

MINUTES
MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING
MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300
1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414
9:30 A.M., MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020

Call to Order

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday, January 13, 2020, 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: Denise Fortenberry, Karla Lewis, Skipper Osborne, Chris Peikert, Steven Johnson, Mike Ferdinand, Jessica Russell, Jimmy Galvan, Loretta Griffin, Mike Reddell, Crystal Morones and Stephanie Wurtz.

1. Certification of quorum

County Judge McDonald certified a quorum in attendance with Commissioner Frick, Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Graham and Commissioner Pollard.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Frick

3. Texas Pledge – Commissioner Frick

4. Prayer – Commissioner Pollard

5. Consideration and possible action regarding approving Commissioner's Court Minutes for January 6, 2020

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Graham, with all others concurring, to approve Commissioner's Court Minutes for January 6, 2020. Motion carried. Vote 5 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, motion was duly made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve one contract for the use of Matagorda County Fairgrounds facilities. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

7. Consideration and possible action to approve the Board Appointments of Representatives to Matagorda County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC)

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to appoint Judge McDonald as Representative on the Board of Matagorda County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC) with Commissioner Pollard serving as alternate. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

8. Consideration and possible action to approve Western Surety Company Official Bond and Oath for Loretta Griffin as County Treasurer for the term commencing on December 31, 2019 and authorize the County Judge to sign

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve Western Surety Company Official Bond and Oath for Loretta Griffin as County Treasurer for the term commencing on December 31, 2019 and authorize the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

9. Consideration and possible action to approve the hiring of Justin Kirk into Position 0913 of the Office of the District Attorney (Dept. 452) at Pay Group 23 at the hourly rate of \$29.00, effective February 1, 2020

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to approve an offer of \$28.00 per hour for the hiring of Justin Kirk into Position 0913 of the Office of the District Attorney (Dept. 452) at Pay Group 23, effective February 1, 2020. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

10. Consideration and possible action to approve a Cellular Phone Allowance for DA Investigator, Justin Kirk, in the amount of \$60.00 per month according to county policies and procedures, effective February 1, 2020

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to approve a Cellular Phone Allowance for DA Investigator, Justin Kirk, contingent upon hiring, in the amount of \$60.00 per month according to county policies and procedures, effective February 1, 2020. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

11. Consideration and possible action to approve the promotion of Ashley Orta into Position 0912 of the Office of the District Attorney (Dept. 452) at Pay Group 23 at the hourly rate of \$33.00, effective February 1, 2020

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve an offer of \$29.50 for the promotion of Ashley Orta into Position 0912 of the Office of the District Attorney (Dept. 452) at Pay Group 23, effective February 1, 2020. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

12. Consideration and possible action to execute an Ingress, Egress, and Utility Easement Agreement with American Tower Corporation for Site Number 311800

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to execute an Ingress, Egress, and Utility Easement Agreement with American Tower Corporation for Site Number 311800. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

13. Consideration and possible action to approve a Temporary Construction Access Easement Agreement between Mark Grisham and Nancy Grisham and Matagorda County

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve a Temporary Construction Access Easement Agreement between Mark Grisham and Nancy Grisham and Matagorda County. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

14. Consideration and possible action to approve a Temporary Easement Agreement for Traffic Detour between Gene Kubecka and Matagorda County

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by

Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve a Temporary Easement Agreement for Traffic Detour between Gene Kubecka and Matagorda County. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

15. Consideration and possible action to approve a Cellular Phone Allowance for County Extension Agent, Aaron Sumrall, in the amount of \$60.00 per month according to county policies and procedures

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to approve a Cellular Phone Allowance for County Extension Agent, Aaron Sumrall, in the amount of \$60.00 per month according to county policies and procedures. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

16. Consideration and possible action to allow Justice of the Peace, Precinct #6, to purchase a new laptop with warranty and docking station, from Southern Computer Warehouse, in the amount of \$1,274.28. The funds will be paid out of the Justice of the Peace, Precinct #6, Technology Fund 19-53300-460-001

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17. Consideration and possible action to approve a Contract between the Bay City Lions Club and Matagorda County regarding the lease of the Matagorda County Fairground facilities for the annual Rice Festival for a term of 10 years

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Graham, with all others concurring, to approve a Contract between the Bay City Lions Club and Matagorda County regarding the lease of the Matagorda County Fairground facilities for the annual Rice Festival for a term of 10 years. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

18. Consideration and possible action to approve the Board Appointments of the Economic Action Committee of the Gulf Coast Board of Directors, 02/01/2020 through 02/28/2023

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to approve the Board Appointments of the Economic Action Committee of the Gulf Coast Board of Directors, 02/01/2020 through 02/28/2023. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

19. Consideration and possible action to approve the Board Appointment for the Director of the Southeast Texas Housing Finance Corporation, 02/01/2020 through 01/31/2022

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to approve the Board Appointment of George Deshotels for the Director of the Southeast Texas Housing Finance Corporation, 02/01/2020 through 01/31/2022. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

20. Consideration and possible action to approve the Joint Resolution and Statistical Information for Joint Primary Election to be held March 3, 2020

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve the Joint Resolution and Statistical Information for Joint Primary Election to be held March 3, 2020. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

21. Consideration and possible action to accept the 2020 Joint Primary Contract for Election Services for the Primary Election to be held March 3, 2020

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Graham, with all others concurring, to table the 2020 Joint Primary Contract for Election Services for the Primary Election to be held March 3, 2020. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

22. Consideration and possible action to declare the following vehicles as salvage and authorize sale at auction: 2004 GMC Yukon, VIN #1GKEC13Z64R176389 and 2010 Cadillac DTS, VIN #1G6KH3EY4AU104100

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to declare the following vehicles as salvage and authorize sale at auction: 2004 GMC Yukon, VIN #1GKEC13Z64R176389 and 2010 Cadillac DTS, VIN #1G6KH3EY4AU104100. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

23. Consideration and possible action to approve the Amended Contract Agreement between Matagorda County and Palacios Library FY 2020 to 2021

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Graham, with all others concurring, to approve the Amended Contract Agreement between Matagorda County and Palacios Library FY 2020 to 2021. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

24. Consideration and possible action to approve a Demand Check made payable to John Kelly for \$250.00, for Per Diem, in attending the Criminal Investigations Seminar at the Tarrant County Sheriff's Academy in Fort Worth, Texas on January 27-31, 2020

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to approve a Demand Check made payable to John Kelly for \$250.00, for Per Diem, in attending the Criminal Investigations Seminar at the Tarrant County Sheriff's Academy in Fort Worth, Texas on January 27-31, 2020. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

25. 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 Pollard, with all others concurring, to approve the Monthly Reports from various County Departments. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

26. Consideration and possible action regarding approval of Annual, Quarterly, and Monthly 2020 Automatic Payments

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Graham, with all others concurring, to approve Annual, Quarterly, and Monthly 2020 Automatic Payments. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

27. Consideration and possible action to approve Payment of Bills

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

28. Consideration and possible action to approve Line Item Transfers

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve Line Item Transfers. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

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29. **Public Comments**

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

30. **Adjournment**

Motion was duly made at approximately 10:29 a.m. by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

Approved in Open Court, the 27th day of January, 2020.



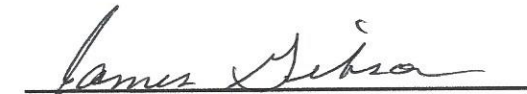
NATE McDONALD
County Judge



GARY GRAHAM
Commissioner Precinct No. One



KENT POLLARD
Commissioner Precinct No. Two

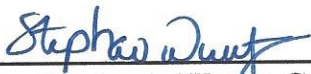


JAMES GIBSON
Commissioner Precinct No. Three



CHARLES "BUBBA" FRICK
Commissioner Precinct No. Four

ATTEST:



Stephanie Wurtz, County Clerk

