

MINUTES
MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING
MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE
1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414
9:30 A.M., MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

Call to Order

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday, March 1, 2021, via Zoom video teleconference (due to circumstances pertaining to COVID-19), with County Judge McDonald presiding.

Others present on the video teleconference were as follows: Jennifer Chau, Kristen Kubecka, Amanda Campos, Karla Lewis, Skipper Osborne, Jessica Russell, Aaron Sumrall, Jimmy Galvan, Tressa Leadford, Chris Peikert, Lisa Krobot, Loretta Griffin, Becky Cook, Jennifer Schubert, Jessica Shepard, Bob Treacy, Bobby Seiferman, Chris Bischoff, Eric Wright, Crystal Morones and Stephanie Wurtz.

1. Certification of quorum

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Frick

3. Texas Pledge – Commissioner Frick

4. Prayer – Commissioner Shimek

5. Consideration and possible action regarding approving Commissioner's Court Minutes for February 22, 2021

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 February 22, 2021. 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, no action required.

7. Consideration and possible action to approve a Permit Application for Utility Construction in a County Right of Way or Easement received from Centerpoint Energy for 89' of 1" CTS Plastic Service to be installed at 614 Avenue D in Van Vleck, Texas

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 Permit Application for Utility Construction in a County Right of Way or Easement received from Centerpoint Energy for 89' of 1" CTS Plastic Service to be installed at 614 Avenue D in Van Vleck, Texas. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

8. Consideration and possible action to approve an Application to cross a county Road from Epic Grade Y Pipeline, LP to lay a 20 O.D. steel pipeline under and along the following County Roads: CR #408 (Tommy LeTulle Road), CR #414 (Poole Road), and CR #418 (North Hoffman Road) in Precinct #4, Matagorda County, Texas

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 Application to cross a county Road from Epic Grade Y Pipeline, LP to lay a 20 O.D. steel pipeline under and along the following County Roads: CR #408 (Tommy LeTulle Road), CR #414 (Poole Road), and CR #418 (North Hoffman Road) in Precinct #4, Matagorda County, Texas. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

9. Consideration and possible action to approve the Western Surety Company Official Position Schedule Bond for the Chief Deputy and Deputy County Clerks for a one year term commencing on February 5, 2021

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 Western Surety Company Official Position Schedule Bond for the Chief Deputy and Deputy County Clerks for a one year term commencing on February 5, 2021. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

10. Consideration and possible action to authorize Commissioner Edward Cook to promote Pedro Gutierrez from a Light Equipment Operator to a Heavy Equipment Operator with pay increase at a rate of \$14.46 per 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 authorize Commissioner Edward Cook to promote Pedro Gutierrez from a Light Equipment Operator to a Heavy Equipment Operator with pay increase at a rate of \$14.46 per hour. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

11. Consideration and possible action to authorize Commissioner Edward Cook to promote William Keen from a part time Laborer to a Light Equipment Operator at the current pay rate of \$14.28 per hour

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to authorize Commissioner Edward Cook to promote William Keen from a part time Laborer to a Light Equipment Operator at the current pay rate of \$14.28 per hour. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

12. Consideration and possible action to approve the submittal of a letter to the Texas Department of Agriculture to extend the current 2, 4D Aerial Application date of March 10, 2021, to the proposed date of March 24, 2021, to allow Ground and Aerial Application by permit

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve the submittal of a letter to the Texas Department of Agriculture to extend the current 2, 4D Aerial Application date of March 10, 2021, to the proposed date of March 24, 2021, to allow Ground and Aerial Application by permit. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

13. Consideration and possible action to authorize Information Services to purchase 3 Fujitsu fi-7160 scanner from Southern Computer Warehouse in the amount of \$2,690.26. This will be paid from Fund 17 County Wide Records Management & Preservation 17-53300-510-001

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to authorize Information Services to purchase 3 Fujitsu fi-7160 scanner from Southern Computer Warehouse in the amount of \$2,690.26. This will be paid from Fund 17 County Wide Records Management & Preservation 17-53300-510-001. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

14. Consideration and possible action to authorize Matagorda County Tax Assessor-Collector, Becky Cook, to purchase a new copier BIZHUB 450I 45PPm Monochrome MFP for 60 monthly payments of \$191.40

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to authorize Matagorda County Tax Assessor-Collector, Becky Cook, to purchase a new copier BIZHUB 450I 45PPm Monochrome MFP for 60 monthly payments of \$191.40. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

15. Consideration and possible action to approve the Treasurer's Office to implement a withholding of 10% service fee and retain those service fees on behalf of the county, even in the event of a refund, as allowed under Local Government Code 41.258(g), to be effective for all fees collected under this section beginning on April 1, 2021

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 Treasurer's Office to implement a withholding of 10% service fee and retain those service fees on behalf of the county, even in the event of a refund, as allowed under Local Government Code 41.258(g), to be effective for all fees collected under this section beginning on April 1, 2021. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

16. Consideration and possible action to approve the TAC HEBP-BCBSTX Expanded Telemedicine Coverage Option to include ABA (Applied Behavioral) and/or PHP (Partial Hospitalization Program)

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 the TAC HEBP-BCBSTX Expanded Telemedicine Coverage Option to include ABA (Applied Behavioral) and/or PHP (Partial Hospitalization Program). Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

17. Consideration and possible action to approve the Treasurer's Office Requests for Proposals (RFP) specifications and authorize publication related to the County's Bank Depository Contract

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 Treasurer's Office Requests for Proposals (RFP) specifications and authorize publication related to the County's Bank Depository Contract. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

18. Consideration and possible action to approve the 2020 County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program Certification Forms related to CR #142, CR #381, CR #208 and CR #433, and authorize the County Judge to sign

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 2020 County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program Certification Forms related to CR #142, CR #381, CR #208 and CR #433, and authorize the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

19. Consideration and possible action to include the contract amount of \$274,522.50 in the award of CDBG Contract 7219261 to Mercer Construction Company on December 21, 2020, agenda item 30A

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to include the contract amount of \$274,522.50 in the award of CDBG Contract 7219261 to Mercer Construction Company on December 21, 2020, agenda item 30A. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

20. Consideration and possible action to approve Invoices from the following Departments: Matagorda County Sheriff's Office, 130th District Judge's Office, Precinct #3 and County Clerk's Office

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 Invoices from the following Departments: Matagorda County Sheriff's Office, 130th District Judge's Office, Precinct #3 and County Clerk's Office. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

21. Consideration and possible action to approve Monthly Reports from various County Departments

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 Monthly Reports from various County Departments. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

22. 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 Pollard, with all others concurring, to approve Line Item Transfers. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

23. 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 Pollard, with all others concurring, to approve Payment of Demand Checks. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

24. 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

25. Meet in Executive Session:

Under section 551.086 of the Texas Government Code to consider and take action 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 10:15 a.m. by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to meet in Executive Session:

Under section 551.086 of the Texas Government Code to consider and take action 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 carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

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

Under section 551.086 of the Texas Government Code to consider and take action 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 10:56 a.m. by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to Reconvene open session:

Under section 551.086 of the Texas Government Code to consider and take action 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

23. Public Comments

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

24. Adjournment

Motion was duly made at approximately 10:57 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

Approved in Open Court, the 8th day of March, 2021.



NATE McDONALD
County Judge



EDWARD "BUBBA" COOK
Commissioner Precinct No. One



KENT POLLARD
Commissioner Precinct No. Two



TROY SHIMEK
Commissioner Precinct No. Three

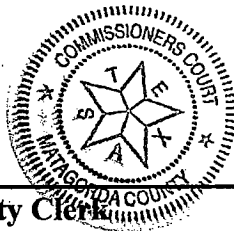


CHARLES "BUBBA" FRICK
Commissioner Precinct No. Four

ATTEST:



Stephanie Wurtz



County Clerk