

MINUTES



Aransas County Commissioners Court

9:00 AM – Monday, February 26, 2024

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 9:00 AM, in the Aransas County Courthouse, 2840 Hwy 35 N, Rockport, Texas. Aransas County Commissioner's Court 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

I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGES

The meeting convened at 9:00 AM

II. INVOCATION

III. PLEDGES

IV. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

V. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

- Blanche Dean – Monkey Road Neighborhood. Drugs and prostitution are still an issue. 2 AM prostitutes running and screaming from the Johns. Cooking drugs. 4th & Monkey, Kresta and Monkey, both still an issue. 25-30 customers for drugs every day. Issues still going on consistently. I now have videos to support my claims. When the cops are called they are leaving the area before anything can be done.

VI. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Presentation by the Wings Over Rockport, a 501c3, on the subject of having an Airshow at the Aransas County Airport – Katrina Brown/Mike Geer

Move to table, by Commissioner Rousseau and seconded by Commissioner Dupnik, for a later date

No vote needed.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

2. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Minutes from the February 8, 2024 Special Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
3. Acknowledge receipt of, and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court, a Certificate for Continuing Education for Alma Cartwright from the Texas Association of Counties, fulfilling all required continuing education hours and County Investment Academy hours – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
4. Acknowledge receipt of, and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court, a Certificate of Compliance for Continuing Education for Alma Cartwright from the County Treasurer's Association of Texas – Alma Cartwright/Judge Garza
5. Acknowledge receipt of, and record in the minutes of Commissioners Court, a Certificate for Continuing Education for Emily Guerrero for the 2024 County Court Assistants Training Conference - Emily Guerrero/Judge Garza

Donations

6. Discuss and accept a donation from the Les and Mary Puckett Children's Foundation in the amount of \$1,500 to the Aransas County Public Library – Iris Sanchez/Judge Garza
7. Discuss and accept a donation from William Kleine, an airport user, in the amount of \$606.26 to the Aransas County Airport to replace the grounding reel on the self-serve fuel pump – Mike Geer/Judge Garza

Motion to accept the consent agenda: by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
Donations were read by Judge Garza
Commissioner Rousseau – does a note of acknowledgement get sent by you, Mike Geer, or the Treasurer's office? I just want to be sure we send them for all donations.
Vote: Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

VIII. COUNTY REPORTS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

8. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Friends of the History Center 4th Quarter of 2023 – Pam Stranahan/Judge Garza

Motion to approve: by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
Presented by: Pam Stranahan, with me is Melinda Goon who along with her husband is restoring the old Bailey house on Church Street. As Friends of the History Center she serves as our Treasurer. Please see attachments or video for presentation.
Vote: Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

9. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Appointment of Members to the Aransas Pathways Steering Committee – Judge Garza

Motion to approve: by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
Discussion followed: Commissioner Rousseau – An addition, the History Representative that is Pam Stranahan, I noticed that the year wasn't on there. I also looked at the resolution and the year is 2025 instead of 2024.
AMEND motion to include the changes by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Rousseau.
Judge Garza – named the members please see attachments for a complete list.
Vote: Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

10. Discuss, approve or disapprove Order #O-03-2024, Aransas County Animal Control Order to establish a rabies control program, regulate the registration and restraint of certain animals, designate a local animal control authority, regulate dangerous dogs, prohibit dogs running at large, prohibit the inhumane treatment of animals, and provide penalties pursuant to Chapters 821, 822 and 826 of the Texas Health and Safety Code and the Order herewith – Caitlan Frazier/Judge Garza

Motion to approve: by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau
Discussion followed: Caitlan Frazier – this is to revise Animal Control Orders, for a 2 tier system so we can hold pet owners more accountable for their animals and their actions, but importantly keep the citizens and responsible pet owners safe.

Commissioner Rousseau – Over all this is good work. But page 6 under 33 & 34; Animal Care and Animal Control names being used. I think it should be consistent.

Commissioner Casterline – I would rather it be Animal Control. After we changed it to “Care” I think we got much more relaxed in taking care of nuisance animals.

Commissioner Chaney – I agree with that.

Commissioner Chaney – But, it starts with containing the animals, without that the rest has no meaning.

Caitlin Frazier – I understand that. The main importance of wanting to change it to Aransas County Animal Care was not that we just control animals, but we also try to make sure that the quality is also caring about the county. Not just about the animals but caring about the citizens, the regulations, the orders and the ordinances. We have to make sure that the owners are responsible for the animals being where they need to be. The owner responsibility is the biggest part that needs to be fixed, and being held accountable for their actions and for their animals.

Commissioner Casterline – I guess some people interpret things different to me. The owner needs to control the animal, we need to control the owners. I disagree or agree to disagree, I guess. I think if you don’t get them off of the street you are failing right off. I’m not happy at all with, I think it’s better since you have taken over but I think we have a long way to go to get nuisance animals off the streets.

Commissioner Dupnik – This order says it is an “Animal Control” order.

Caitlin Frazier – Yes, sir.

Commissioner Dupnik – It’s important when you have abandoned animals or if they are in your custody, you have to take care of them. Also, it’s reminding people that they have responsibility to take care of their animals also and that is stressed in this order. We had a conversation and I think it it’d be important to publicize this in some different ways. Through social media, the County’s website, or your page. I think a lot of people don’t realize that everyone that has a dog or cat in this County has a responsibility to register with Animal Care.

Caitlin Frazier – There is a misconception that well my dog got its rabies tag at the vet’s office that is automatically registered. That is not how that works. We, Animal Care don’t see that. The Vets don’t always get us that information. Getting them licensed with us means that not only do we know that your animals are up to date on shots, if your animals get out we can look in our system and get it home instead of waiting for the vet to open. We also do free microchipping with every registration.

Commissioner Rousseau – I think it’s tremendous. You’ve done a huge amount of work on this. It does say Animal Control Order.

Commissioner Chaney – One of you programs that will help in the long run is the chipping.

Caitlin Frazier – Microchipping helps us with the dumping of animals. Some are from other counties that bring their animals over here and leave them. Especially tenants that have been evicted.

Commissioner Chaney – what are other communities doing?

Caitlin Frazier – Everywhere is trying to use chipping over licensing. It’s a lot faster and it’s universal, we don’t have to wait for offices to open and we can get in touch with the owners immediately. We have only had 1 chip that required waiting for office hours to get information in all the years I have been with Animal Care. We try

to educate the owners as they come in about registering the chip so we can access the information easily. We only bring the pet in if it is absolutely necessary.

Commissioner Casterline – where do they put the chip in the animal?

Caitlin Frazier – between the shoulder blades, sometimes they do shift or move, so when we scan we scan the whole animal.

Commissioner Chaney – did we have an amendment to change is to Animal Control rather than Animal Care?

Judge Garza – Because of the definitions, I think it's good.

Commissioner Dupnik – I can amend the motion.

Amanda Oster – speaking but not on the mic. Discussing page 6 where it says Animal Control and then Animal Care, but not clear due to not speaking on the mic.

Judge Garza – There's definitions, where they're interchangeable.

Commissioner Casterline – What it says is not as important as what's done day to day.

Commissioner Chaney – I agree with that.

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

IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN – NONE

X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

11. Discuss, approve or disapprove accepting and awarding insecticides/mosquito control chemical bids for FY2024 – Elle Morales/Judge Garza

Motion to approve: by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline

Discussion followed: Elle Morales – This is for our annual bid and we will take the lowest bid for all of our chemical products.

Commissioner Casterline – Are you doing any spraying right now?

Elle Morales – They sprayed last Tues. – Thurs. last week. I want to point out in this bid we have the option to do bulk chemical, I'll talk about that later in item # 17, that would be a great savings for the county.

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

12. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Plans, Specifications and Contract Bid Documents for three (03), Hazard Mitigation Grant Project (HMGP), Standby Generator Installation Projects for Aransas County, Texas and to authorize G & W Engineers, Inc. to solicit for Construction Bids. The three generator projects consist of the Airport Field Lighting DR-4332-0197, Road and Bridge Office DR-4332-0202, and Transfer Station DR-4332-0203. The generators are FEMA disaster recovery approved projects with funding and sub-award agreements through the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) – Elle Morales/Judge Garza

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

Discussion followed: Elle Morales – These projects have been worked on over the several years. We are finally able to get them out for bid. Hopefully in 45 days we will have a contractor and then we can get it going.

Commissioner Chaney – What type of fuel are these?

Elle Morales – I don't know what kind of generator they are.

Collin Jackson stated diesel off mic.

Commissioner Rousseau – The Director of Public Facilities has reviewed these or is familiar with these?

Elle Morales – Yes, absolutely.

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

13. Discuss, approve or disapprove extending the Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement between Rockport Property Entity, LLC, EVC-CC Land Holdings LLC, and Aransas County, Texas by thirty (30) days for the purchase of approximately 972.952 acres of land out of the A6 Joseph Fessenden Survey, J. Smith Survey, and A14 Anselmo Bergara Survey, near Cape Valero and *1751 FM in Aransas County, for Two Million Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,350,000.00), to provide additional time to finalize the agreement for the receipt of grant funds from the GOMESA Program, CMP Cycle 29 for Projects of Special Merit, and authorize the County Judge to execute necessary documents – Katherine Comeaux/Judge Garza

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

**Correction in agenda item – 1751 FM should be 1781 FM*

Discussion followed: Commissioner Casterline – Do you think 30 days is enough, I'd hate to come back and have to do this again.

Katherine Comeaux – I don't think that will be necessary. We have been working on the draft agreement and we should have it finalized in the next week or so. This is just to give us some cushion time.

Janae Evans – We are 5 months into the due diligence period already.

Commissioner Rousseau – Has the GLO indicated when we will receive confirmation of the funding?

Katherine Comeaux – Yes, ma'am. They are optimistic it should be within a week. I would think that by the end of next week we should have a finalized agreement.

Commissioner Casterline – Confirmation is not the same as getting the money. It will be quite a while before we get the money.

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

14. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Tiger Field Athletic Complex Lease Agreement – Judge Garza

Motion to approve: by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau

Discussion followed: Commissioner Rousseau – On page 5, this might be for Eric Smith with the County Attorney's Office. I realize that some things have to be in the contract just because the government says so. There is a clause about workers compensation or self-insured employee coverage, then it talks about that they have to have that kind of insurance. If there are no employees only volunteers, would this still apply?

Eric Smith – If there's no employees then they wouldn't need to provide that insurance. It is a standard contract clause in all the county's contracts.

Commissioner Dupnik – On page 3, 3rd full paragraph, about exterior maintenance of grounds. I understood in our discussion that the Tiger Field entity was going to take c

care of all the maintenance. But this says that the county will maintain landscaping around Tiger Field, so I'm curious if that is still in play?

Judge Garza – Rene (Butler) can you come up? Correct me if I'm wrong. They do the field, and the section between the parking lot and the field. There is a part the county takes care of and a part that Road and Bridge takes care of.

Rene Butler – That's correct.

Commissioner Dupnik – Thanks for clarifying that.

Rene Butler – We'll mow on the easement on the culvert side, a strip that goes back to the basketball courts and the entire front culvert side. I believe the Road and Bridge and the City mow on the north side and the new folks will be mowing the ball fields and the picnic area.

Commissioner Casterline – Rene, I don't know if you know it but on the west side of this property there's some trails in there that appear that we haven't maintained them in a long time.

Rene Butler – There's a trail that is partly asphalted along through the grandstands, then on the north side it's just grass.

Commissioner Casterline – I'm talking about back toward the road, probably the northwest corner of the property that look like it's solid brush but there are actually trails that wind through that. I know a long time ago we cleaned them. Check it out and see.

Rene Butler – I'm aware of the trails but we did not maintain the trails. We just maintain the grass right of way and the culvert side.

Commissioner Casterline – I know but there are county trails that a grant was received to do them so we probably should sometime do a little maintenance on them.

Rene Butler – I'm unaware.

Commissioner Casterline – Check it out. The whole thing was done with a grant when Tiger Field was created with a grant from Parks and Wildlife. Part of that was trails built.

Rene Butler – I would need to take a look at the Grant to see what was supposed to be doing.

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

15. Discuss, approve or disapprove Change Order #13 from Teal Construction for the following changes: CPR 84 – Reduce Plaque Size – Deduct \$4,345.00 to Change the five (5) foot Diameter Plaque to a three (3) foot Diameter Plaque; and CPR 86 to Add Data and Power in DC A210 and DC Lobby A208 – add \$18,019.00 and five (5) impact days – Elle Morales/Judge Garza

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

Discussion followed: Mark Williams – I recommend to the county that we postpone and reject this change order because we are missing some critical information and prices.

Commissioner Casterline – Did we know that the other day when we had the meeting in the JP courtroom?

Mark Williams – That's when we discovered it.

Commissioner Casterline – I wonder why we have it on the agenda today? I'll strike

Motion to table by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Rousseau.

Vote: Motion to table carried 5-0: it was so ordered

XI. PLANNING AND BUDGET

16. Discuss, approve, or disapprove Jacky Cockerham being appointed County Auditor of and for the County Of Aransas County, Texas, effective February 1, 2024, to serve at the pleasure of the District Judges of the 36th, 156th and 343rd Judicial Districts for a term not to exceed two (2) years and her compensation is set at one hundred and two thousand one-hundred and forty-six dollars and sixty-four cents (\$102,146.64) per annum payable out of the General Fund of Aransas County, Texas, in equal bi-weekly installments together with any and all increases as permitted by law – Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

Motion to approve: by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

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

17. Discuss, approve or disapprove revised job description for Transfer Station Senior Mechanic – Elle Morales/Judge Garza

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

Discussion followed: Elle Morales – This is to make our current mechanic a senior mechanic. When I looked at the job descriptions between the 2 there were just a couple of different items. We have been working with the mechanic this year to have him start doing his budgeting and a preventative maintenance schedule. During our weekly meetings with the Transfer Station Supervisor and myself, you can see he is doing an excellent job of keeping our equipment up and running. I would like to point out how he has saved the county significant dollars. He got the JBC loader from Road and Bridge and got that running for between \$3-\$4 thousand dollars, and we traded that item for another item that they wanted. This in 1996 was \$62,000, we think we can use the one we have for 2-3 more years and then we will be able to purchase a newer one. He also took a service truck that was going into surplus, and got it running and is using that as his service truck, we hope we can keep that going for 2-3 more years, in 2005 it was \$19,000. He got our a dump trailer that had been sitting in the yard going by taking parts from scavenging parts from the other broken down trailer so now we can do 2 loads a day taking 4 roll offs, instead of driving there 4 times a day. This saves about \$100 in gas per day, about \$2,000 per month in savings. He also got the mosquito bulk tank up and running so we can order chemicals in bulk and that should save the county about \$20,000 for the first tank, 1,000 gallons, so between \$20,000 - \$40,000 this year. He is doing an excellent job and we value him. We are a public service so when our machine goes down we have to close.

Commissioner Rousseau – What is the gentleman's name?

Elle Morales – John Cortez

Commissioner Rousseau - The pay group change was?

Elle Morales – 14 to 17

Commissioner Rousseau – When we talk about the salary study this position isn't listed. Is that because we're getting ready to approve it?

Elle Morales – Correct

Commissioner Rousseau – Will there still be a mechanic position? Are we adding or making the current position a Senior Mechanic?

Elle Morales – We are changing the existing position a Senior Mechanic.

Commissioner Chaney – Because of becoming more involved with the budgeting and administration.

Elle Morales – Correct. When he needs assistance he uses one of our Transfer Station guys to help him. We don't have a secondary mechanic, we don't need one. I don't know if we will in the future but that would be a couple of years from now.

Commissioner Dupnik – Under physical demands I have a question. It says he should have the ability to move objects weighing up to 20 pounds. I think in a job like this it normally is normally 50 – 100 pounds. I think if something was to happen, it protects the county.

Elle Morales – I can make that edit to be 50 pounds before he signs the job description.

Amended Motion to make the change from 20 pounds to 50 pounds by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau

Vote on amended motion: Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

18. Discuss, approve or disapprove changes to job descriptions for several departments; changes are for duties, no change to pay. Updated job descriptions were requested to prepare for a salary study – Desiree Upton/Judge Garza

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

Discussion followed: Desiree Upton – I've provided the redline versions as requested.

Commissioner Rousseau – These are really terrific, you and the department heads. On the Airport Attendant (part-time regular) there's a note, understanding that they will be doing mostly what a full-time attendant does, but it says "may assume the duties of the airport manager in that person's absence". Are we really going to have a part-time employee assume the duties of the airport manager?

Mike Geer – I wouldn't think so. That probably needs to be taken out. I didn't realize that was in there for the part-time. We haven't had a part-time for some time. I don't budget for a part-time anymore. I budget for temporary.

Commissioner Rousseau – It's not in your budget?

Mike Geer – It's not in the budget for 5-6 years, since Harvey. So we can really get rid of it or shelve it. I don't see a need for part-time going forward. Temporary is more appropriate for summer help or internship, that sort of thing.

Desiree Upton – I can pull that job description.

Commissioner Rousseau – Under Airport Manager, I know the position has changed, but under summary of position for the last few years you've been putting time into long-term strategic planning for expansion of services. I just thought that was something you might want to put in there. Then organizational relationships, TxDOT,

FFA, EPA and others are listed by the Airport Advisory Board is not listed and this is a monthly relationship and I thought it should be added.

Mike Geer – I don't have any issue with that.

Amended motion to make changes that have been discussed: by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau

Vote on amended motion: Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

19. Discuss, approve or disapprove a request to Solicit a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a salary study, conducted to collect and analyze data on wages and salaries. The purpose of a salary survey is to help employers and employees understand what different jobs pay in different geographic areas, and to identify trends in wage and salary levels – Desiree Upton/Judge Garza

Motion to approve: by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik

Discussion followed: Desiree Upton – I added a list of jobs for each department as requested. That is the attachment.

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

20. Discuss, approve or disapprove the Assistant County Engineer position. The County Engineer will mentor the Assistant County Engineer so the Assistant may fill the Engineer's position when he retires; once the Assistant County Engineer is promoted to County Engineer, the Assistant position will not be filled. The proposed salary for the Assistant County Engineer is Group 29, which equates to \$83,544 annually; this salary is below the salary of contiguous county, Nueces County (\$105,164.80). There was not an Assistant County Engineer position in San Patricio County or Calhoun County to compare rates but David Reid and Desiree Upton gathered several Assistant County Engineer job postings from other Texas Counties – David Reid/Desiree Upton/Judge Garza

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

Discussion followed: We know that David Reid is going to retire this year, so this position is in place so that he can help train his new replacement. It won't be kept after David retires.

Commissioner Chaney – This seems like it's almost a guarantee for the assistant engineer, but what if the assistant doesn't work out?

Commissioner Casterline – If he can't do the job you can terminate him.

Commissioner Chaney – But, it says we are hiring him to do that. Is that a problem or issue?

Desiree Upton – No, everybody has a 5 month probationary period. So if he's not working out we can open up the position again.

Commissioner Dupnik – I question the 5 year experience required is sufficient to meet the job description because that person will be a standalone position without any support in the county. Does David have an idea, I know this is a standard thing but just a concern.

David Reid – I think 5 years is a minimum, I would certainly like to find somebody with more than that. If you want to change this to 10 years and make it around \$120,000 per year?

Commissioner Dupnik – I understand it goes with more money, but when David is gone we need to have somebody that has “real life experience” to be able to make decisions and to guide the county properly.

Commissioner Casterline – Don’t you think having it lower increases you pool for applicants higher to choose from? When you do the interview, you are going to have to make that judgment. You might find somebody less than 10 years that you think is better than the others.

David Reid – My thought was that this is a minimum when we advertise.

Judge Garza – This position is going to be hired by Commissioner’s Court.

David Reid & Pat Rousseau – I don’t think so.

David Reid – Per state statute I do the hiring, but I will let you meet him.

Commissioner Casterline – It will be our decision if we promote him to take your job.

David Reid – Yes.

Commissioner Rousseau – I would suggest under the education experience and training, to add management experience. Then where it says, valid TX DL, just below that, Texas Professional Engineer License or ability to receive license within six months, I would add, of hire. I didn’t have the current pay group and I didn’t want to email Tana over the weekend. Is \$83,544 step one of pay group 29?

Tana Taylor – off mic, statement not distinguishable.

Commissioner Rousseau – Then I would suggest going to pay group 28 because while I was looking through these other job descriptions, they show ranges. We could show pay group 28, 1-3 is and that would give us a little bit of flexibility.

Commissioner Casterline – Desiree can you tell us why you picked that group?

Desiree Upton – I was thinking the same that it could be 1-3 steps for pay group 29. I know this seems high but it is low compared to other counties pay for the same job position, especially Nueces as their assistant is making \$105,000. Where ours would be making \$83,000 - \$87,000. So it’s just giving David some room for hiring.

Commissioner Casterline – I made the motion and I don’t want to change it. I’m real happy with Desiree’s performance and I don’t think we should micromanage her. She’s doing a good job.

Commissioner Rousseau – are we going to put the 2 things in there about management experience and within six months of hire?

Judge Garza – Yes.

Desiree Upton – Yes, ma’am I made the note.

Commissioner Casterline – That’d be fine with me.

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

21. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Budget Line Item - Transfers for the 2023 Budget
– Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

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

None at this time.

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

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

Motion to approve: by Commissioner Dupnik, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney

Discussion followed: Jacky Cockerham – Normal, but noting some Capital Outlay:

PGAL \$8,685.47, Down Town Anchor Projects

New Stout \$ 1,605,666.75, Rattlesnake Point Road, 5 invoices

Brizzo \$481,330.33, SE Aransas County Drainage, 2 invoices

DLF \$166,444.46, Community Building

ARPA Funds \$475,075.00, T Baker Smith, Engineers, water tank at Det. Ctr.

Mammoth Foundation \$100,938.42, generator for Animal Control and AgriLife

Teal Const. \$595,619.53, courthouse

Invoice revd. Friday, this is balance of our Property and Windstorm Insurance. Last meeting you approved the \$565,418, the balance is \$389,577.20, it was not included on the Accounts Payable, and I will need to get that added.

Commissioner Casterline I move to include that in the motion, seconded by Commissioner Chaney.

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

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

- Commissioner Chaney – I want to say Thank You to all of our Fire Departments, in our county and surrounding areas. We have had many fires this month and they do an excellent job.
- Elle Morales – Introducing new Director of Environmental Health, Anthony Van Meter, Our Code Enforcement, Joey Perez, and OSSF (Septic Inspections) Scott Fenner
- Caitlan Frazier – We are doing adoption events the 1st and 3rd Saturdays each month, from 11am – 3pm. Hopefully we can get more out than is coming in.

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

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XIV. CLOSED SESSION

23. 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:

- Aransas County Texas v. Endurance American Specialty Insurance Company, et al*, Aransas County District Court Cause No. 23-0021; and
- 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

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/Judge Garza

No closed session was needed.

XV. OPEN SESSION

24. Reconvene into Open Session

No closed session.

25. Discuss and take action on matters discussed in closed session – Amanda Oster/ Judge Garza

No closed session.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:11 AM

ARANSAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT



Misty Kimbrough

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

Ray A. Garza, County Judge

