

MINUTES
MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING
MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300
1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414
9:30 A.M., MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026

Call to Order

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday, February 23, 2026, in the Matagorda County 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, Matt Sloan, Crystal Morones, Loretta Griffin, Becky Cook, Rick DeLeon, Mike Reddell, Mike Ferdinand, Jessica Russell, Bruce Krauskopf, Loy Sneary, Rebecca Panza, Iris Flores, Ryan Adams, Vic Everett, Rebecca Mayo, Cris Cruz, Hawes Dickerson, Becca Sitz, Denise Fortenberry, Mike Spillers, Alexandria Espindola and Stephanie Wurtz.

1. Certification of quorum

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Shimek

3. Texas Pledge – Commissioner Shimek

4. Prayer – Commissioner Estlinbaum

5. Public Comments

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

6. Consideration and possible action to approve Commissioners' Court Minutes for February 9, 2026

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 Commissioners' Court Minutes for February 9, 2026. Motion carried. Vote 5 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. Presentation on the Matagorda County Historical Commissions Annual Report by Carol Gibbs

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

9. Consideration and possible action to approve the Crisis Center 6th Annual Light Up the Square Event being held on Thursday, April 9, 2026 from 6-8pm at the Matagorda County Courthouse

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 the Crisis Center 6th Annual Light Up the Square Event being held on Thursday, April 9, 2026 from 6-8pm at the Matagorda County Courthouse. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

10. Consideration and possible action to reappoint Mark Rusk, Marla Cortez, Dr. LaDonna Rutledge and Jerry Evans to the Matagorda Conty Hospital District Board of Managers effective 02/14/2026 – 02/14/2028

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge Seiferman and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to reappoint Mark Rusk, Marla Cortez, Dr. LaDonna Rutledge and Jerry Evans to the Matagorda Conty Hospital District Board of Managers effective 02/14/2026 – 02/14/2028. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

11. Consideration and possible action to reappoint George Deshotels as Director to the Southeast Texas Housing Finance Corporation Board effective 02/01/2026 – 02/01/2028

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to reappoint George Deshotels as Director to the Southeast Texas Housing Finance Corporation Board effective 02/01/2026 – 02/01/2028. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

12. Consideration and possible action to appoint Casey Bartek to the Wharton-Matagorda County CPS Board effective 01/01/2026 – 12/31/2028

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to appoint Casey Bartek to the Wharton-Matagorda County CPS Board effective 01/01/2026 – 12/31/2028. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

13. Consideration and possible action to ratify the Matagorda County 2025 Offsite Emergency Response Program Review for STP

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge Seiferman and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to ratify the Matagorda County 2025 Offsite Emergency Response Program Review for STP. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

14. Consideration and possible action to approve the Racial Profiling Report for Matagorda County Constable Precinct #4

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 Racial Profiling Report for Matagorda County Constable Precinct #4. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

15. Consideration and possible action to approve the Application to Commissioners Court for the hiring of John Ideus as a part-time paid Reserve Deputy Constable for Matagorda County Constable Precinct #1

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 the Application to Commissioners Court for the hiring of John Ideus as a part-time paid Reserve Deputy Constable for Matagorda County Constable Precinct #1. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

16. Consideration and possible action to approve a Renewal Contract with Function4 for the Matagorda County Judge's Office

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 Renewal Contract with Function4 for the Matagorda County Judge's Office. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

17. Consideration and possible action to authorize Matagorda County Precinct #2 Commissioner Mike Estlinbaum to purchase a dump trailer from Bluebonnet Trailers & Trucks in the amount of \$9,950.00 and sign all related documents

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to authorize Matagorda County Precinct #2 Commissioner Mike

Estlinbaum to purchase a dump trailer from Bluebonnet Trailers & Trucks in the amount of \$9,950.00 and sign all related documents. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

18. Consideration and possible action to authorize Matagorda County Precinct #2 Commissioner Mike Estlinbaum to purchase a mini excavator from Nueces Power Equipment (BuyBoard Contract #788-25) in the amount of \$95,856.30 and sign all related documents

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to authorize Matagorda County Precinct #2 Commissioner Mike Estlinbaum to purchase a mini excavator from Nueces Power Equipment (BuyBoard Contract #788-25) in the amount of \$95,856.30 and sign all related documents. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

19. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application #3186311 Stonegarden, applying to the Office of the Governor

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 a Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application #3186311 Stonegarden, applying to the Office of the Governor. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

20. Consideration and possible action to ratify a Contract with Texas Parks and Wildlife for the Matagorda County Tax 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 ratify a Contract with Texas Parks and Wildlife for the Matagorda County Tax Office. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

21. Consideration and possible action to approve a Contract with Spindlemedia, LLC for the County Tax Office and allow the County Judge to sign

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 a Contract with Spindlemedia, LLC for the County Tax Office and allow the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

22. Consideration and possible action to approve the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification for the Matagorda County Sheriff's Office with the Department of Justice and Department of the Treasury, authorizing Matagorda County Treasurer Loretta Griffin to sign electronically and submit on behalf of County Judge Bobby Seiferman and Sheriff Rick DeLeon

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 Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification for the Matagorda County Sheriff's Office with the Department of Justice and Department of the Treasury, authorizing Matagorda County Treasurer Loretta Griffin to sign electronically and submit on behalf of County Judge Bobby Seiferman and Sheriff Rick DeLeon. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

23. Consideration and possible action to approve a notice and order acknowledging statutory authority for the disposition of unclaimed or abandoned personal property for the Matagorda County Sheriff'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 approve a notice and order acknowledging statutory authority for the disposition of unclaimed or abandoned personal property for the Matagorda County Sheriff's Office. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

24. Consideration and possible action to designate 4000 Avenue F, Bay City, Texas 77414 as an auxiliary Courthouse

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to designate 4000 Avenue F, Bay City, Texas 77414 as an auxiliary Courthouse. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

25. Consideration and possible action to approve a Contract between Matagorda County and the City of Bay City Service Center FY 2026-2027 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 a Contract between Matagorda County and the City of Bay City Service Center FY 2026-2027 and allow the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

26. Consideration and possible action to approve a Contract between Matagorda County and Wadsworth Community Center FY 2026-2027 and allow the County Judge to sign

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 a Contract between Matagorda County and Wadsworth Community Center FY 2026-2027 and allow the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

27. Consideration and possible action to approve a Contract between Matagorda County and Bay City Cemetery Association FY 2026-2027 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 Frick, with all others concurring, to approve a Contract between Matagorda County and Bay City Cemetery Association FY 2026-2027 and allow the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

28. Consideration and possible action to ratify a Cooperative Working Agreement with the Crisis Center

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to ratify a Contract with Texas Parks and Wildlife for the Matagorda County Tax Office. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

29. Consideration and possible action to approve and adopt the revision to the Sick Leave Bank Policy for the County of Matagorda

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 and adopt the revision to the Sick Leave Bank Policy for the County of Matagorda. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

30. Consideration and possible action to approve and adopt the revision of the 381 Economic Development Program Guidelines and Criteria for Matagorda County

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve and adopt the revision of the 381 Economic Development Program Guidelines and Criteria for Matagorda County. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

31. Consideration and possible action to approve and adopt the revision of the Guidelines and Criteria for granting tax abatement in reinvestment and enterprise zones created in Matagorda County adopted February 23, 2026 through December 31, 2028

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve and adopt the revision of the Guidelines and Criteria for granting tax abatement in reinvestment and enterprise zones created in Matagorda County adopted February 23, 2026 through December 31, 2028. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

32. Consideration and possible action to approve an Agreement between Matagorda County and Van Vleck VFD FY 2026-2027 and allow the County Judge to sign

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge Seiferman and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve an Agreement between Matagorda County and Van Vleck VFD FY 2026-2027 and allow the County Judge to sign Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

33. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution and Financing Agreement with Government Capital Corporation, pending County Attorney review and approval, and authorize the County Judge to sign all related documents regarding the purchase of a Wheel Loader for Matagorda County Road and Bridge, Precinct #2

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 a Resolution and Financing Agreement with Government Capital Corporation, pending County Attorney review and approval, and authorize the County Judge to sign all related documents regarding the purchase of a Wheel Loader for Matagorda County Road and Bridge, Precinct #2. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

34. Consideration and possible action to ratify Change Order #2 between Matagorda County and Frost Construction Company, Inc., associated with the Sargent 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 ratify Change Order #2 between Matagorda County and Frost Construction Company, Inc., associated with the Sargent Community Center Project and authorize the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

35. Consideration and possible action to ratify Change Order #1 between Matagorda County and Boettcher Hlavinka, Co., associated with the Justice of the Peace #2 Project 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 Shimek, with all others concurring, to ratify Change Order #1 between Matagorda County and Boettcher Hlavinka, Co., associated with the Justice of the Peace #2 Project and authorize the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

36. Consideration and possible action to ratify the acceptance of the Funding Agreement between Matagorda County and the Texas Comptroller's Office pertaining to the Rural Law Enforcement Salary Assistance Program, specific to the Constable's Office, in the total amount of \$24,792.35, under Senate Bill 22

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to ratify the acceptance of the Funding Agreement between Matagorda County and the Texas Comptroller's Office pertaining to the Rural Law Enforcement Salary Assistance Program, specific to the Constable's Office, in the total amount of \$24,792.35, under Senate Bill 22. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

37. Consideration and possible action to approve the Monthly Reports from various County Departments

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 Monthly Reports from various County Departments. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

38. Consideration and possible action to approve Invoices from the following Departments: Precinct #1, Precinct #2, Precinct #3 and Sheriff'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 approve Invoices from the following Departments: Precinct #1, Precinct #2, Precinct #3 and Sheriff's Office. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

39. Consideration and possible action to approve Matagorda County Treasurer's Office Monthly Report for January 2026

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 Matagorda County Treasurer's Office Monthly Report for January 2026. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

40. Consideration and possible action to approve Matagorda County Treasurer's Office Monthly Investment Report for January 2026

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 Matagorda County Treasurer's Office Monthly Investment Report for January 2026. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

41. Consideration and possible action to ratify payment of Demand Checks for February 13, 2026

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to ratify payment of Demand Checks for February 13, 2026. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

42. Consideration and possible action to approve Payment of Bills

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 Payment of Bills. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

43. Consideration and possible action to ratify 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 ratify Line Item Transfers. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

44. Meet in Executive Session:

Under Section 551.0725 of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the county in an executive session regarding deliberation of a contract being negotiated

Under Section 551.074(a)(1) and (2) of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee and to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee

Under Section 551.076 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the deployment or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices; or a security audit

Under Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 10:07 a.m. by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to meet in Executive Session:

Under Section 551.0725 of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the county in an executive session regarding deliberation of a contract being negotiated

Under Section 551.074(a)(1) and (2) of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee and to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee

Under Section 551.076 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the deployment or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices; or a security audit

Under Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations

Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

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

Under Section 551.0725 of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the county in an executive session regarding deliberation of a contract being negotiated

Under Section 551.074(a)(1) and (2) of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee and to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee

Under Section 551.076 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the deployment or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices; or a security audit

Under Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 11:28 a.m. by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to reconvene Open Session:

Under Section 551.0725 of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the county in an executive session regarding deliberation of a contract being negotiated

Under Section 551.074(a)(1) and (2) of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee and to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee

Under Section 551.076 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the deployment or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices; or a security audit

Under Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the

governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations

Motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to authorize and approve the reinstatement of the County's payment to Friends of Elder Citizens in total amount of \$20,000 to commence immediately and to be dispensed as follows: \$5,000 immediately; then \$5,000 every quarter, until total amount of \$20,000 is paid. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

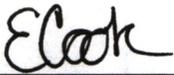
46. **Adjournment**

At approximately 11:32 a.m. Judge Seiferman adjourned the meeting.

Approved in Open Court, the 2nd day of March, 2026.



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

