request to solicit Request for Proposals (RFP) for Grant Writing and Administrative Services for future Capital Projects funded by Grants – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza  
Video Time 1:18:40
  - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
  - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

11. Discuss, approve or disapprove request to solicit Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for an Engineering Firm(s) for future Capital Projects – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza  
Video Time 1:20:58
    - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
    - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
  12. Discuss, approve or disapprove Awarding Grant Management Services to include Grant Application Specialist and Environmental Review reporting for the General Land Office (GLO) Disaster Recovery and Reallocation Program (DRRP) to GrantWorks – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza  
Video Time 1:24:05
    - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
    - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
  13. Discuss, approve or disapprove Awarding Civil Engineering Services for the General Land Office (GLO) Disaster Recovery and Reallocation Program (DRRP) to Hanson Engineering – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza  
Video Time 1:25:39
    - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
    - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
  14. Discuss, approve or disapprove Awarding Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing (MEP) Engineering Services for the General Land Office (GLO) Disaster Recovery and Reallocation Program (DRRP) to Windforce Engineering – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza  
Video Time 1:27:16
    - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
    - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
  15. Discuss, approve or disapprove Change Order No. 3 for the construction contract for Southwest Aransas County Drainage Improvements in the County’s General Land Office Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Relief (CDBG-DR) Contract #20-065-098-C270. LCR Total Transport, LLC. requests an increase of \$10,795.81 to the total contract amount and an increase in the contract time by an additional twenty –one (21) days – Darrell Seibert/Judge Garza  
Video Time 1:28:18
    - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
    - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- X. PLANNING AND BUDGET**
16. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Budget Line Items  
Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza  
Video Time 1:30:23
    - ✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
    - ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
  17. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Video Time 1:31:02

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

**XI. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND DEPARTMENT HEADS – NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN**

Video Time 1:34:26

- ★ Commissioner Rousseau
- ★ Judge Garza

**XII. REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST – NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN**

Video Time 1:35:56

- ★ Commissioner Chaney

**XIII. CLOSED SESSION**

18. Convene into a Closed Session to consult with counsel and receive legal advice about pending or contemplated litigation or other attorney-client privileged matters, including insurance matters related to Aransas County’s projects and insurance claims from Hurricane Harvey, various contract disputes, and the Wendt Services, Inc. Public Information Act Request:

- 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; and
- iv. *Oldcastle Building Envelope, Inc. dba Graham Architectural Products v. Sharp Glass, LLC, et.al.*, Aransas County District Court Cause No. 24-0099; and
- v. *iWorQ Systems, Inc., a Utah Corporation v Aransas County, Texas Case No. 240100226*, in the District Court of the First Judicial District County of Cache, Utah; and
- vi. *Wendt Services, Inc.* Public Information Act request.

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/Adela Martinez/Judge Garza

Video Time 1:36:46

- ⊛ **Motion to move into closed session:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
- ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

- ⊛ **Judge Garza** called for a 10-minute break prior to going into closed session at 10:39 AM  
Video Time 1:39:34:

**XIV. OPEN SESSION**

19. Reconvene into Open Session

Video Time 2:27:45

- ⊛ **Motion to reconvene into open session at 11:28 AM:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
- ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

20. Discuss, approve or disapprove taking action or issuing instructions to the County Attorney's Office to act on the County's behalf regarding any of the pending matters identified for Closed Session and authorizing County Attorney's Office to act accordingly – Amanda Oster/Adela Martinez/Judge Garza

**NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

Video Time 2:28:04

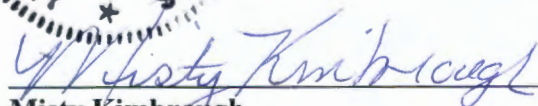
- ⊛ **Motion to adjourn:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
- ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- ⊛ **Meeting adjourned at 11:29 AM**

**ARANSAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT**



  
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Ray A. Garza, County Judge

02/10/25  
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Date signed.

  
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Misty Kimbrough,  
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

2-10-25  
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Date signed and attestation.

