

MINUTES
MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING
MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300
1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414
9:30 A.M., MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Call to Order

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:31 A.M., Monday, September 30, 2024, 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: Kristen Kubecka, Jennifer Chau, Skipper Osborne, Lisa Krobot, Mike Reddell, Ashley Brooking, Doug Matthes, Doug Schoppe, Loretta Griffin, Tressa Leadford, Meagan Ramirez, Brittany Matthews, Cynthia Raleigh, Brian Rider, Patsy Rider, Mike Ferdinand, Kent Pollard, Amy Bowlin, Michele Morales, Shauna Skruppa, Rick DeLeon, Vic Everett, Jessica Russell, Scott Savage, Mike Spillers, Mitch Thames, Alexandria Longoria and Stephanie Wurtz.

1. Certification of quorum

County Judge Seiferman certified a quorum 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 Frick

5. Public Comments

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

6. Consideration and possible action regarding approving Commissioner's Court Minutes for September 23, 2024

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 Commissioner's Court Minutes for September 23, 2024. 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, no action required.

8. Consideration and possible action to approve a Proclamation declaring the month of October 2024 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 2024 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Matagorda County. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

9. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application #3186310 Stonegarden, applying to the Office of the Governor

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 Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application #3186310 Stonegarden, applying to the Office of the Governor. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

10. Presentation from Amy Nowlin and Michele Morales, YMCA Director regarding the YMCA Environmental Summer Camps

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

11. Consideration and possible action to appoint Dr. LaDonna Rutledge in place of Dr. Gregory Pappas to the Matagorda County Hospital District Board of Managers effective 09/30/2024 through 02/28/2026

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge Seiferman and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to appoint Dr. LaDonna Rutledge in place of Dr. Gregory Pappas to the Matagorda County Hospital District Board of Managers effective 09/30/2024 through 02/28/2026. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

12. Consideration and possible action to award the PY 2025 Post 65 Retiree Medical Plan to United Health Care Insurance under the current TPS Bay Bridge Administrators effective 01/01/2025 and authorize the County Judge to DocuSign the contract

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13. Consideration and possible action to adopt the Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees, with no changes being made for the year 2025, and report to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, as required under Texas Local Government Code, Section 118.131

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 2025, and report to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, as required under Texas Local Government Code, Section 118.131. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

14. Consideration and possible action to accept a contribution in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Lyondell Chemical Company for expenses toward the Matagorda County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event to be held October 12, 2024

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 \$5,000.00 from Lyondell Chemical Company for expenses toward the Matagorda County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event to be held October 12, 2024. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

15. Consideration and possible action to approve a Federal Excise Tax Exemption Certificate from Suncoast Resources for fuel purchases for the office of Precinct #2 covering 01/01/2025 through 12/31/2025 and to authorize the County Judge to sign all related documents

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 Federal Excise Tax Exemption Certificate from

Suncoast Resources for fuel purchases for the office of Precinct #2 covering 01/01/2025 through 12/31/2025 and to authorize the County Judge to sign all related documents. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

16. Consideration and possible action to approve a Federal Excise Tax Exemption Certificate from Suncoast Resources for fuel purchases for the office of Precinct #1 covering 01/01/2025 through 12/31/2025 and to authorize the County Judge to sign all related documents

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 a Federal Excise Tax Exemption Certificate from Suncoast Resources for fuel purchases for the office of Precinct #1 covering 01/01/2025 through 12/31/2025 and to authorize the County Judge to sign all related documents. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

17. Consideration and possible action to approve a credit application for Matagorda County Fairgrounds with Reece Supply, LLC

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 a credit application for Matagorda County Fairgrounds with Reece Supply, LLC. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

18. Consideration and possible action to approve a Renewal Application by BANGL, LLC for 20” pipeline crossings under CR 423 Morales Road in Precinct #4, Matagorda County, originally approved on April 8, 2024 and accept the \$500.00 application fee

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 a Renewal Application by BANGL, LLC for 20” pipeline crossings under CR 423 Morales Road in Precinct #4, Matagorda County, originally approved on April 8, 2024 and accept the \$500.00 application fee. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

19. Consideration and possible action to authorize a request of certain information, as allowed under the current contract with Bluebird Medical Enterprises, LLC aka Allegiance Mobile Health dba Matagorda County EMS, in order to prepare for future Request for Proposals for Paramedic Ambulance, Emergency and Non-Emergency Medical Services in Matagorda County

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20. Consideration and possible action to approve an extension of the Matagorda County Declaration of Disaster for Shrimp Dumping beginning on July 15, 2024 and ending on December 23, 2024 and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman and Commissioners 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 extension of the Matagorda County Declaration of Disaster for Shrimp Dumping beginning on July 15, 2024 and ending on December 23, 2024 and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman and Commissioners to sign. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

21. Consideration and possible action to approve a fifth extension of the Matagorda County Declaration of Disaster for Border Crimes beginning on May 13, 2024 and ending on December 23, 2024 and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman and Commissioners 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 a fifth extension of the Matagorda County Declaration of Disaster for Border Crimes beginning on May 13, 2024 and ending on December 23, 2024 and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman and Commissioners to sign. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

22. Public Hearing at 9:45 a.m. regarding the approval of the Designation of a Reinvestment Zone – Texas Lee Tech

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

23. Consideration and possible action to adopt the Designation of a Reinvestment Zone – Texas Lee Tech

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

24. Consideration and possible action to set a Public Hearing on November 18, 2024 regarding the possible approval of a Tax Abatement Agreement – Texas Lee Tech and allow re-publication of such

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

25. Consideration and possible action to table approving a Road Abandonment Application for Mr. Brian Rider to request to vacate and abandon 30 feet of platted and never opened right-of-way Avenue B and Second Street adjacent to Block 18 in Collegeport, 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 table approving a Road Abandonment Application for Mr. Brian Rider to request to vacate and abandon 30 feet of platted and never opened right-of-way Avenue B and Second Street adjacent to Block 18 in Collegeport, Texas. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

26. Consideration and possible action to authorize the County Judge to DocuSign Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Memorandum of Agreement renewal with FEMA

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge Seiferman and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to authorize the County Judge to DocuSign Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Memorandum of Agreement renewal with FEMA. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

27. Consideration and possible action to authorize the publication for Request for Qualifications (RFQ) related to Architectural/Engineering Services for the Justice of the Peace #2 Building/Sargent Community Center/Alternate EOC Projects

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to authorize the publication for Request for Qualifications (RFQ) related to Architectural/Engineering Services for the Justice of the Peace #2 Building/Sargent Community Center/Alternate EOC Projects. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

28. Consideration and possible action to approve Invoices from the following Departments: County Judge's Office, Sheriff's Office and District Attorney'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: County Judge's Office, Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's Office. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

29. **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 Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to approve Payment of Bills. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

30. **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

31. **Meet in Executive Session:**

Under Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter

Under Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the County in an executive session concerning Real Property

Under Section 551.0725 of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the county in an executive session regarding deliberation of contract being negotiated

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 Frick and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to meet in Executive Session:

Under Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter

Under Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the County in an executive session concerning Real Property

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Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

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

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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 11:52 a.m. by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Judge Seiferman, with all others concurring, to Reconvene open session:

Under Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter

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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

Motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to enter into an Agreement for Purchase of Real Property of Tier 4, Colorado Front, Lot 3, Block 9, Matagorda County, with Weyarn, Inc. for the price of \$100,000. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

Motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to enter into an Agreement to Sell Real Property of Tier 2, Colorado Front, Lot 3, Block 11, Matagorda County, to abutting neighbor and give Notice of Purchase as required under the Texas Local Government Code. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

33. **Adjournment**

At approximately 11:55 a.m. Judge Seiferman adjourned the meeting.

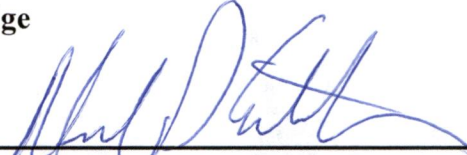
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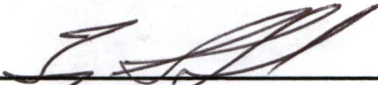
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County Judge



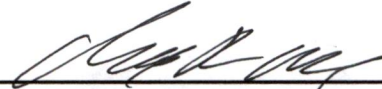
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Commissioner Precinct No. One



MIKE ESTLINBAUM
Commissioner Precinct No. Two

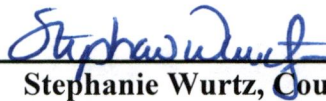


TROY SHIMEK
Commissioner Precinct No. Three



CHARLES "BUBBA" FRICK
Commissioner Precinct No. Four

ATTEST:



Stephanie Wurtz, County Clerk

