

# MINUTES

## Aransas County Commissioners Court



**9:00 AM – Monday, August 26, 2024**

The Aransas County Commissioners Court met on Monday, August 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 \(aransascountytx.gov\)](https://www.aransascountytx.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 30:40](#)

### II. INVOCATION

[Video Time 30:52](#)

### III. PLEDGES

[Video Time 32:15](#)

### IV. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

[Video Time 32:41](#)

- Judge Garza struck Item # 11  
[Video Time 32:56](#)

### V. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

[Video Time 33:25](#)

- ☒ There were none

### VI. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

[Video Time 33:38](#)

1. Presentation from [Allegiance Ambulance Service](#) – Stephanie Newsome

### VII. CONSENT AGENDA

[Video Time 47:42](#)

2. Discuss, approve or disapprove the [Minutes](#) from the August 19, 2024 Regular Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
3. Discuss, approve or disapprove the [Minutes](#) from the August 19, 2024 Workshop Meeting – Misty Kimbrough/Judge Garza
  - ☒ **Motion to accept the consent agenda:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
  - ☒ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered

**VIII. COUNTY REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS – None**

**IX. COUNTY ROADS AND FLOODPLAIN – None**

**X. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS**

4. Discuss, approve or disapprove authorizing County Judge to sign lease agreement for Unit 2740 located at the Harbor Oaks Shopping Center for the relocation of the various elected and appointed County Offices – Adela Martinez/Judge Garza  
Video Time 48:06
  - ☛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
  - ☛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
  
5. Discuss, approve or disapprove awarding a contract for the Sheriff’s Office Radio Tower Equipment and Installation to the highest scoring company, Motorola Solutions, Inc., and authorize the County Judge to execute all necessary documents – Sheriff Mills/Judge Garza  
Video Time 50:52
  - ☛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Dupnik
  - ☛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
  
6. Discuss, approve, or disapprove awarding a contract for the compensation study to Evergreen Solutions, LLC and authorize the County Judge to execute all necessary documents - Desiree Upton/Eric Smith/Judge Garza  
Video Time 52:55
  - ☛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
  - ☛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
  
7. Discuss, approve or disapprove Resolution R-20-2024, a Resolution authorizing the Stormwater Management Technical Committee’s recommendation to select Pape-Dawson Engineers for professional services associated with a Countywide Drainage Study funded through CDBG MIT-MOD grant – David Reid/Judge Garza  
Video Time 58:11
  - ☛ **Motion to approve:** by Commissioner Chaney, motion was seconded by Commissioner Casterline
  - ☛ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
  
8. Discuss, approve or disapprove Change Order No. 1 for construction contract for Loop 1781 in the County’s General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Relief (CDBG-DR) Contract #20-065-098-C270, to LCR Total Transport, LLC. Change Order No. 1 increases the contract time by ninety-three (93) days with no increase in the dollar amount – David Reid/Judge Garza  
Video Time 1:00:07
  - ☛ **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 Change Order No. 3 for construction contract for Holiday Beach Road Improvements in the County's General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Relief (CDBG-DR) Contract #20-065-098-C270, to LCR Total Transport, LLC. Change Order No. 3 increases the contract time by twenty – nine (29) days with no increase in the dollar amount – David Reid/Judge Garza

[Video Time 1:09:57](#)

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

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

10. Discuss, approve or disapprove soliciting Request for Proposals from vendors for planning and management services to update the Hazard Mitigation Action Plan with Local Hazard Mitigation Plans Program funds – Katherine Comeaux/Judge Garza

[Video Time 1:03:17](#)

✪ **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

11. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the July 2024 Treasurer's Report – Alma Cartwright / Judge Garza

✪ **This was struck from the agenda by Judge Garza**

12. Discuss, approve or disapprove moving the position of Contracts and Procurement Specialist from the County Attorney's Office to the County Auditor's Office – Judge Garza

[Video Time 1:05:11](#)

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

✪ I move to approve moving and possibly separating the position of Contracts and Procurement Specialist from the County Attorney's Office to the County Auditor's office pending an opinion on how to do this correctly or legally.

**Motion amended:** by Commissioner Casterline, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rousseau

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

13. Discuss the option to add a Governmental Affairs position to the County Judge's Office to provide legal support to the Commissioners Court – Judge Garza

[Video Time 1:28:23](#)

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

14. Discuss the 2025 Budget - Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

[Video Time 1:37:17](#)

15. Discuss, approve, or disapprove the Budget Line Item -Jacky Cockerham/Judge Garza

[Video Time 1:39:54](#)

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

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

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

Video Time 1:40:15

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

- ✪ **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 1:41:55

- ✪ Commissioner Rousseau
- ✪ Constable Harrison

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

Video Time 1:43:45

- ✪ There were none

**XIV. CLOSED SESSION**

17. 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*
- Western Steel Company v T2J Partners, LLC DIE/A FPS Recovery, LLC and Aransas County, Texas; Cause No. 24-0072, in the 36<sup>th</sup> District Court of Aransas County, Texas;*

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

Video Time 1:43:51

- ✪ Update on dates for mediation, January 31, 2025

**XV. OPEN SESSION**

18. Reconvene into Open Session

- ✪ **There was no closed session**

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

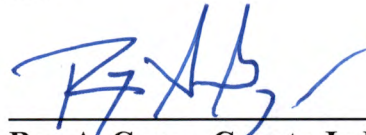
- ✪ There was no closed session

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

Video Time 1:46:00

- ✪ **Motion to adjourn:** by Commissioner Rousseau, motion was seconded by Commissioner Chaney
- ✪ **Vote:** Motion carried 5-0: it was so ordered
- ✪ **Meeting adjourned at 10:16 AM**

**ARANSAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT**



Ray A. Garza, County Judge

9/9/24

Date signed.



Misty Kimbrough,  
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

9/9/24

Date signed and attestation.

