

**MINUTES**  
**MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING**  
**MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300**  
**1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414**  
**9:30 A.M., MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024**

**Call to Order**

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday, July 15, 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: Jennifer Chau, Kristen Kubecka, Lori Hales, Amanda Campos, Kristi Lee, Meagan Ramirez, Chris Peikert, Mike Reddell, Becky Cook, Doug Matthes, Skipper Osborne, Ashley Brooking, Rick DeLeon, Lisa Krobot, Jessica Russell, Mike Ferdinand, Helen Feldhousen, Kathy Farrow, Bill Feldhousen, Mary Savage, Amy Bethel, Gloria Millsap, Mitch Thames, John Pelath, Karen Bishop, Debbie Davant, Cathy Merck, AJ Louderback, John Dickerson III, Becca Sitz, David Cobb, Connie Cobb, Mike Spillers, John McLaughlin, Alexandria Longoria and Stephanie Wurtz.

Darren Hornstein was also present by Zoom.

**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 Shimek**

**3. Texas Pledge – Commissioner Shimek**

**4. Prayer – Judge Seiferman**

**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 June 24, 2024 and July 1, 2024**

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 Commissioner's Court Minutes for June 24, 2024 and July 1, 2024. 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 approve a Proclamation honoring Helen Feldhousen**



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 Proclamation honoring Helen Feldhausen. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**9. Consideration and possible action to waive the fees associated with Matagorda County permits issued for the reconstruction or repair of commercial or residential improvements damaged by Hurricane Beryl**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to waive the fees associated with Matagorda County permits issued for the reconstruction or repair of commercial or residential improvements damaged by Hurricane Beryl. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**10. Consideration and possible action to authorize Commissioner Charles Frick to purchase a 2023 John Deere 50 P-Tier Compact Excavator serial #1FF050PALPH001472 utilizing BuyBoard Contract #685-22 from Shoppa's Farm Supply (Deere & Company) and authorize Commissioner Frick to sign all related documents**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to authorize Commissioner Charles Frick to purchase a 2023 John Deere 50 P-Tier Compact Excavator serial #1FF050PALPH001472 utilizing BuyBoard Contract #685-22 from Shoppa's Farm Supply (Deere & Company) and authorize Commissioner Frick to sign all related documents. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**11. Consideration and possible action to approve Keifer Subdivision – a 5.30 acre tract, being a portion of all that certain called 68.383 acre tract of land and the remainder of all that certain called 48.90 acre tract of land in the Daniel Etherton League, Abstract 153 and Richard Graves League, Abstract 42, Matagorda County, Texas**

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 Keifer Subdivision – a 5.30 acre tract, being a portion of all that certain called 68.383 acre tract of land and the remainder of all that certain called 48.90 acre tract of land in the Daniel Etherton League, Abstract 153 and Richard Graves League, Abstract 42, Matagorda County, Texas. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**12. Consideration and possible action to authorize Judge Bobby Seiferman and Commissioners to sign a Declaration of Disaster for Matagorda County due to heavy wind and rain as a result of Tropical Storm Alberto and the potential for additional inclement weather**

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 Judge Bobby Seiferman and Commissioners to sign a Declaration of Disaster for Matagorda County due to heavy wind and rain as a result of Tropical Storm Alberto and the potential for additional inclement weather. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**13. Consideration and possible action to approve a renewal of the Matagorda County Declaration of Disaster for Hurricane Beryl beginning on July 15, 2024 and ending on August 26, 2024**

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 renewal of the Matagorda County Declaration of Disaster for Hurricane Beryl beginning on July 15, 2024 and ending on August 26, 2024. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**14. Consideration and possible action to approve an extension of the Matagorda County Declaration of Disaster for Shrimp Dumping beginning on July 15, 2024 and ending on September 30, 2024**



This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge Seiferman and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to approve an extension of the Matagorda County Declaration of Disaster for Shrimp Dumping beginning on July 15, 2024 and ending on September 30, 2024. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**15. Consideration and possible action to approve and ratify an Independent Contract Agreement between Matagorda County and DebrisTech, LLC for services performed due to Hurricane Beryl**

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 ratify an Independent Contract Agreement between Matagorda County and DebrisTech, LLC for services performed due to Hurricane Beryl. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**16. Consideration and possible action to approve and ratify a Notice to Proceed Contract Activation between Matagorda Count and DRC Emergency Services, LLC for services performed due to Hurricane Beryl**

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 and ratify a Notice to Proceed Contract Activation between Matagorda Count and DRC Emergency Services, LLC for services performed due to Hurricane Beryl. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**17. Consideration and possible action to approve and ratify a Notice to Proceed Contract Activation between Matagorda Count and Ceres Environmental for services performed due to Hurricane Beryl**

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 and ratify a Notice to Proceed Contract Activation between Matagorda Count and Ceres Environmental for services performed due to Hurricane Beryl. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**18. Consideration and possible action to authorize County Judge Bobby Seiferman to execute the Federal Tax Certificate relating to the Matagorda County Series 2024 Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to authorize County Judge Bobby Seiferman to execute the Federal Tax Certificate relating to the Matagorda County Series 2024 Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**19. Consideration and possible action to approve Change Order 002 totaling \$3,382.50, related to the BLS Construction Inc. Contract for the 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 Frick and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve Change Order 002 totaling \$3,382.50, related to the BLS Construction Inc. Contract for the ARPA Blessing Community Center Project, and authorize the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**20. Consideration and possible action to approve Invoices from the following Departments: Precinct #1, Precinct #4, Juvenile Probation and Information Services**

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, Precinct #4, Juvenile Probation and Information Services. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays



**21. 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 Frick, with all others concurring, to approve Payment of Demand Checks. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**22. Consideration and possible action to ratify Payment of Bills dated 07/08/2024**

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 dated 07/08/2024. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**23. Meet in Executive Session:**

**Under Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney 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 this chapter**

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

**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 551.076 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the deployment of 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 10:23 a.m. by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to meet in Executive Session:

Under Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney 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 this chapter

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

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 551.076 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the deployment of 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

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

**Under Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney 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 this chapter**

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

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**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 11:20 a.m. by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to Reconvene open session:

Under Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney 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 this chapter

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

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

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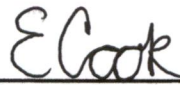
Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays


25. **Adjournment**


At approximately 11:22 p.m. Judge Seiferman adjourned the meeting.


Approved in Open Court, the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2024.

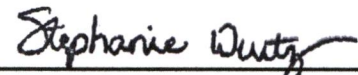
  
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**BOBBY SEIFERMAN**  
County Judge

  
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**EDWARD "BUBBA" COOK**  
Commissioner Precinct No. One

  
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**MIKE ESTLINBAUM**  
Commissioner Precinct No. Two

  
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**TROY SHIMEK**  
Commissioner Precinct No. Three

  
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**CHARLES "BUBBA" FRICK**  
Commissioner Precinct No. Four

ATTEST:   
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**Stephanie Wurtz, County Clerk**



*By: Maessie Perez  
Chief Deputy*