

MINUTES
MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING
MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300
1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414
9:30 A.M., MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2024
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

Call to Order

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday, December 30, 2024, via Zoom teleconference, with County Judge Seiferman presiding.

Others present on the video teleconference were as follows: Kristen Kubecka, Jennifer Chau, Lisa Krobot, Mike Ferdinand, Jessica Shepard, Becky Cook, Loretta Griffin, Tressa Leadford, Layne Lucas, Donna Barrett, Karla Smith, Jessica Russell, Shelly Ryman, Scott Savage, Alexandria Longoria and Stephanie Wurtz.

1. Certification of quorum

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Estlinbaum

3. Texas Pledge – Commissioner Estlinbaum

4. Prayer – Commissioner Cook

5. Public Comments

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

6. Consideration and possible action regarding approving Commissioner's Court Minutes for December 16, 2024

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to approve Commissioner's Court Minutes for December 16, 2024. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

7. Consideration and possible action regarding contracts for the use of the Matagorda County Fairgrounds facilities

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

8. Consideration and possible action to authorize County Judge Bobby Seiferman and the Commissioners Court to make a Declaration of Disaster for Matagorda County due to the ongoing threat from the damages caused by consistent heavy wind and rain, including Tropical Storm Alberto

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to authorize County Judge Bobby Seiferman and the Commissioners Court to make a Declaration of Disaster for Matagorda County due to the ongoing threat from the

damages caused by consistent heavy wind and rain, including Tropical Storm Alberto. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

9. Consideration and possible action to approve a Matagorda County Declaration of Disaster for Hurricane Beryl beginning on December 30, 2024 and ending on May 12, 2025

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge Seiferman and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve a Matagorda County Declaration of Disaster for Hurricane Beryl beginning on December 30, 2024 and ending on May 12, 2025. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

10. Consideration and possible action to approve the Matagorda County Declaration of Disaster for Shrimp Dumping 2025 beginning on December 30, 2024 and ending on April 28, 2025 and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman and Commissioners to sign

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge Seiferman and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve the Matagorda County Declaration of Disaster for Shrimp Dumping 2025 beginning on December 30, 2024 and ending on April 28, 2025 and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman and Commissioners to sign. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

11. Consideration and possible action to authorize County Judge Bobby Seiferman and the Commissioners Court to make a Declaration of Disaster for Matagorda County pertaining to Border Security

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge Seiferman and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to authorize County Judge Bobby Seiferman and the Commissioners Court to make a Declaration of Disaster for Matagorda County pertaining to Border Security. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

12. Consideration and possible action to allow Doug Schoppe, Constable Precinct #1 to employ Brandon Dekle as an unpaid reserve deputy due to the necessity of increasing patrol to help enforce state and local laws and provide additional coverage for citizen needs for law enforcement

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Judge Seiferman, with all others concurring, to allow Doug Schoppe, Constable Precinct #1 to employ Brandon Dekle as an unpaid reserve deputy due to the necessity of increasing patrol to help enforce state and local laws and provide additional coverage for citizen needs for law enforcement. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

13. Consideration and possible action to approve a Credit Application for Matagorda County Precinct #2 with UnitedAg and authorize the County Judge to sign all related documents

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to approve a Credit Application for Matagorda County Precinct #2 with UnitedAg and authorize the County Judge to sign all related documents. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

14. Consideration and possible action to approve a Credit Application for Matagorda County Precinct #1 with UnitedAg and authorize the County Judge to sign all related documents

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to approve a Credit Application for Matagorda County Precinct #1 with UnitedAg and authorize the County Judge to sign all related documents. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

15. Consideration and possible action to approve a Credit Application for Matagorda County Fairgrounds with UnitedAg and authorize the County Judge to sign all related documents

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to approve a Credit Application for Matagorda County Fairgrounds with UnitedAg and authorize the County Judge to sign all related documents. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

16. Consideration and possible action to approve a Credit Application for Matagorda County Environmental Health Department with Ewald Kubota and authorize the County Judge to sign all related documents

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to approve a Credit Application for Matagorda County Environmental Health Department with Ewald Kubota and authorize the County Judge to sign all related documents. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

17. Consideration and possible action to authorize Matagorda County JP #3 to switch to Vested Networks from Copper Lines to phone service hosted over their internet

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to authorize Matagorda County JP #3 to switch to Vested Networks from Copper Lines to phone service hosted over their internet. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

18. Consideration and possible action to approve an Agreement between Matagorda County and Susan Reed regarding Consulting Services for Financial Training to be provided to the Matagorda County Tax Assessor's Office and allow the County Judge to sign

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve an Agreement between Matagorda County and Susan Reed regarding Consulting Services for Financial Training to be provided to the Matagorda County Tax Assessor's Office and allow the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

19. Consideration and possible action to approve an Agreement between Matagorda County and Richard Johnson regarding Consulting Services for the Tax Assessor-Collector and allow the County Judge to sign

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 Agreement between Matagorda County and Richard Johnson regarding Consulting Services for the Tax Assessor-Collector and allow the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

20. Consideration and possible action to approve the Annual Service Agreement with Money Line Systems for the Tax Office Money Counter and allow the County Judge to sign

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 the Annual Service Agreement with Money Line Systems for the Tax Office Money Counter and allow the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

21. Consideration and possible action to approve a Contract with Bay City Pro Cleaning for the County Tax Office Building and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to approve a Contract with Bay City Pro Cleaning for the County Tax Office Building and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

22. Consideration and possible action to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Matagorda County and City of Bay City regarding the Bay City Public Library FY 2025 and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Matagorda County and City of Bay City regarding the Bay City Public Library FY 2025 and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

23. Consideration and possible action to approve and accept the closing documents, including a General Warranty Deed, signed on December 18, 2024 in regards to the Court's approval and order for the sale of real property to Leighton Keen, originally approved on October 21, 2024

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to approve and accept the closing documents, including a General Warranty Deed, signed on December 18, 2024 in regards to the Court's approval and order for the sale of real property to Leighton Keen, originally approved on October 21, 2024. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

24. Consideration and possible action to authorize the County Judge to sign all documents to effectuate the closing and transfer of the real property purchase of Tier 4 Colorado Front Lot 3 Block 9 from Weyarn, Inc. to Matagorda County and authorize the County to issue a check for the purchase of the property

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to authorize the County Judge to sign all documents to effectuate the closing and transfer of the real property purchase of Tier 4 Colorado Front Lot 3 Block 9 from Weyarn, Inc. to Matagorda County and authorize the County to issue a check for the purchase of the property. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

25. Consideration and possible action to enter into a Property Agreement with the City of Palacios for the sale of real property located at 1200 Perryman in Palacios, Texas and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign the Agreement and all other documents required to effectuate the sale pending the County Attorney's approval

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to enter into a Property Agreement with the City of Palacios for the sale of real property located at 1200 Perryman in Palacios, Texas and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign the Agreement and all other documents required to effectuate the sale pending the County Attorney's approval. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

26. Consideration and possible action to authorize the County Judge to sign the Texas Enterprise Zone Mandatory Report for 2024 and authorize the submission of the report to the Governor's Office

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to authorize the County Judge to sign the Texas Enterprise Zone Mandatory Report for 2024 and authorize the submission of the report to the Governor's Office. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

27. Consideration and possible action to approve G701-2017 Change Order #4 between Matagorda County and BLS Construction, Inc. associated with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Blessing Community Center Project and authorize the County Judge to sign

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 G701-2017 Change Order #4 between Matagorda County and BLS Construction, Inc. associated with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Blessing Community Center Project and authorize the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

28. Consideration and possible action to approve A133-2019 Exhibit A – Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment between Matagorda County and 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

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 A133-2019 Exhibit A – Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment between Matagorda County and 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. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

29. Consideration and possible action to rescind the bid award to MetLab LLC, due to unsuccessful negotiations related to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Architectural/Engineering Services associated with the Justice of the Peace #2 Building and Sargent Community Center/Alternate EOC Project; and to award the second bidder, Lynn Engineering, and authorize the County Judge to sign

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to rescind the bid award to MetLab LLC, due to unsuccessful negotiations related to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Architectural/Engineering Services associated with the Justice of the Peace #2 Building and Sargent Community Center/Alternate EOC Project; and to award the second bidder, Lynn Engineering, and authorize the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

30. Consideration and possible action to ratify Payment of Bills dated for 12/23/2024

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to ratify Payment of Bills dated for 12/23/2024. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

31. Consideration and possible action to approve Payment of Demand Checks

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 Payment of Demand Checks. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

32. 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 Cook, with all others concurring, to approve Line Item Transfers. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

33. 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 Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to approve Emergency Amendments. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

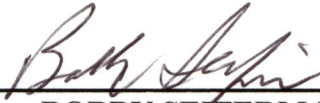
34. Consideration and possible action to approve Invoices from the following Departments: Precinct #1, County Clerk, IT and County Extension Office

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 Invoices from the following Departments: Precinct #1, County Clerk, IT and County Extension Office. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

35. **Adjournment**

At approximately 10:00 a.m. Judge Seiferman adjourned the meeting.

Approved in Open Court, the 6th day of January, 2025.




BOBBY SEIFERMAN
County Judge



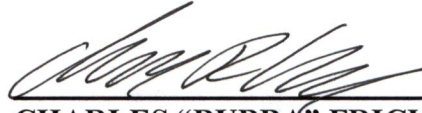
EDWARD "BUBBA" COOK
Commissioner Precinct No. One



MIKE ESTLINBAUM
Commissioner Precinct No. Two

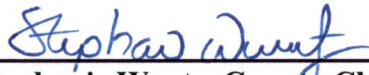


TROY SHIMEK
Commissioner Precinct No. Three



CHARLES "BUBBA" FRICK
Commissioner Precinct No. Four

ATTEST:


Stephanie Wurtz, County Clerk

