

MINUTES – Workshop Meeting

Aransas County Commissioners Court



8:30 AM – Friday, November 22, 2024

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met on 22nd day of NOVEMBER, 2024, at 8:30 AM at the AQUARIUM EDUCATION CENTER LOCATED AT 706 NAVIGATION CIRCLE, ROCKPORT, TEXAS. The meeting video recordings are available by following this link: [Commissioners Court Minutes and Agendas \(aransascourtminutes.com\)](https://aransascourtminutes.com), 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 16:03

II. ROLL CALL

Video Time 16:17

III. DECLARE QUORUM

Video Time 16:27

IV. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Video Time 16:32

- ★ Brett Bolting – present but did not speak - in favor
- ★ Nancy Bolting – present but did not speak - in favor
- ★ Matt Hesley – not present – in favor
- ★ Brad Brundrett – in favor *Video Time 17:29*
- ★ Kim Hesley – not present – in favor
- ★ Jon Heffron - not present – in favor – letter read by John Jackson, *Video Time 19:29*
- ★ Jack Wright – in favor - *Video Time 21:16*
- ★ Richard Dias – not present – in favor
- ★ David & Laura Denham – present but did not speak - in favor
- ★ Patrick Rios - not present – in favor
- ★ John Jackson - in favor - *Video Time 24:45*
- ★ Cody Stewart - in favor - *Video Time 28:56*
- ★ Karen Mella - in favor - *Video Time 30:05*
- ★ Jerry Brundrett - in favor - *Video Time 33:15*
- ★ Katy Jackson – in favor - *Video Time 33:44*
- ★ Phil Salemi – in favor - *Video Time 41:46*
- ★ Donnie Garcia – in favor - *Video Time 43:53*
- ★ Gary Zellers – against - *Video Time 49:49*
- ★ Debra Stephens – in favor - *Video Time 52:03*
- ★ Andrew Kane – against - *Video Time 55:33*
- ★ Alex Harris – in favor, provided handouts detailing the benefits - *Video Time 1:00:58*
- ★ Joseph Lane - against – did not speak *Video Time 1:0:18*
- ★ Kathy Kane – against - *Video Time 1:07:33*
- ★ Kristi Rutledge – Letter read by Commissioner Rousseau *Video Time 1:10:34*

- ★ Jeff Sjostrom - in favor - [Video Time 1:13:08](#)
- ★ Jeff Hut – against - [Video Time 1:19:48](#)
- ★ Emails: [Video Time 1:23:25](#)
 - Koleen and Larry Harris, representing the Kolaha Family, LLC – against
 - Larry Harris – against
- ★ Judge Garza Called for a break [Video Time 1:23:57](#) meeting resumed at [Video Time 1:38:13](#)

V. ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR DISCUSSION

1. Discuss the development plan for the Rockport Harborfront as proposed by Scarlett and Doak Embrey – Commissioner Rousseau
[Video Time 1:38:31](#)
2. Discuss the opposing viewpoint on the Rockport’s Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1 (TIRZ)- Patrick Kane/Judge Garza
[Video Time 2:37:00](#)
 - ★ Adela Martinez – Assistant County Attorney, [Video Time 2:59:24](#)
 - ★ Commissioner Rousseau – spoke, then *had to leave the meeting*, [Video Time 2:59:57](#)
 - ★ Adela Martinez – Assistant County Attorney, [Video Time 3:01:16](#)
 - ★ Commissioner Dupnik - [Video Time 3:06:54](#)
 - ★ Adela Martinez – Assistant County Attorney, [Video Time 3:07:01](#)
 - ★ Commissioner Dupnik - [Video Time 3:09:23](#)
 - ★ Vanessa Shrauner, City Manager - [Video Time 3:09:46](#)
 - ★ Adela Martinez - [Video Time 3:10:52](#)
 - ★ Judge Garza - [Video Time 3:10:56](#)
 - ★ Adela Martinez - [Video Time 3:11:07](#)
 - ★ Vanessa Shrauner, City Manager - [Video Time 3:11:16](#)
 - ★ Adela Martinez - [Video Time 3:11:52](#)
 - ★ Commissioner Dupnik - [Video Time 3:12:09](#)
 - ★ Adela Martinez - [Video Time 3:12:24](#)
 - ★ Commissioner Dupnik - [Video Time 3:13:55](#)
 - ★ Commissioner Chaney – [Video Time 3:14:32](#)
 - ★ Adela Martinez - [Video Time 3:15:02](#)
 - ★ Commissioner Dupnik - [Video Time 3:13:52](#)
 - ★ Adela Martinez - [Video Time 3:16:30](#)
 - ★ Commissioner Dupnik - [Video Time 3:18:15](#)
 - ★ Adela Martinez - [Video Time 3:19:30](#)
 - ★ Developer - [Video Time 3:23:47](#)
 - ★ Adela Martinez - [Video Time 3:25:07](#)
 - ★ Commissioner Casterline - [Video Time 3:26:04](#)
 - ★ Adela Martinez - [Video Time 3:26:20](#)
 - ★ Commissioner Casterline - [Video Time 3:28:04](#)
 - ★ Adela Martinez - [Video Time 3:28:17](#)
 - ★ Commissioner Casterline - [Video Time 3:28:22](#)
 - ★ Adela Martinez - [Video Time 3:28:28](#)
 - ★ Judge Garza - [Video Time 3:28:50](#)
 - ★ Adela Martinez - [Video Time 3:28:54](#)
 - ★ Commissioner Dupnik - [Video Time 3:29:33](#)
 - ★ Judge Garza - [Video Time 3:29:54](#)
 - ★ Adela Martinez - [Video Time 3:29:59](#)

- ⊛ Commissioner Dupnik - Video Time 3:31:03
- ⊛ Adela Martinez - Video Time 3:31:27
- ⊛ Commissioner Chaney - Video Time 3:31:42
- ⊛ Adela Martinez - Video Time 3:32:05
- ⊛ Commissioner Chaney - Video Time 3:32:35
- ⊛ Adela Martinez - Video Time 3:32:43

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

Video Time 3:33:36

- ⊛ **Motion to adjourn:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
- ⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0: it was so ordered
- ⊛ **Meeting adjourned at 12:04 PM**

ARANSAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT



Misty Kimbrough
 Misty Kimbrough,
 Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

12-9-24
 Date signed and attestation.

Ray A. Garza
 Ray A. Garza, County Judge

12/9/24
 Date signed.

