MINUTES

MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300 1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414 9:30 A.M., MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2025

Call to Order

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday, November 10, 2025, 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, Rick DeLeon, Lisa Krobot, Chris Peikert, Mike Reddell, Becky Sassman, Crystal Morones, Vic Everett, Justin Cude, Dan Shook, David Powell, Vic Collins, Christy Collins, Mike Ferdinand, Teresa Gibbons, 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. <u>Consideration and possible action to approve Commissioners' Court Minutes for November 3, 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 Commissioners' Court Minutes for November 3, 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. Consideration and possible action to approve a 5-year EMS Strategic Plan with Health Care Visions
 This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge Seiferman and seconded by
 Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to table a 5-year EMS Strategic Plan with Health Care Visions.
 Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays
- 9. <u>Consideration and possible action to approve the Sargent Lion's Club request to close a portion of 716 CR 298 (Caney Drive) Mike Leebron Park in Sargent, Texas for the Lion's Club 5k Fun Run/Walk being held on Saturday, November 22, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.</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 the Sargent Lion's Club request to close a portion of

716 CR 298 (Caney Drive) – Mike Leebron Park in Sargent, Texas for the Lion's Club 5k Fun Run/Walk being held on Saturday, November 22, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

10. <u>Consideration and possible action to ratify a Professional Services Agreement between Matagorda County and TSL Laboratories, Inc. to provide Construction Material Testing Services related to Sargent Community Center Project and authorize the County Judge to sign all related documents</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 ratify a Professional Services Agreement between Matagorda County and TSL Laboratories, Inc. to provide Construction Material Testing Services related to Sargent Community Center Project and authorize the County Judge to sign all related documents. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

11. <u>Consideration and possible action to ratify a Professional Services Agreement between Matagorda County and TSL Laboratories, Inc. to provide Construction Material Testing Services related to the Justice of the Peace, Precinct #2 Project and authorize the County Judge to sign all related documents</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 ratify a Professional Services Agreement between Matagorda County and TSL Laboratories, Inc. to provide Construction Material Testing Services related to the Justice of the Peace, Precinct #2 Project and authorize the County Judge to sign all related documents. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

12. <u>Consideration and possible action to approve Contract Amendments between Matagorda County and the following Volunteer Fire Departments, pertaining to the Fire Department Assistance Program, utilizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and authorize the County Judge to sign all related documents:</u>

- City of Bay City VFD
- City of Palacios VFD
- Blessing VFD
- Markham VFD
- Matagorda VFD
- Midfield VFD
- Van Vleck VFD
- Palacios TPO VFD
- Sargent VFD
- Collegeport VFD
- Wadsworth VFD

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- Wadsworth VFD

Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

13. Consideration and possible action to authorize the submission of the 2026 Rural Prosecutor's Office Salary Assistance Grant Application (SB 22) for an award up to \$175,000.00 specific to the District Attorney's Office, through the Texas Comptroller's Office, and authorize the County Judge to accept or deny any award and disbursement of funds in accordance with the grant

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 the submission of the 2026 Rural Prosecutor's Office Salary Assistance Grant Application (SB 22) for an award up to \$175,000.00 specific to the District Attorney's Office, through the Texas Comptroller's Office, and authorize the County Judge to accept or deny any award and disbursement of funds in accordance with the grant. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

14. Consideration and possible action to authorize the submission of the 2026 Rural Prosecutor's Office Salary Assistance Grant Application (SB 22) for an award up to \$175,000.00 specific to the County Attorney's Office, through the Texas Comptroller's Office, and authorize the County Judge to accept or deny any award and disbursement of funds in accordance with the grant

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 submission of the 2026 Rural Prosecutor's Office Salary Assistance Grant Application (SB 22) for an award up to \$175,000.00 specific to the County Attorney's Office, through the Texas Comptroller's Office, and authorize the County Judge to accept or deny any award and disbursement of funds in accordance with the grant. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

15. Consideration and possible action to authorize the submission of the 2026 Rural Law Enforcement Salary Assistance Grant Application (SB 22) for an award up to \$350,000.00 specific to the Sheriff's Office, through the Texas Comptroller's Office, and authorize the County Judge to accept or deny any award and disbursement of funds in accordance with the grant

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 the submission of the 2026 Rural Law Enforcement Salary Assistance Grant Application (SB 22) for an award up to \$350,000.00 specific to the Sheriff's Office, through the Texas Comptroller's Office, and authorize the County Judge to accept or deny any award and disbursement of funds in accordance with the grant. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

16. Consideration and possible action to authorize the submission of the 2026 Rural Constable's Office Salary Assistance Grant Application (SB 22) to align with the SB 22 stated minimum annual salary of \$45,000.00 for the Constables, through the Texas Comptroller's Office, and authorized the County Judge to accept or deny any award and disbursement of funds in accordance with the Grant

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 submission of the 2026 Rural Constable's Office Salary Assistance Grant Application (SB 22) to align with the SB 22 stated minimum annual salary of \$45,000.00 for the Constables, through the Texas Comptroller's Office, and authorized the County Judge to accept or deny any award and disbursement of funds in accordance with the Grant. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

17. <u>Consideration and possible action to approve Invoices from the following Departments: Precinct #1, Precinct #2, County Clerk and Justice of the Peace #2</u>

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, County Clerk and Justice of the Peace #2. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

18. Consideration and possible action to accept the 2025 3rd Internal Review

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to accept the 2025 3rd Internal Review. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

19. 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

20. 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 Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to approve Line Item Transfers. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

21. Meet in Executive Session:

<u>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</u>

<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>

<u>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</u>

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 9:48 a.m. by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, 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. Reconvene open session and consider taking action on the matters discussed in Executive Session:

<u>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</u>

<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>

<u>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</u>

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 10:18 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

Motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Judge Seiferman, with all others concurring, to accept and approve an Agreement with Allegiance for emergency and non-emergency medical services. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

23. Adjournment

At approximately 10:21 a.m. Judge Seiferman adjourned the meeting.

Approved in Open Court, the 17th day of November, 2025.

BOBBY SEIFERMAN

County Judge

EDWARD "BUBBA" COOK

Commissioner Precinct No. One

TROV SHIMEK

Commissioner Precinct No. Three

MIKE ESTLINBAUM

Commissioner Precinct No. Two

CHARLES "BUBBA" FRICK

Commissioner Precinct No. Four

ATTEST

Stephanie Wurtz, County Cla