

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

AMENDED 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 **27th DAY of DECEMBER, 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: <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 five (5) minutes 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.

There are no Presentations or Proclamations at this time.

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.

1. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the November 27, 2023 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
2. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the December 11, 2023 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
3. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court the 2023 Continuing Education Transcript of Completion and Compliance with Texas Property Tax Code Section 6.23(d) for Anna Marshall, Tax Assessor-Collector – Anna Marshall/Judge Garza
4. Acknowledge receipt of and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court the District Judge's Salary Order for the County Auditor and Auditor staff for Fiscal Year 2024 – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
5. Set Terms for Commissioners Court for 2024 [2nd and 4th Mondays (or Tuesday for Monday holiday) of each month, except for August when court will be held every Monday] – Judge Pro-Tem Casterline/Judge Garza
6. Set terms for Statutory County Court for 2024 (two terms - January to June and July to December) – Judge Bianchi/Judge Pro-Tem Casterline/Judge Garza
7. Set Terms for JP (Justice of the Peace) Courts for 2024 (one month terms beginning the fourth Monday of each month) – Judge Dupnik/Judge McGinnis/Judge Pro-Tem Casterline/Judge Garza

Donations

8. Acknowledge and accept a donation of seven (7) \$10.00 gift cards totaling \$70.00 from Rockport HEB to Aransas Pathways for the Aransas Steering Committee Strategic Meeting in January 2024 – Jennifer Heard/Judge Garza
9. Acknowledge and accept donations from the following:
 - a. Animal Rescue Team with Humane Society of the United States – 8 Purina One bags of food, 8 bags of Pedigree and 7 packs of Purina One wet food, all valued at an estimated amount of \$458.51.
 - b. Deborah Tedder - sweater, blankets, treats and toys estimated at \$150.00.
 - c. Blanche Dean - \$1,000
 - d. Fisher Family - \$500
 - e. Burgee Family - \$50Caitlan Frazier/Judge Garza

VII. COUNTY REPORTS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

10. Discuss, approve or disapprove the motion to repeal/replace Resolution #R-24-2011 “Resolution to Establish an Aransas Pathways Steering Committee” with Resolution #R-30-2023, “Revised Resolution to Establish Aransas Pathways Steering Committee”; to amend definitions and procedures; to provide for severability; repealer, and to establish an effective date – Commissioner Pat Rousseau
11. Discuss, approve or disapprove Resolution #R-31-2023, a Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between Aransas County and the Equalis Group enabling the County to participate in the Purchasing Cooperative; authorizing the County Judge to execute all necessary documents; providing for repealer and severability; confirming compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act; and establishing an effective date – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

VIII. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN - None

IX. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

12. Discuss, approve or disapprove entering into a License and Services Agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc., for Jury Management Software with implementation costs of \$60,690.00, annual SaaS (Software as a Service) fee for year 1 - \$41,655.00, year 2 - \$43,738.00, year 3 - \$45,925.00. **To be included is \$2,500 for an initial term of Juror RapidPay Cards.** The first year totaling \$102,345.00 will be funded by the American Rescue Act (ARPA) – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
13. Discuss Contract with Public Power Pool (P3) for Electric Power County Judge signed on December 12, 2023 – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
14. Discuss, approve or disapprove a request to Solicit a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Disaster Recovery Company to coordinate with the County Sheriff to oversee the recovery efforts in the immediate aftermath of a catastrophic event – Mike Geer/Judge Garza
15. Discuss, approve or disapprove renewing an Interlocal Agreement with San Patricio County for them to provide a Technical Supervisor to inspect and service the County’s Intoxilyzer equipment and to be available to testify as a witness if necessary for the cost of \$14,000 for one year, beginning on January 1, 2024 – Sheriff Bill Mills/Judge Garza
16. Discuss, approve or disapprove Change Order #12 for the Construction Contract between Aransas County and Teal Construction for construction of the new Aransas County Courthouse, resulting in an increase in the contract costs of \$15,660.70 with no changes in the length of the contract and further consisting of the following changes: 1) CPR 64 – Transfer Air Devices on the 2nd Floor – ADD \$1,690.70 with zero impact days 2) CPR 74 – Power over Ethernet (PoE) at Jury Boxes – ADD \$7,315.00 with zero impact days 3) CPR 78 – Water Testing of Windows – ADD \$6,655.00 with zero impact days – Elle Moralez/Judge Garza

X. PLANNING AND BUDGET

17. Discuss, approve or disapprove November 2023 Treasurer's Report - Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
18. Discuss, approve or disapprove Fee changes required by Legislative changes to Local Government Code 118 to be effective on January 1, 2024 – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
19. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Budget Line Item - Transfers for the 2023 Budget – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza
20. Discuss, approve or disapprove Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

XI. 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.

XII. 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.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

21. 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 –Judge Garza

XIV. OPEN SESSION


22. Reconvene into Open Session

23. Discuss and take action on matters discussed in closed session – Judge Garza

XV. 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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AT 8:30 A.M.

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MISTY KIMBROUGH
COUNTY CLERK, ARANSAS CO., TEXAS

Posted @ 8:45 A.M.