

**MINUTES**  
**MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING**  
**MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300**  
**1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414**  
**9:30 A.M., MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023**

**Call to Order**

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday, August 28, 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, Skipper Osborne, Lisa Krobot, Doug Matthes, Chris Peikert, Mike Reddell, Ashley Brooking, Meagan Ramirez, Loretta Griffin, Tressa Leadford, Karla Smith, Janice Hawthorne, Denise Fortenberry, Rick DeLeon, Mike Spillers, Mike Ferdinand, Erik Frankson, Cynthia Raleigh, Chris Hadash, Willie Rollins, Edward Norman, Jim Powell, Shelby Storts, 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 August 21, 2023**

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 Commissioner's Court Minutes for August 21, 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 reimbursement of expenses of jurors and prospective jurors in an amount not less than \$20.00 for the first day or fraction of first day the person is in attendance in Court in response to jury summons and not less than \$58.00 for each day after first day until discharged by the Court effective September 1, 2023. This is in accordance with the Texas Government Code 61.001**

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 reimbursement of expenses of jurors and prospective

jurors in an amount not less than \$20.00 for the first day or fraction of first day the person is in attendance in Court in response to jury summons and not less than \$58.00 for each day after first day until discharged by the Court effective September 1, 2023. This is in accordance with the Texas Government Code 61.001. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**9. Consideration and possible action to approve the following organizations as an option for jury duty participants to donate their jury payment in accordance with Texas Government Code 61.003:**

- Texas Crime Victims**
- Matagorda County Crisis Center**
- United Way**
- Child Protective Services**
- Matagorda County Veterans Service Office**

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 the following organizations as an option for jury duty participants to donate their jury payment in accordance with Texas Government Code 61.003:

- Texas Crime Victims
- Matagorda County Crisis Center
- United Way
- Child Protective Services
- Matagorda County Veterans Service Office

Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**10. Consideration and possible action to appoint Chris Hadash as Matagorda County Representative on the H-GAC Criminal Justice Advisory Committee and Chris Peikert as alternate effective September 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to appoint Chris Hadash as Matagorda County Representative on the H-GAC Criminal Justice Advisory Committee and Chris Peikert as alternate effective September 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**11. Consideration and possible action to appoint Mike Ferdinand as Matagorda County Representative on the H-GAC Gulf Coast Economic Development District Committee effective September 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to appoint Mike Ferdinand as Matagorda County Representative on the H-GAC Gulf Coast Economic Development District Committee effective September 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**12. Consideration and possible action to appoint Lisa Krobot as Matagorda County Representative on the H-GAC Regional Flood Planning Committee and Mary Savage as alternate effective September 1, 2023 through May 31, 2025**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to appoint Lisa Krobot as Matagorda County Representative on the H-GAC Regional Flood Planning Committee and Mary Savage as alternate effective September 1, 2023 through May 31, 2025. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**13. Consideration and possible action to reappoint Willie S. Greer to the Texana Center Board of Trustees for another two-year term beginning September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2025 and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to reappoint Willie S. Greer to the Texana Center Board of Trustees for another two-year term beginning September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2025 and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**14. Consideration and possible action to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Matagorda County and Matagorda County Self-Insurance Pool for secretarial services for a term of September 1, 2023 through December 31, 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 an Interlocal Agreement between Matagorda County and Matagorda County Self-Insurance Pool for secretarial services for a term of September 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**15. Consideration and possible action to move Leopoldo Espinoza-Ruiz from a Heavy Equipment Operator to a Light Equipment Operator at his current rate of pay**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to move Leopoldo Espinoza-Ruiz from a Heavy Equipment Operator to a Light Equipment Operator at his current rate of pay. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**16. Consideration and possible action to promote Adam McDonald from a Light Equipment Operator to a Heavy Equipment Operator at \$15.14/hour**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to promote Adam McDonald from a Light Equipment Operator to a Heavy Equipment Operator at \$15.14/hour. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**17. Consideration and possible action to approve the Texas Enterprise Zone Program Mandatory Annual Report Form (Reporting Period from September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023) and authorize the County Judge Bobby 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 the Texas Enterprise Zone Program Mandatory Annual Report Form (Reporting Period from September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023) and authorize the County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**18. Consideration and possible action to approve a Local Disaster Declaration related to Drought and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign**

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 a Local Disaster Declaration related to Drought and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**19. Consideration and possible action to approve a Replat of Lot 4R & Lot 5R – Block 1 Gibson Place, John Duncan Survey A-140, Matagorda County, Texas**

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 a Replat of Lot 4R & Lot 5R – Block 1 Gibson Place, John Duncan Survey A-140, Matagorda County, Texas. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**20. Consideration and possible action to approve the Section 111 Mandatory Report Profile and authorize County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign**

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 the Section 111 Mandatory Report Profile and authorize County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**21. Consideration and possible action to approve the Administrative Services Agreement and Stop-Loss Agreement between the Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool and Matagorda County effective October 1, 2023 and authorize County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign**

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 the Administrative Services Agreement and Stop-Loss Agreement between the Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool and Matagorda County effective October 1, 2023 and authorize County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**22. Consideration and possible action to authorize the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) small purchase of (4) Radar Systems to be utilized by the Sheriff's Office in total amount of \$13,222.60, and authorize the County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign all related documents**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to authorize the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) small purchase of (4) Radar Systems to be utilized by the Sheriff's Office in total amount of \$13,222.60, and authorize the County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign all related documents. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**23. Consideration and possible action to accept the Notice to Proceed submitted by Urban Engineering, regarding the GLO CDBG-DR Contract No. 20-065-123-C430, Van Vleck Lift Station Improvements Project, contracted by Mercer Construction Company**

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 the Notice to Proceed submitted by Urban Engineering, regarding the GLO CDBG-DR Contract No. 20-065-123-C430, Van Vleck Lift Station Improvements Project, contracted by Mercer Construction Company. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**24. Consideration and possible action to approve a Land Use Restriction Agreement between Matagorda County, Harvest House, Church of Christ and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Community Resiliency Project (CRP) specific to Grant Project #70800001010 and authorize County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign**

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 a Land Use Restriction Agreement between Matagorda County, Harvest House, Church of Christ and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Community Resiliency Project (CRP) specific to Grant Project #70800001010 and authorize County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**25. Consideration and possible action to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the County of Matagorda and Matagorda County Drainage District No. 1 regarding Construction, Improvement, and/or Repair of a Bridge on County Road 201 located within 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 an Interlocal Agreement between the County of Matagorda and Matagorda County Drainage District No. 1 regarding Construction, Improvement, and/or Repair of a Bridge on County Road 201 located within Precinct #2. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**26. Consideration and possible action to approve the application for credit for United Rentals in the name of Matagorda County Precinct 2 and allow Judge Bobby Seiferman 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 application for credit for United Rentals in the name of Matagorda County Precinct 2 and allow Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**27. Consideration and possible action to approve the application for credit for Nueces Power in the name of Matagorda County Precinct 2 and allow Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign**

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 application for credit for Nueces Power in the name of Matagorda County Precinct 2 and allow Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**28. Consideration and possible action to approve the 2024 Holidays for Matagorda County Personnel**

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 2024 Holidays for Matagorda County Personnel. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**29. Consideration and possible action to approve Invoices from the following Departments: Precinct #1, Precinct #2 and Maintenance**

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 Invoices from the following Departments: Precinct #1, Precinct #2 and Maintenance. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**30. Consideration and possible action to approve Matagorda County Treasurer's Office Monthly Investment Report for July 2023**

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

**31. Consideration and possible action to approve Matagorda County Treasurer's Office Quarterly Investment Report for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2023**

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 Matagorda County Treasurer's Office Quarterly Investment Report for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2023. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**32. Consideration and possible action to approve Payment of Demand Checks**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve Payment of Demand Checks. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

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

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


**34. 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


**35. Adjournment**


Motion was duly made at approximately 10:51 a.m. by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

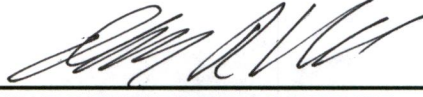
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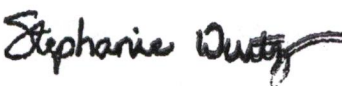
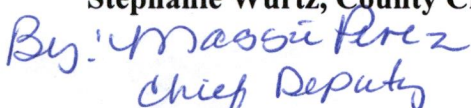
  
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**BOBBY SEIFERMAN**  
County Judge

  
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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  
By:   
Chief Deputy

