#### **MINUTES**

#### MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300 1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414 9:30 A.M., MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2024

#### Call to Order

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday, August 26, 2024, in the Matagorda County Commissioner's Courtroom, located on the Third Floor, 1700 Seventh Street, Room 300, Bay City, Texas, with County Judge Seiferman presiding.

Others present were as follows: Kristen Kubecka, Jennifer Chau, Loretta Griffin, Tressa Leadford, Meagan Ramirez, Skipper Osborne, Lisa Krobot, Amanda Campos, Chris Peikert, Mike Reddell, Ashley Brooking, Mike Ferdinand, Doug Schoppe, Bruce Smith, John Guilloch, Jesse Soultee, Deean Griffith, Carol Sue Gibbs, Rick DeLeon, Jennifer Bishop, Gail Cook, Clayton Cook, Greg Baker, Becca Sitz, Melissa Pena, Tazia Rodriguez, Amy Tapia, Alexandria Longoria and Stephanie Wurtz.

#### 1. Certification of quorum

County Judge Seiferman certified a quorum with Commissioner Cook, Commissioner Estlinbaum, Commissioner Shimek and Commissioner Frick.

- 2. Pledge of Allegiance Commissioner Cook
- 3. Texas Pledge Commissioner Cook
- 4. Prayer Commissioner Frick
- 5. Public Comments

This being the next item for business, no action required.

### 6. <u>Consideration and possible action regarding approving Commissioner's Court Minutes for August 19,</u> 2024

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to approve Commissioner's Court Minutes for August 19, 2024. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

#### 7. <u>Consideration and possible action regarding contracts for the use of the Matagorda County</u> Fairgrounds facilities

This being the next item for business, no action required.

### 8. <u>Presentation by the Bay City Masonic Lodge 865 of a Community Builders Award to County Judge</u> Bobby Seiferman

This being the next item for business, no action required.

### 9. <u>Consideration and possible action to accept the 2023 Distinguished Service Award for the Matagorda County Historical Commission (MCHC)</u>

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to accept the 2023 Distinguished Service Award for the Matagorda County Historical Commission (MCHC). Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

## 10. <u>Consideration and possible action on the Matagorda County Attorney's Motion for Judgment Nunc Pro Tunc for agenda item #14 of the Matagorda County Commissioner's Court held on Monday, August 19, 2024</u>

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to accept the Matagorda County Attorney's Motion for Judgment Nunc Pro Tunc for agenda item #14 of the Matagorda County Commissioner's Court held on Monday, August 19, 2024. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

## 11. Consideration and possible action to rescind Order on agenda item #15 of the Matagorda County Commissioner's Court held on Monday, August 19, 2024, setting a Public Hearing on October 21, 2024 regarding the possible approval of a Tax Abatement Agreement with Midfield Solar and Storage, LLC

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to rescind Order on agenda item #15 of the Matagorda County Commissioner's Court held on Monday, August 19, 2024, setting a Public Hearing on October 21, 2024 regarding the possible approval of a Tax Abatement Agreement with Midfield Solar and Storage, LLC. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

### 12. <u>Consideration and possible action to set a Public Hearing for September 16, 2024 at 9:45 a.m. to discuss the 2025 Proposed Matagorda County Budget and authorize publication</u>

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to set a Public Hearing for September 16, 2024 at 9:45 a.m. to discuss the 2025 Proposed Matagorda County Budget and authorize publication. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

### 13. <u>Consideration and possible action to donate Surplus Equipment (2008 Volvo Tractor and 2005 Trailer)</u> back to the Midfield VFD, applying Local Government Code 263.152(a)(4)(b-c)

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to donate Surplus Equipment (2008 Volvo Tractor and 2005 Trailer) back to the Midfield VFD, applying Local Government Code 263.152(a)(4)(b-c). Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

## 14. <u>Consideration and possible action to approve the purchase of a new HP Laptop from Southern Computer Warehouse for JP #1 from account 019-53300-46 in the amount of \$1,217.34</u>

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve the purchase of a new HP Laptop from Southern Computer Warehouse for JP #1 from account 019-53300-46 in the amount of \$1,217.34. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

## 15. Consideration and possible action to approve the purchase of a 2024 Toyota Highlander from Silsbee Toyota in the amount of \$43,082.50 from 010-55700-573; the 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe will be transferred to another County Department in need of a vehicle

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to approve the purchase of a 2024 Toyota Highlander from

Silsbee Toyota in the amount of \$43,082.50 from 010-55700-573; the 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe will be transferred to another County Department in need of a vehicle. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

## 16. <u>Consideration and possible action to approve an Election Services Contract between Matagorda County and Navigation District #1 for an election to be held November 5, 2024 and authorize the County Clerk to sign</u>

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to approve an Election Services Contract between Matagorda County and Navigation District #1 for an election to be held November 5, 2024 and authorize the County Clerk to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

## 17. <u>Consideration and possible action to approve the Household Hazardous Waste Day Agreement between Matagorda County and Clean Harbors for an event to be held on October 12, 2024 and allow the County Judge to sign</u>

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve the Household Hazardous Waste Day Agreement between Matagorda County and Clean Harbors for an event to be held on October 12, 2024 and allow the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

## 18. <u>Consideration and possible action to accept a contribution in the amount of \$3,000.00 from OQ Chemicals Corporation for expenses toward the Matagorda County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event to be held October 12, 2024</u>

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to accept a contribution in the amount of \$3,000.00 from OQ Chemicals Corporation for expenses toward the Matagorda County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event to be held October 12, 2024. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

## 19. <u>Consideration and possible action to authorize County Judge Bobby Seiferman and the Commissioner's Court to execute the First Extension Declaration of Disaster for Matagorda County due to consistent heavy wind and rain from Tropical Storm Alberto ending on October 7, 2024</u>

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge Seiferman and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to authorize County Judge Bobby Seiferman and the Commissioner's Court to execute the First Extension Declaration of Disaster for Matagorda County due to consistent heavy wind and rain from Tropical Storm Alberto ending on October 7, 2024. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

### 20. <u>Consideration and possible action to approve a renewal of the Matagorda County First Extension</u> <u>Declaration of Disaster for Hurricane Beryl beginning on July 15, 2024 and ending on October 7, 2024</u>

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge Seiferman and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to approve a renewal of the Matagorda County First Extension Declaration of Disaster for Hurricane Beryl beginning on July 15, 2024 and ending on October 7, 2024. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

### 21. <u>Consideration and possible action to approve and sign the DebrisTech, LLC Contract Amendment</u> adjusting the Cap for Hurricane Beryl debris

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve and sign the DebrisTech, LLC Contract Amendment adjusting the Cap for Hurricane Beryl debris. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

## 22. <u>Consideration and possible action to approve the Agreement for Party Wall and Shared Utilities between Matagorda County and BP&P, LLC and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign</u>

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve the Agreement for Party Wall and Shared Utilities between Matagorda County and BP&P, LLC and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

#### 23. <u>Consideration and possible action to enter into Road Use Agreement with Hilcorp Energy Company</u> for the Galileo Prospect and allow the County Judge to sign

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to enter into Road Use Agreement with Hilcorp Energy Company for the Galileo Prospect and allow the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

# 24. <u>Consideration and possible action to award Polasek Construction, Inc. associated with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Palacios Park Project Construction Manager-at-Risk RFQ and authorize the County Judge to sign all related contract documents pending County Attorney review and approval</u>

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to award Polasek Construction, Inc. associated with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Palacios Park Project Construction Manager-at-Risk RFQ and authorize the County Judge to sign all related contract documents pending County Attorney review and approval. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

### 25. <u>Consideration and possible action to approve Invoices from the following Departments: Precinct #2, Information Services and Sheriff's Office</u>

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to approve Invoices from the following Departments: Precinct #2, Information Services and Sheriff's Office. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

#### 26. Consideration and possible action to approve Payment of Demand Checks

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve Payment of Demand Checks. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

#### 27. Consideration and possible action to approve Line Item Transfers

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to approve Line Item Transfers. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

#### 28. Consideration and possible action to approve Emergency Amendments

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to approve Emergency Amendments. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

#### 29. Meet in Executive Session:

### <u>Under Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the County in an executive session concerning Real Property</u>

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 10:11 a.m. by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to meet in Executive Session:

Under Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the County in an executive session concerning Real Property

Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

#### 30. Reconvene open session and consider taking action on the matters discussed in Executive Session:

### <u>Under Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the County in an executive session concerning Real Property</u>

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 11:34 a.m. by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to Reconvene open session:

Under Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the County in an executive session concerning Real Property

Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

#### 31. Adjournment

At approximately 11:34 a.m. Judge Seiferman adjourned the meeting.

### **Approved in Open Court,** the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

BOBBY SEIFERMAN

**County Judge** 

MAN ORDA COUNT

EDWARD "BUBBA" COOK

Commissioner Precinct No. One

MIKÆ ESTLINBAUM

Commissioner Precinct No. Two

TROY SHIMEK

**Commissioner Precinct No. Three** 

**CHARLES "BUBBA" FRICK** 

**Commissioner Precinct No. Four** 

ATTEST:

Stephanie Wurtz, County 🧸