MINUTES

MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300 1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414 9:30 A.M., MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025

Call to Order

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:32 A.M., Monday, June 2, 2025, 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: Matt Sloan, Kristen Kubecka, Chris Peikert, David Miles, Mike Reddell, Loretta Griffin, Rick DeLeon, Tressa Leadford, Amanda Campos, Lisa Krobot, Amy Nowlin, Trinity Jones, Crystal Morones, Andrea Savage, Rylee Savage, Gloria Millsap, Mike Ferdinand, Vic Everett, Jessica Russell, Cathy Blotter, Alexandria Espindola and Stephanie Wurtz.

Others present on Zoom teleconference were as follows: Douglas Hooten, Steven Lathey, Daniel Gillespie and Adrienne Ryholt.

1. <u>Certification of quorum</u>

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

- 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. <u>Consideration and possible action to approve Commissioner's Court Minutes for May 19, 2025</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 Commissioner's Court Minutes for May 19, 2025. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

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

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

8. <u>Consideration and possible action to approve a Proclamation proclaiming the month of June as Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month in Matagorda County</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 a Proclamation proclaiming the month of June as Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month in Matagorda County. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

9. <u>Consideration and possible action to reappoint Gary Koeppen and Rik Stanley to the Matagorda County Beach-Dune Protection Committee Board effective 02/14/2025 through 02/14/2027</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 reappoint Gary Koeppen and Rik Stanley to the Matagorda County Beach-Dune Protection Committee Board effective 02/14/2025 through 02/14/2027. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

10. <u>Consideration and possible action to appoint Cathy Blotter, Don Kemp and Toni Gernand to the Matagorda County Beach-Dune Protection Committee Board effective 02/14/2025 through 02/14/2027</u>

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to appoint Cathy Blotter, Don Kemp and Toni Gernand to the Matagorda County Beach-Dune Protection Committee Board effective 02/14/2025 through 02/14/2027. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

11. Consideration and possible action to accept and approve the quote for the Verity Voting System 2.7 upgrade for Matagorda County and allow the County Clerk to sign the quote from HART Intercivic

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to accept and approve the quote for the Verity Voting System 2.7 upgrade for Matagorda County and allow the County Clerk to sign the quote from HART Intercivic. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

12. Consideration and possible action to authorize commissioned deputy Courtney Moerbe to receive Senate Bill 22 dispersed funds in the amount of \$410.06 biweekly, in place of a former commissioned deputy, effective May 20, 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 authorize commissioned deputy Courtney Moerbe to receive Senate Bill 22 dispersed funds in the amount of \$410.06 biweekly, in place of a former commissioned deputy, effective May 20, 2025. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

13. Consideration and possible action to allow Constable David Miles to employ Charlotte Renee Harrell as an unpaid deputy due to the necessity of increasing patrol to help enforce state and local laws and provide additional law enforcement coverage for citizen needs

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to allow Constable David Miles to employ Charlotte Renee Harrell as an unpaid deputy due to the necessity of increasing patrol to help enforce state and local laws and provide additional law enforcement coverage for citizen needs. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

14. <u>Consideration and possible action to authorize the Environmental Health Department to schedule a</u> Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event for October 18, 2025 at the Matagorda County Fairgrounds

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 Environmental Health Department to schedule a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event for October 18, 2025 at the Matagorda County Fairgrounds. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

15. <u>Consideration and possible action to approve Lease No. DACW64-1-25-0085, Department of the Army lease for Public Park and Recreational purposes, Sargent Beach Project and allow Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign</u>

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 Lease No. DACW64-1-25-0085, Department of the

Army lease for Public Park and Recreational purposes, Sargent Beach Project and allow Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

16. Consideration and possible action to approve the revised equipment rates for the General Land Office (GLO) for the quarterly and yearly beach cleanup program and to authorize Matagorda County Precinct #2 Commissioner Mike Estlinbaum 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 the revised equipment rates for the General Land Office (GLO) for the quarterly and yearly beach cleanup program and to authorize Matagorda County Precinct #2 Commissioner Mike Estlinbaum to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

17. Consideration and possible action to approve the Resolution allowing Matagorda County to participate in the State of Texas Beach Cleaning Program and grant Precinct #2 Commissioner Mike Estlinbaum full authority to act for purposes of the program

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 the Resolution allowing Matagorda County to participate in the State of Texas Beach Cleaning Program and grant Precinct #2 Commissioner Mike Estlinbaum full authority to act for purposes of the program. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

18. <u>Consideration and possible action to authorize Justice of the Peace Precinct #4 to switch phone services to Vested Networks and allow the County Judge to sign al related documents</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 authorize Justice of the Peace Precinct #4 to switch phone services to Vested Networks and allow the County Judge to sign al related documents. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

19. Consideration and possible action to approve a Professional Services Agreement between Matagorda County and TSI Laboratories, Inc. to provide Construction Material Testing Services related to the Bowers Park Project and authorize the County Judge to sign all related documents

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 Professional Services Agreement between Matagorda County and TSI Laboratories, Inc. to provide Construction Material Testing Services related to the Bowers Park Project and authorize the County Judge to sign all related documents. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

20. <u>Consideration and possible action to approve a Grant Administration Services Agreement between Matagorda County and GrantWorks, Inc pertaining to the Texas General Land Office, Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT), related to Contract No. 24-065-093-E768, and authorize the County Judge to sign all related documents</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 a Grant Administration Services Agreement between Matagorda County and GrantWorks, Inc pertaining to the Texas General Land Office, Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT), related to Contract No. 24-065-093-E768, and authorize the County Judge to sign all related documents. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

21. <u>Consideration and possible action to approve a Grant Administration Services Agreement between Matagorda County and GrantWorks, Inc pertaining to the Texas General Land Office, Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT), related to Contract No. 24-065-093-E769, and authorize the County Judge to sign all related documents</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 a Grant Administration Services Agreement between Matagorda County and GrantWorks, Inc pertaining to the Texas General Land Office, Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT), related to Contract No. 24-065-093-E769, and authorize the County Judge to sign all related documents. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

22. 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

23. Consideration and possible action to ratify JP #1 Monthly Report for March 2025

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to ratify JP #1 Monthly Report for March 2025. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

24. <u>Consideration and possible action to approve Invoices from the following Departments: County Judge, Precinct #2, County Tax Office, IT and District Attorney</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 Invoices from the following Departments: County Judge, Precinct #2, County Tax Office, IT and District Attorney. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

25. <u>Consideration and possible action to approve Matagorda County Treasurer's Office Monthly Report for April 2025</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 Matagorda County Treasurer's Office Monthly Report for April 2025. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

26. Consideration and possible action to ratify payment of Bills for 05/23/2025

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to ratify payment of Bills for 05/23/2025. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

27. Consideration and possible action to approve payment of Demand Checks

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 payment of Demand Checks. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

28. Consideration and possible action to approve Line Item Transfers

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 Line Item Transfers. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

29. 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 5 ayes 0 nays

30. Meet in Executive Session:

<u>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</u>

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

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

Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

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

<u>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</u>

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 10:21 a.m. by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to meet in Executive Session:

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

Motion was duly made by Judge Seiferman and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to approve Kenneth Black to serve as an assistant to Chris Peikert in the IT Department at a minimum rate of \$25 per hour and to commence this position no less than one week before Chris Peikert, IT Director, leaves for vacation. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

19. Adjournment

At approximately 10:23 a.m. Judge Seiferman adjourned the meeting.

Approved in Open Court, the 9th day of June, 2025.

BOBBY SEIFE County Judge

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

TROY SHIMEK

Commissioner Precinct No. Three

CHARLES "BUBBA" FRICK

Commissioner Precinct No. Four

ATTEST: _

Stephanie Outy

Stephanie Wurtz, County Clerk

By: Magrie Perez, Chief