

**MINUTES**  
**MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING**  
**MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300**  
**1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414**  
**9:30 A.M., MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2025**

**Call to Order**

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:32 A.M., Monday, September 29, 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: Layne Lucas, Matt Sloan, Rick DeLeon, Chris Peikert, Mike Reddell, Mike Ferdinand, Justin Cude, Dan Gillespie, Kelli Wright-Nelson, Clay Cook, Mitchell Carrillo, Alexandria Espindola and Stephanie Wurtz.

**1. Certification of quorum**

County Judge Seiferman certified a quorum in person with Commissioner Cook, Commissioner Estlinbaum and Commissioner Frick. Commissioner Shimek was absent.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Cook**

**3. Texas Pledge – Commissioner Cook**

**4. Prayer – Commissioner Estlinbaum**

**5. Public Comments**

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

**6. Consideration and possible action to approve Commissioners' Court Minutes for September 22, 2025**

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 Commissioners' Court Minutes for September 22, 2025. Motion carried. Vote 4 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, motion was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to approve one contract for the use of the Matagorda County Fairgrounds facilities. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

**8. Consideration and possible action to approve a Proclamation declaring the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Matagorda County**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge Seiferman and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to approve a Proclamation declaring the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Matagorda County. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

**9. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution nominating Bruce Krauskopf as the Matagorda County representative to be placed on the official ballot for the Matagorda County Appraisal District Board of Directors 2026-2027 term**



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 a Resolution nominating Bruce Krauskopf as the Matagorda County representative to be placed on the official ballot for the Matagorda County Appraisal District Board of Directors 2026-2027 term. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

**10. Consideration and possible action to approve the PY 2026 renewal rates for the Post 65 Retiree Medicare Advantage Group plan with United Health Care and Express Scripts Medicare Part D RX Plan with Bay Bridge Administrators, effective 01/01/2026, 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 Frick, with all others concurring, to approve the PY 2026 renewal rates for the Post 65 Retiree Medicare Advantage Group plan with United Health Care and Express Scripts Medicare Part D RX Plan with Bay Bridge Administrators, effective 01/01/2026, and authorize the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

**11. Consideration and possible action to adopt the Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees with no changes being made for the year 2026**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to adopt the Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees with no changes being made for the year 2026. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

**12. Consideration and possible action to approve the submission of the TxDOT Local Public Agency Real Estate Acquisition Report**

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 submission of the TxDOT Local Public Agency Real Estate Acquisition Report. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

**13. Consideration and possible action to accept a contribution in the amount of \$200.00 from Sure Nuff Septic Services, LLC for expenses toward the Matagorda County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event to be held October 18, 2025**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to accept a contribution in the amount of \$200.00 from Sure Nuff Septic Services, LLC for expenses toward the Matagorda County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event to be held October 18, 2025. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

**14. Consideration and possible action to approve a Replat of Lot 4, Block 5, Tier 2, Matagorda Front of the Matagorda Townsite in the E.R. Wightman League, Abstract 101, Matagorda County, Texas**

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 a Replat of Lot 4, Block 5, Tier 2, Matagorda Front of the Matagorda Townsite in the E.R. Wightman League, Abstract 101, Matagorda County, Texas. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

**15. Consideration and possible action to authorize Matagorda County Precinct #3 to salvage a 2004 Daewoo Mae 250-V Wheel Loader, 2015 Grasshopper Zero Turn Mower and a 2018 Grasshopper Zero Turn Mower**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to authorize Matagorda County Precinct #3 to salvage a 2004 Daewoo Mae 250-V Wheel Loader, 2015 Grasshopper Zero Turn Mower and a 2018 Grasshopper Zero Turn Mower. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays



**16. Consideration and possible action to authorize Justice of the Peace Precinct #2 to request a new PO for the remainder of the year for payment**

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 Justice of the Peace Precinct #2 to request a new PO for the remainder of the year for payment. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

**17. Consideration and possible action to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Matagorda County and Wharton County for Wharton-Matagorda Regional Public Defender's Office and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge Seiferman and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Matagorda County and Wharton County for Wharton-Matagorda Regional Public Defender's Office and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

**18. Consideration and possible action to award Mercer Construction Co., related to the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Construction Services, associated with GLO CDBG-MIT Contract No. 22-085-078-D342 for the WCID #5 Water Plant Project, in the amount of \$770,795.00, as recommended by Lynn Engineering and authorize the County Judge to sign any 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 award Mercer Construction Co., related to the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Construction Services, associated with GLO CDBG-MIT Contract No. 22-085-078-D342 for the WCID #5 Water Plant Project, in the amount of \$770,795.00, as recommended by Lynn Engineering and authorize the County Judge to sign any related documents. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

**19. Consideration and possible action to approve Department Collection Report for August 2025 for the County Tax Office**

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 Department Collection Report for August 2025 for the County Tax Office. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

**20. 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 Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to approve the Monthly Reports from various County Departments. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

**21. Consideration and possible action to approve Invoices from the following Departments: Precinct #1, Precinct #4, Justice of the Peace #2 and Emergency Management**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge Seiferman and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to approve Invoices from the following Departments: Precinct #1, Precinct #4, Justice of the Peace #2 and Emergency Management. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

**22. Consideration and possible action to approve Payment of Bills**

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 Payment of Bills. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

**23. Consideration and possible action to approve Line Item Transfers**



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 Line Item Transfers. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

**24. Consideration and possible action to approve Emergency Amendments**

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 Emergency Amendments. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

**25. 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 551.076 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the deployment or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices; or a security audit**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 9:58 a.m. by Commissioner Cook 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 551.076 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 4 ayes 0 nays

**26. 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 551.076 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the deployment or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices; or a security audit**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 10:47 a.m. by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Frick, 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 551.076 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 Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to authorize the Commissioners to designate District Judge Denise M. Fortenberry as the primary head/lead contact for Guardian and SecureTech, and to remove any and all personnel from the position of Courthouse Security, so that Judge Fortenberry may set up new primary contact data and passwords with

both vendors, and if necessary, authorize the County Judge to sign a letter ratifying same to both companies. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

Motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to authorize the County Judge to sign an agreement for services with Terracon to perform building envelope and mechanical HVAC assessments. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays


Motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to authorize the Commissioners Court to end negotiations with AMR regarding EMS contract and to engage with Allegiance, and furthermore, authorize the County Judge and County Attorney to negotiate with Allegiance to provide county-wide EMS services beginning January 1, 2026. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays


27. **Adjournment**

At approximately 10:51 a.m. Judge Seiferman adjourned the meeting.


Approved in Open Court, the 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

  
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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

