

MINUTES
MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING
MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300
1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414
9:30 A.M., MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2021

Call to Order

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday, August 9, 2021, in the Matagorda County Commissioner's Courtroom, located on the Third Floor, 1700 Seventh Street, Room 300, Bay City, Texas, with County Judge McDonald presiding.

Others present were as follows: Kristen Kubecka, Jennifer Chau, Loretta Griffin, Mike Reddell, Skipper Osborne, Lindsay Deshotels, Anna Johnson, Mike Estlinbaum, Anthony Maenza, Scott Hardwick, Ernest Lawson, Ernest Austin, Nicolas Diaz, Brandon Westlake, Crystal Morones and Stephanie Wurtz.

1. Certification of quorum

County Judge McDonald certified a quorum in attendance with Commissioner Cook, Commissioner Pollard and Commissioner Frick. Commissioner Shimek was absent.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Pollard

3. Texas Pledge – Commissioner Pollard

4. Prayer – Commissioner Cook

5. Consideration and possible action regarding approving Commissioner's Court Minutes for August 2, 2021

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 August 2, 2021. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

6. 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.

7. Consideration and possible action to set a Public Hearing for August 23, 2021, at 9:45 a.m. to discuss the 2022 Proposed Matagorda County Budget and authorize that publication of this Public Hearing

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to set a Public Hearing for August 23, 2021, at 9:45 a.m. to discuss the 2022 Proposed Matagorda County Budget and authorize that publication of this Public Hearing. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

8. Consideration and possible action to accept the AEP Contract previously approved through Commissioner's Court on July 26, 2021, with a start date of March 24, 2021, and amend the start date to August 24, 2021, with no other changes

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to accept the AEP Contract previously approved through Commissioner's Court on July 26, 2021, with a start date of March 24, 2021, and amend the start date to August 24, 2021, with no other changes. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

9. Consideration and possible action to add a copy of the Deed as posted for Public Notice on May 31, 2021, which was inadvertently left out of Exhibit A to the original agenda request and order for the Reinvestment Zone for OQ Chemicals Tax Abatement Application that was adopted by this Court on June 28, 2021

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to add a copy of the Deed as posted for Public Notice on May 31, 2021, which was inadvertently left out of Exhibit A to the original agenda request and order for the Reinvestment Zone for OQ Chemicals Tax Abatement Application that was adopted by this Court on June 28, 2021. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

10. Consideration and possible action to allow District Attorney, Steven Reis, to hire Anna Johnson with a starting salary as grant-funded Victim Assistance Coordinator at a Pay Group 13 hourly salary rate of \$15.71, effective August 15, 2021

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to allow District Attorney, Steven Reis, to hire Anna Johnson with a starting salary as grant-funded Victim Assistance Coordinator at a Pay Group 13 hourly salary rate of \$15.71, effective August 15, 2021. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

11. Consideration and possible action to approve Invoices from the following Departments: District Attorney, Environmental Health, Human Resources, Precinct #1, Precinct #2, Precinct #3 and County Judge

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: District Attorney, Environmental Health, Human Resources, Precinct #1, Precinct #2, Precinct #3 and County Judge. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

12. 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 Cook, with all others concurring, to approve Line Item Transfers. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

13. 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 Frick, with all others concurring, to approve Payment of Bills. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

14. Consideration and possible action to approve Emergency Amendments

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve Emergency Amendments. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

15. **Meet in Executive Session:**

Under Section 551.086 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 conducting economic development negotiations

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 9:59 a.m. by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to meet in Executive Session:

Under Section 551.086 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 conducting economic development negotiations

Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

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

Under Section 551.086 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 conducting economic development negotiations

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 10:39 a.m. by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to Reconvene open session:

Under Section 551.086 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 conducting economic development negotiations

Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

17. **Consideration and possible action to accept Danish Fields Solar, LLC Tax Abatement Application for review and accept \$1,000.00 fee (check #6226)**

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

18. **Public Comments**

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

19. **Adjournment**

Motion was duly made at approximately 10:41 a.m. by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

Approved in Open Court, the 16th day of August, 2021.



NATE McDONALD
County Judge



EDWARD "BUBBA" COOK
Commissioner Precinct No. One



KENT POLLARD
Commissioner Precinct No. Two

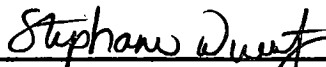


TROY SHIMEK
Commissioner Precinct No. Three



CHARLES "BUBBA" FRICK
Commissioner Precinct No. Four

ATTEST:


Stephanie Wurtz, County Clerk

