

MINUTES
MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING
MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300
1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414
9:30 A.M., MONDAY, JULY 31, 2023

Call to Order

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday, July 31, 2023, 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, Mike Reddell, Ashley Brooking, Chris Peikert, Skipper Osborne, Tressa Leadford, Loretta Griffin, Doug Schoppe, Amanda Campos, Meagan Ramirez, Jim Folsie, Crystal Folsie, Jessica Russell, Nelson Heggen, Sam Frankson, Boyce Halbison, Jose Avila, Dorine Tabares, Gloria Levine, Deborah Story, Mike Ferdinand, Arthur Milberger, Matthew Gulleal, Matt Glaze, Rick DeLeon, Mike Spillers, Ernie Fenoglio, Steven Johnson, David Rowell, Alexandria Longoria 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 Frick

3. Texas Pledge – Commissioner Frick

4. Prayer – Commissioner Shimek

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 July 24, 2023

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 Commissioner's Court Minutes for July 24, 2023. 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 payment to Aleman Construction for half of the bid amount of \$6,300.00 to start on the Environmental Health office and the remainder of the payment at the end of completion

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 payment to Aleman Construction for half of the bid

amount of \$6,300.00 to start on the Environmental Health office and the remainder of the payment at the end of completion. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

9. Consideration and possible action to approve an Agreement between Matagorda County and Jackson Electric Coop (JEC) regarding providing internet services to the Matagorda County Constable, Precinct 6 Office/Matagorda County Swing Bridge Office

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 and Jackson Electric Coop (JEC) regarding providing internet services to the Matagorda County Constable, Precinct 6 Office/Matagorda County Swing Bridge Office. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

10. Consideration and possible action to approve an Agreement between Matagorda County and the City of Bay City for Matagorda County Fire Department Pagers and allow Judge Seiferman 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 an Agreement between Matagorda County and the City of Bay City for Matagorda County Fire Department Pagers and allow Judge Seiferman to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

11. Consideration and possible action to approve the Liquid Networks Master Service Agreement and Statement of Work to allow the IT Department use of Liquid Networks for network support when needed

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 Liquid Networks Master Service Agreement and Statement of Work to allow the IT Department use of Liquid Networks for network support when needed. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

12. Consideration and possible action to approve an Agreement between Matagorda County and Mercer Construction Company, pertaining to CDBG-DR Contract No. 20-065-123-C430, Van Vleck Lift Station Improvements and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign

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 an Agreement between Matagorda County and Mercer Construction Company, pertaining to CDBG-DR Contract No. 20-065-123-C430, Van Vleck Lift Station Improvements and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

13. Consideration and possible action to approve an agreement between Matagorda County and McDonald Municipal and Industrial, pertaining to CDBG-DR Contract No. 20-065-123-C430, Midfield Generators, and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign

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 an agreement between Matagorda County and McDonald Municipal and Industrial, pertaining to CDBG-DR Contract No. 20-065-123-C430, Midfield Generators, and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

14. Consideration and possible action to accept the 2023 2nd Quarter and Internal Review

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to accept the 2023 2nd Quarter and Internal Review. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

15. Consideration and possible action to authorize the County Attorney to begin the process to establish local ordinances in accordance with the approved “No Wake Zone” designations for Matagorda County, as accepted by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and authorize publication of the required notices

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to authorize the County Attorney to begin the process to establish local ordinances in accordance with the approved “No Wake Zone” designations for Matagorda County, as accepted by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and authorize publication of the required notices. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

16. Consideration and possible action to accept a donation in the amount of \$1,500.00 from Tenaris, Bay City, Texas for the purchase of life jackets to be placed on Matagorda Beach

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to accept a donation in the amount of \$1,500.00 from Tenaris, Bay City, Texas for the purchase of life jackets to be placed on Matagorda Beach. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

17. Consideration and possible action to approve Matagorda County Treasurer’s Office Monthly Investment Report for June 2023

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 Matagorda County Treasurer’s Office Monthly Investment Report for June 2023. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

18. Consideration and possible action to approve Invoices from the following Departments: Precinct #1, Precinct #2, Precinct #3, Precinct #4 and Matagorda County Sheriff’s Office

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 Invoices from the following Departments: Precinct #1, Precinct #2, Precinct #3, Precinct #4 and Matagorda County Sheriff’s Office. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

19. Consideration and possible action to approve Payment of Demand Checks

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 Emergency Amendments. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

20. Consideration and possible action to approve Emergency Amendments

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 Emergency Amendments. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

21. Public Hearing at 9:45 a.m. regarding the possible approval of a Tax Abatement Agreement with Maverick Tube Corporation

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to enter into a Public Hearing at 9:46 a.m. regarding the possible approval of a Tax Abatement Agreement with Maverick Tube Corporation. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

At 10:17 a.m., motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to enter back into regular session of Commissioners Court. Motion carried.

Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

22. Consideration and possible action to approve a Tax Abatement with Maverick Tube Corporation and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Judge Seiferman, with all others voting no on approving the Tax Abatement with Maverick Tube Corporation. Motion failed. Vote 2 ayes 3 nays

23. Meet in Executive Session:

Under Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the county in an executive session to discuss a real estate matter

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 551.087 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, no action taken.

24. 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, no action taken.

25. Adjournment

Motion was duly made at approximately 10:31 a.m. by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

Approved in Open Court, the 7th day of August, 2023.

Bobby Seiferman

BOBBY SEIFERMAN

County Judge

E Cook

EDWARD "BUBBA" COOK
Commissioner Precinct No. One

Mike Estlinbaum

MIKE ESTLINBAUM
Commissioner Precinct No. Two

Troy Shimek

TROY SHIMEK
Commissioner Precinct No. Three

Charles "Bubba" Frick

CHARLES "BUBBA" FRICK
Commissioner Precinct No. Four

ATTEST:

Stephanie Wurtz

Stephanie Wurtz, County Clerk

By: Massie Ranz
Chief Deputy

