

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

**Call to Order**

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday, March 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, Robert Thompson, Loretta Griffin, Tressa Leadford, Becky Cook, Mike Reddell, Chris Peikert, Mike Ferdinand, Katharine McGee, Kristie Pustejovsky, Ethan Kasmir, Vic Everett, 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 regarding approving the Commissioners Court Minutes for March 16, 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 the Commissioners Court Minutes for March 16, 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. Consideration and possible action to approve an Affidavit HDM County Grant by the Texas Department of Agriculture Texans feeding Texans: Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program Year 2025 for the Economic Action Committee of Gulf Coast**

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 an Affidavit HDM County Grant by the Texas Department of Agriculture Texans feeding Texans: Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program Year 2025 for the Economic Action Committee of Gulf Coast. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**9. Consideration and possible action to approve the Contract Amendment between Medco Containment Life Insurance Company (MCLIC), Express Scripts, Inc. (ESI), and Matagorda County (client) and authorize 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 the Contract Amendment between Medco Containment Life Insurance Company (MCLIC), Express Scripts, Inc. (ESI), and Matagorda County (client) and authorize the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**10. Consideration and possible action to approve the submission of Application for Accreditation by the Palacios Library to the Texas State Library System Local FY 2025-State FY 2027 and authorize 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 the submission of Application for Accreditation by the Palacios Library to the Texas State Library System Local FY 2025-State FY 2027 and authorize the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**11. Consideration and possible action to approve a Contract with Bay City VFD and Matagorda County 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 with Bay City VFD and Matagorda County FY 2026-2027 and allow the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**12. Consideration and possible action to approve a Contract with Tres Palacios Oaks VFD and Matagorda County 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 with Tres Palacios Oaks VFD and Matagorda County FY 2026-2027 and allow the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**13. Consideration and possible action to approve a Contract with Midfield VFD and Matagorda County 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 with Midfield VFD and Matagorda County FY 2026-2027 and allow the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**14. 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

**15. Consideration and possible action to approve Invoices from the following Departments: Precinct #1, Precinct #2 and the 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 approve Invoices from the following Departments: Precinct #1, Precinct #2 and the Tax Office. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**16. 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

17. **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 Frick, with all others concurring, to approve Line Item Transfers. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

18. **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

19. **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 9:42 a.m. by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Cook, 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

20. **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**

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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 10:23 a.m. by Commissioner Cook 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 Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to abandon/rescind the offer of employment to Dan Shook as a direct result of Mr. Shook's refusal of offer. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

Motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to authorize an offer of employment as Matagorda County Fire Marshall at the annual salary of \$75,000 to Mike Voorhies, with employment contingent on prospective employee submitting to all county pre-qualifications, with a start date of April 13, 2026. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

21. **Adjournment**

At approximately 10:26 a.m. Judge Seiferman adjourned the meeting.

Approved in Open Court, the 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.



**BOBBY SEIFERMAN**  
County Judge



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



**MIKE ESTLINBAUM**  
Commissioner Precinct No. Two

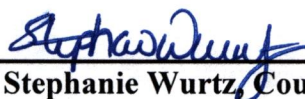


**TROY SHIMEK**  
Commissioner Precinct No. Three



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

ATTEST:



Stephanie Wurtz, County Clerk

