

MINUTES

Aransas County Commissioners Court

1:30 PM - Friday, June 16, 2023

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met on Friday, June 16, 2023, at 1:30 PM, 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 \(aransascountytx.gov\)](https://aransascountytx.gov), then scroll to the bottom of the page and select the date you wish to view.

Present: **Ray A. Garza**, County Judge
Leslie Casterline, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Pat Rousseau, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Robert Dupnik, Commissioner, Precinct 4

Absent: **Jack Chaney**, Commissioner Precinct 1-1A

I. Call to Order - The meeting convened at 1:30 PM

II. Roll Call

III. Declare Quorum

IV. Items for Deliberation and/or Action

- 1 Discuss, approve, or disapprove authorizing the County Judge to a sign award letter from the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) for the Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Contract No. DR-4332-017 to accept a Sub-Grant Award for Shell Ridge Road Shoreline Resiliency Project - John Strothman/Judge Garza

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

Discussion followed: John Strothman - project now ongoing for 4-plus years. The Award Letter was issued in April. The Bond was approved to pay the matching funds. The total Award Amount is \$4,792,923, with a Federal Share of \$2,788,732.50, and Local Share of \$1,265,694.86 with Senate Bill 7 paying \$763,637.06, leaving the Local Share to pay \$502,218. Today, asking Judge Garza to sign the Award Letter so Mr. Strothman can submit it to make an adjustment of \$344,349 for the current cost of the project. Commissioner Rousseau spoke to how hard it has been to get this project to this point. Commissioner Casterline asked if it would take another 4 years. Mr. Strothman replied it should be quick to get the cost adjustment.

Vote: Motion carried 4-0; it was so ordered

- 2 Discuss, approve, or disapprove Change Order No. 1 for the Construction Contract between Aransas County and LCR Total Transport, LLC, for the Loop 1781 Project funded by the General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Contract No. 20-065-098-C270 to increase the scope of the Project resulting in a cost increase of \$873,290.00- David Reid/Judge Garza

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

Discussion followed: David Reid - said there was some extra money in the CDBG-DR grants and we are trying to increase the scope of this project. We're adding some safety treatments and more limestone to beef up the road and improve the project.

Vote: Motion carried 4-0; it was so ordered

- 3 Discuss, approve, or disapprove Change order No. 3 for the Construction Contract between Aranas County and KC Lease Service, Inc., d/b/a Matagorda Construction & Materials for the Copano Heights Project funded by the General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Contract No. 20-065-098-C270 to increase the scope of the Project resulting in a cost increase of \$331,675.00 - David Reid/ Judge Garza

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

Discussion followed: Commissioner Casterline asked what all they will be doing for the project. David Reid stated they would be laying more pipe. Commissioner Casterline asked if they would be paving the roads and David Reid affirmed that they would. Commissioner Rousseau asked where this would be. David Reid said all of the roads in Copano Heights.

Vote: Motion carried 4-0; it was so ordered

- 4 Discuss, approve, or disapprove a Permanent Drainage Easement from Peter and Amanda Tischoff located nearly 310 Lake Drive, Rockport, Texas, consisting of approximately .211 acres and authorize the County Judge to execute necessary documents - David Reid/ Judge Garza

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

Discussion followed: David Reid stated that at the 6.12.23 regular meeting he had brought forth an item for an easement from Ms. McLester. This project is for the property next to her's. We will be going through both properties to facilitate drainage of Copano Heights. Commissioner Casterline asked when this project would begin. David Reid said as soon as the Judge signs the easement.

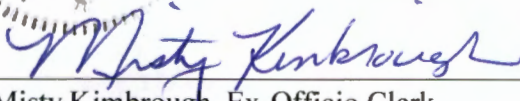
Vote: Motion carried 4-0; it was so ordered


XV. Adjournment with Roll Call 1:40 PM

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

Vote: Motion carried 4-0; it was so ordered




Misty Kimbrough, Ex-Officio Clerk
of the Commissioners Court


Ray A. Garza, County Judge

