

MINUTES
MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING
MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300
1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414
9:30 A.M., MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026

Call to Order

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:32 A.M., Monday, January 5, 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: Matt Sloan, Tressa Leadford, Loretta Griffin, Becky Cook, Rick DeLeon, Doug Schoppe, Chris Peikert, Lisa Krobot, Mike Reddell, Mike Ferdinand, Vic Everett, Crystal Morones, 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 December 22, 2025

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 Commissioners' Court Minutes for December 22, 2025. 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. Consideration and possible action to ratify a Letter of Agreement between Matagorda County and South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company regarding emergencies, drills, and exercises

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 a Letter of Agreement between Matagorda County and South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company regarding emergencies, drills, and exercises. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

9. Consideration and possible action to accept a platted road (Crescent Street) off CR 338 Barber Road into the Matagorda County Precinct #3 Road System

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to table accepting a platted road (Crescent Street) off CR 338 Barber Road into the Matagorda County Precinct #3 Road System. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

10. Consideration and possible action to authorize Matagorda County Precinct #2 Commissioner Mike Estlinbaum to purchase a 2019 Int'l 4300 Dump Truck and to sign all related documents

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 Matagorda County Precinct #2 Commissioner Mike Estlinbaum to purchase a 2019 Int'l 4300 Dump Truck and to sign all related documents. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

11. Consideration and possible action to authorize Steven Reis to purchase a 2025 Black Chevrolet Tahoe equipped with lights and tint in the amount of \$57,382.00 from Parkway Chevrolet, Inc.

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 Steven Reis to purchase a 2025 Black Chevrolet Tahoe equipped with lights and tint in the amount of \$57,382.00 from Parkway Chevrolet, Inc. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

12. Consideration and possible action to approve a Re-plat of 4.9317 acres of Palacios Cemetery Section 2 being all of Lot 2 of the Northeast Quarter, Section No. 7 Texas Rice Development Company Subdivision Palacios City Townsite Company Vol. 19, Page 205 and 206, M.C.P.R. out of Thomas J. Dasher Survey, Abstract 146, Matagorda County, Texas

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 a Re-plat of 4.9317 acres of Palacios Cemetery Section 2 being all of Lot 2 of the Northeast Quarter, Section No. 7 Texas Rice Development Company Subdivision Palacios City Townsite Company Vol. 19, Page 205 and 206, M.C.P.R. out of Thomas J. Dasher Survey, Abstract 146, Matagorda County, Texas. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

13. Consideration and possible action to approve a Contract between Matagorda County and Wadsworth Volunteer Fire Department FY 2026-2027 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 approve a Contract between Matagorda County and Wadsworth Volunteer Fire Department FY 2026-2027 and allow the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

14. Consideration and possible action to approve a Contract between Matagorda County and Matagorda County Birding Nature Center FY 2026 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 Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to approve a Contract between Matagorda County and Matagorda County Birding Nature Center FY 2026 and allow the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

15. Consideration and possible action regarding the award of Bid #2026-002 Road Materials and Bid #2026-003 Road Construction with Equipment for FY 2026 and authorize the County Judge to sign contracts for the same

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to regarding the award of Bid #2026-002 Road Materials and Bid #2026-003 Road Construction with Equipment for FY 2026 and authorize the County Judge to sign contracts for the same. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

16. Consideration and possible action to approve Invoices from the following Departments: Precinct #1, Justice of the Peace, Precinct #1, Constable Precinct #4, County Clerk, District Judge, Sheriff's Office and Information Services (IT)

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 Invoices from the following Departments: Precinct #1, Justice of the Peace, Precinct #1, Constable Precinct #4, County Clerk, District Judge, Sheriff's Office and Information Services (IT). Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

17. Consideration and possible action to ratify Payment of Bills

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

18. Consideration and possible action to ratify Line Item Transfers

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

19. Consideration and possible action to ratify Emergency Amendments

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

20. 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

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 9:44 a.m. by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, 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

Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

21. **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**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 10:30 a.m. by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, 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

Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

22. **Adjournment**
At approximately 10:31 a.m. Judge Seiferman adjourned the meeting.


Approved in Open Court, the 12th day of January, 2026.



BOBBY SEIFERMAN
County Judge




EDWARD "BUBBA" COOK
Commissioner Precinct No. One



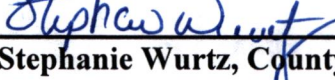
MIKE ESTLINBAUM
Commissioner Precinct No. Two



TROY SHIMEK
Commissioner Precinct No. Three



CHARLES "BUBBA" FRICK
Commissioner Precinct No. Four

ATTEST: 

Stephanie Wurtz, County Clerk

