

MINUTES – Regular Meeting

Aransas County Commissioners Court



9:00 AM – Monday, February 24, 2025

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met on 24th DAY of FEBRUARY, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW COURTROOM 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 \(aransascourttx.gov\)](https://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. INVOCATION

Video Time 0:12

III. PLEDGES

Video Time 1:39

IV. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Video Time 2:07

V. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Video Time 2:16

☼ There were none

VI. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

☼ There were none

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the February 10, 2025 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
2. Discuss, approve or disapprove Official Public Bond Renewal Certificate for Aransas County Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Lupita Ann Wells – Anna Marshall/Judge Garza

Video Time 2:28

☼ **Motion to accept the consent agenda:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

☼ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

VIII. COUNTY REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

3. Discuss, approve or disapprove Resolution #R-05-2025 in support of Texas State Senate Bill 911 relating to the licensing and regulation of certain advanced practice registered nurses – Commissioner Pat Rousseau

Video Time 2:54

☼ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

☼ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

4. Discuss, approve or disapprove Resolution #R-06-2025, a Resolution authorizing the adoption of the Hart InterCivic Verity Version 2.7 Voting system – Kevin Stroud/Judge Garza

Video Time 6:10

✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau

✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

5. Discuss, approve, or disapprove allowing the Aransas County Public Library to donate 170 discarded Books/DVDs/CDs to the Friends of the Aransas County Public Library for their book sale – Iris Sanchez/Judge Garza

Video Time 6:57

✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline

✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

6. Acknowledge and Accept a Letter of Commendation from the Aransas County Airport Advisory Board to Mr. Mike Geer for his outstanding leadership and management of the Aransas County Airport and acknowledge and accept a 1st Endorsement to the Letter of Commendation from Judge Garza – Judge Garza

Video Time 8:24

✪ **Motion to acknowledge:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau

✪ No vote required

7. Discuss, approve or disapprove allowing Wings Over Rockport, a 501c(3) nonprofit organization, to host fundraising events at the Airport in 2025 under oversight from the airport manager – Mike Geer/Judge Garza

Video Time 9:42

✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline

✪ Mike Geer spoke about the Smithsonian event at the airport.

✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN – NONE

X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

8. Discuss, approve or disapprove declaring four (4) vehicles surplus for trade-in budgeted for this year, and transferring one vehicle to Public Facilities – Chief Deputy Michael Brooks/Judge Garza

Video Time 16:11

✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

9. Discuss, approve or disapprove County Judge to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Aransas County and the Texas Department of Public Safety (TxDPS) establishing permissions and guidelines for use of interoperability radio channels under the Texas Statewide Interoperability Channel Plan – Sheriff Mills/Judge Garza

Video Time 17:35

✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline

✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

10. Discuss, approve or disapprove Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a Medical Service Provider in Aransas County Detention Center – Sheriff Mills/Judge Garza

Video Time 21:38

✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline

✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

11. Discuss, approve, or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to sign the Texas Association of Counties 2025 Cybersecurity Course Enrollment Form to enroll Aransas County personnel in a mandatory cybersecurity training course to satisfy the requirements of Texas Government Code 2054.5191; at an estimated cost of \$1,125 which is in our budget – Collin Jackson/Judge Garza

Video Time 25:26

✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

12. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing County Judge to sign an Engagement Letter with Crowe, LLP for outside auditing services for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2024, and authorize the County Judge to sign the Engagement Letter – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Video Time 27:16

✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik

✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

13. Discuss, approve or disapprove DLF Two, Inc. General Land Office (GLO) Change Order No. 012 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 \$100,771.86. The project’s substantial completion date is February 28, 2025 – Elle Morales/Judge Garza

Video Time 28:50

✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

XI. PLANNING AND BUDGET

14. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Budget Line Items Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Video Time 33:25

✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

15. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Accounts Payable and Payroll/Payroll Liabilities – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Video Time 33:47

✪ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

✪ **Amend motion to include:** adding one payment for Rapid Pay Financial, for jury pay

✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

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

Video Time 36:02

- ✪ Commissioner Rousseau
- ✪ Judge Garza
- ✪ Adela Martinez
- ✪ Commissioner Casterline
- ✪ Darrell Seibert, Road and Bridge Director

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

Video Time 44:34

- ✪ Martin DeLeon, with Navigation District about the Concho Drainage Ditch
- ✪ Jerry Brundrett
- ✪ Commissioner Rousseau

XIV. CLOSED SESSION

16. Convene into a Closed Session to consult with counsel and receive legal advice about pending or contemplated litigation or other attorney-client privilege 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 36th District Court of Aransas County, Texas; and
- iv. *Oldcastle Building Envelope, Inc. D/B/A 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 & OAG OR2025-003486, 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

✪ **There was no closed session**

XV. OPEN SESSION

17. Reconvene into Open Session
- ✪ **There was no closed session**

- 18. 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

⊛ **There was no closed session**

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Video Time 48:32

⊛ **Motion to adjourn:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline

⊛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

⊛ **Meeting adjourned at 9:49 AM**

ARANSAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT



Ray A. Garza
Ray A. Garza, County Judge

3/10/25
Date signed.

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

3-10-25
Date signed and attestation.

