

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

Call to Order

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday, March 9, 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: Karla Smith, Matt Sloan, Rick DeLeon, Loretta Griffin, Becky Cook, Amanda Campos, Mike Reddell, Chris Peikert, Lisa Krobot, Rebecca Mayo, Mike Ferdinand, Ryan Adams, Charles McKee, Bobby Wilkinson, Natalie Hansen, Vic Everett, Loy Sneary, Harold Davis, George Deshotels, Mike Voorhies, Katharine McGee, Janice Hawthorne, Dan Shook, 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 Cook

3. Texas Pledge – Commissioner Cook

4. Prayer – Commissioner Frick

5. Public Comments

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

6. 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.

7. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution naming a portion of Hwy 35 “Congressman Greg Laughlin Highway”

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 Resolution naming a portion of Hwy 35 “Congressman Greg Laughlin Highway”. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

8. Consideration and possible action to approve the Racial Profiling Report for Matagorda County – Constable Precinct #2

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 Racial Profiling Report for Matagorda County – Constable Precinct #2. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

9. Consideration and possible action to approve the Racial Profiling Report for Matagorda County – Constable Precinct #6

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 Racial Profiling Report for Matagorda County – Constable Precinct #6. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

10. Consideration and possible action to authorize Matagorda County Precinct #1 to purchase the Adventure World Playsets Discovery Depot (D48-1) for Pledger Park from Auto Row Sales Center in the amount of \$8,770.30 and to issue a demand check for the purchase

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 Matagorda County Precinct #1 to purchase the Adventure World Playsets Discovery Depot (D48-1) for Pledger Park from Auto Row Sales Center in the amount of \$8,770.30 and to issue a demand check for the purchase. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

11. Consideration and possible action to approve per diem expenses for Sheriff Rick DeLeon and Amanda Campos during an STP site visit to Columbia Generating Station in Washington State for HAB exercise

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 per diem expenses for Sheriff Rick DeLeon and Amanda Campos during an STP site visit to Columbia Generating Station in Washington State for HAB exercise. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

12. Consideration and possible action to approve an Agreement between AEP and Matagorda County for the Information Service Department

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to approve an Agreement between AEP and Matagorda County for the Information Service Department. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

13. Consideration and possible action to approve Non-Exclusive License Agreement between Matagorda County and Local Government Solutions, LP (LGS) for a Jury Management System to be utilized by the District Clerk

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 Non-Exclusive License Agreement between Matagorda County and Local Government Solutions, LP (LGS) for a Jury Management System to be utilized by the District Clerk. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

14. Consideration and possible action to approve an Agreement between Matagorda County, Susan Reed, and Richard Johnson regarding consulting services for the Matagorda County Tax Assessor-Collector 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 an Agreement between Matagorda County, Susan Reed, and Richard Johnson regarding consulting services for the Matagorda County Tax Assessor-Collector and allow the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

15. Consideration and possible action to approve a revised Settlement Agreement between the Sheriff's Office and complaining party, previously approved by Commissioners Court on February 9, 2026, 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 approve a revised Settlement Agreement between the Sheriff's Office and complaining party, previously approved by Commissioners Court on February 9, 2026, and authorize the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

16. Consideration and possible action to ratify payment of Demand Checks to Jackson Electric in the amount of \$102.05 and \$199.84 and YK Communications in the amount of \$49.47

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 to Jackson Electric in the amount of \$102.05 and \$199.84 and YK Communications in the amount of \$49.47. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

17. Consideration and possible action to ratify Contract Amendment No. 5 between Matagorda County and Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) related to CDBG-CV CRP Contract No. 70800001010, specific to the Food Pantry Project

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 Contract Amendment No. 5 between Matagorda County and Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) related to CDBG-CV CRP Contract No. 70800001010, specific to the Food Pantry Project. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

18. Consideration and possible action to approve Change Order #3 between Matagorda County and Frost Construction Co., 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 Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve Change Order #3 between Matagorda County and Frost Construction Co., associated with the Sargent Community Center Project, and authorize the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

19. Consideration and possible action to approve Invoices from the following Departments: Precinct #1, Precinct #2, Precinct #3, County Clerk and Sheriff's Office

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 Invoices from the following Departments: Precinct #1, Precinct #2, Precinct #3, County Clerk and Sheriff's Office. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

20. Consideration and possible action to approve Payment of Bills

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

21. Consideration and possible action to approve Line Item Transfers

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

22. 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 Frick, with all others concurring, to approve Emergency Amendments. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

23. 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 9:54 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

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 551.0725 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 11:58 a.m. by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, 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 Cook, with all others concurring, to approve the hiring Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, LLP for purposes of legal consultation and negotiations regarding tax abatements. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

Motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to authorize Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign the Medical Treatment Agreement with Montgomery County UT Health for inmate medical care. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

Motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to approve placement of Daughters of the American Revolution monument commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the United States. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

25. Adjournment

At approximately 12:02 a.m. Judge Seiferman adjourned the meeting.

Approved in Open Court, the 16th 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

