

MINUTES – Workshop Meeting

Aransas County Commissioners Court



9:00 AM, Wednesday, December 18, 2024

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met on **18th day of DECEMBER, 2024, at 9:00 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 \(aransascourttx.gov\)](https://www.aransascourttx.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. ROLL CALL

[Video Time 0:11](#)

III. DECLARE QUORUM

[Video Time 0:19](#)

IV. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

[Video Time 0:27](#)

🗳️ Jeff Hutt

V. ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR DISCUSSION

1. To provide Commissioners an opportunity to voice and discuss our legislative priorities for the upcoming 2025 Texas Legislative Session – Judge Garza

[Video Time 5:48](#)

🗳️ Commissioner Casterline – EOC – Quorum of Commissioners

[Video Time 12:38](#)

🗳️ Commissioner Chaney – Armed Response

[Video Time 14:28](#)

🗳️ Commissioner Dupnik – Lithium Batteries for back-up power, safety of public

[Video Time 24:55](#)

🗳️ Judge Garza - Cedar Bayou – funding to keep it open, the contract for maintenance with Mott McDonald expired.

[Video Time 29:57](#)

🗳️ County Clerk, Misty Kimbrough – Texas Bureau of Vital Statistics / Texas Department of State Health Services

[Video Time 34:31](#)

🗳️ Katherine Comeaux – Commissioner Dupnik mentioned for clear statutory authority for counties to be able to adopting regulations for safety based on the community wants and needs. It would be great not to have laws changed or added to accomplish land use regulation, some kind of statute direction that would allow/facilitate community planning

to meet the democratic process for the county to adopt what is needed for safety purposes.

Video Time 39:46

- ★ Jeff Hutt - Recommends putting together a legislative package. It lists what we want with the pros and cons.

Video Time 42:30

- ★ Tana Taylor – First Assistant Auditor – Alma Cartwright asked us to mention the proposal of Senate Bill 404 – regarding investments pool; they want investments to be managed by the Comptroller’s office. This was done in the past and was not successful.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Video Time 44:25

- ★ **Motion to adjourn:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
- ★ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- ★ **Meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM**

ARANSAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS’ COURT

Ray A. Garza

Ray A. Garza, County Judge

01/13/25

Date signed.

Misty Kimbrough

Misty Kimbrough,
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

1/13/25

Date signed and attestation.

