

MINUTES
MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING
MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300
1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414
9:30 A.M., MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2015

Call to Order

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday the 10th day of August 2015 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: Sheriff Osborne, Johnny A. Marek, Cathy Ezell, Chris Peikert, Joe Heaton, Jessica Wied, Cristyn Hallmark, Mike Reddell, James Mitchell, Paula Mitchell, Casey Kile, Doug Matthes, Tammy McDonald, Carole Patrick, Ruben Gonzales, Harriet Townsend and Janet Hickl

1. Certification of quorum

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Frick

3. Texas Pledge – Commissioner Frick

4. Prayer – Commissioner Pollard

5. Consideration and possible action regarding approving Commissioners Court Minutes for August 3, 2015

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to approve Commissioners Court Minutes for August 3, 2015. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

6. Consideration and possible action regarding contracts for the use of the Matagorda County Fairground facilities

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

7. Consideration and possible action to approve a Proclamation declaring August 9-15, 2015 as National Health Center Week in Matagorda County

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pustka and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to approve a Proclamation declaring August 9-15, 2015 as National Health Center Week in Matagorda County. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

8. Consideration and possible action to authorize Dan Pustka, Commissioner Precinct #1, to rent a Side-Boom Mower for one month in the amount of \$5,130.00, plus delivery charges of \$300.00, from Anderson Machinery Company

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pustka and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to authorize Dan Pustka, Commissioner Precinct #1, to rent a Side-Boom Mower for one month in the amount of \$5,130.00, plus delivery charges of \$300.00, from Anderson Machinery Company. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays. ~~No action taken~~ *PA*

9. Consideration and possible action to approve the contract renewal and related forms with the Texas Department of Family Protective Services, Child Protective Services Contract #23940146, and authorize the County Judge to sign

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 the contract renewal and related forms with the Texas Department of Family Protective Services, Child Protective Services Contract #23940146, and authorize the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

10. Consideration and possible action to approve the contract renewal and related forms with the Texas Department of Family Protective Services, Child Protective Services Contract #23940147, and authorize the County Judge to sign

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Gibson and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to approve the contract renewal and related forms with the Texas Department of Family Protective Services, Child Protective Services Contract #23940147, and authorize the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

11. Consideration and possible action to begin negotiations with an individual regarding the offer to buy highway property and/or abandoned seawall property under Local Government Code §263.001 and §263.002 and appoint Commissioner Gibson, Precinct #3, to sell property and appoint appraiser to determine fair market value, and set public hearing to discuss impact on public if property is no longer open to public. Appraiser fees to be paid by buyer with limitations of the future sale to be dependent on a finding that sale of the property will not negatively affect the public

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12. Consideration and possible action to approve exempt employees to be paid overtime for working the Stonegarden Grant

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pustka and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve Matagorda County Sheriff's exempt employees to be paid overtime for working the Stonegarden Grant. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

13. Consideration and possible action to discuss a proposed tax rate for tax year 2015, and set 2 Public Hearings for August 20, 2015 at 9:00 AM and August 24, 2015 at 9:45 AM to further discuss the 2015 Proposed Maintenance and Operation tax rate of .38888, and the 2015 Proposed Interest and Sinking tax rate of .00680, making the total tax rate of .39568, and authorize the publication of these Public Hearings

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to discuss a proposed tax rate for tax year 2015, and set 2 Public Hearings for August 20, 2015 at 9:00 AM and August 24, 2015 at 9:45 AM to further discuss the 2015 Proposed Maintenance and Operation tax rate of .38888, and the 2015 Proposed Interest and Sinking tax rate of .00680, making the total tax rate of .39568, and authorize the publication of these Public Hearings. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

14. Consideration and possible action to set a Public Hearing for August 24, 2015 at 9:55 AM to discuss the 2016 Proposed Matagorda County Budget and authorize the publication of this Public Hearing

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pustka and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to set a Public Hearing for August 24, 2015 at 9:55 AM to discuss the 2016 Proposed Matagorda County Budget and authorize the publication of this Public Hearing. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

15. Consideration and possible action to approve an Application for Renewal of Coastal Public Lands Coastal Lease CL20050003, Tres Palacios Bay, Matagorda County Texas between Matagorda County and the Office of the School Land Board for the use of Coastal Public Land owned by the Permanent School Fund through the Texas General Land Office, and authorize Judge McDonald to sign

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16. Consideration and possible action to approve the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department County Boat Agent Agreement between Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and Matagorda County Tax Assessor-Collector (Agent) and to authorize Cristyn Hallmark to execute such agreement

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Pustka, with all others concurring, to approve the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department County Boat Agent Agreement between Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and Matagorda County Tax Assessor-Collector (Agent) and to authorize Cristyn Hallmark to execute such agreement. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

17. Consideration and possible action to authorize IDC to request rebids for the widening of SH 35 as approved by the Texas Department of Transportation, for the Texas Capitol Fund Project #713082, and authorize its publishing

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by County Judge McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to authorize IDC to request rebids for the widening of SH 35 as approved by the Texas Department of Transportation, for the Texas Capitol Fund Project #713082, and authorize its publishing. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

18. Consideration and possible action to approve the Matagorda County Treasurer's Monthly Report for April 2015

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to approve the Matagorda County Treasurer's Monthly Report for April 2015. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

19. 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 Pustka, with all others concurring, to approve Payment of Bills. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

20. Consideration and possible action to approve Line Item Transfers

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

21. Consideration and possible action to approve Emergency Amendments

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Gibson, and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to Emergency Amendments. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

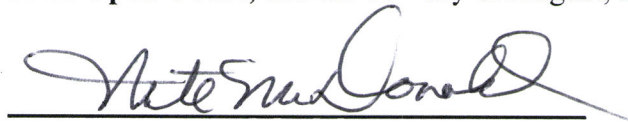
22. Public Comments

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

23. Adjournment

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

Approved in Open Court, this the 10th day of August, 2015.



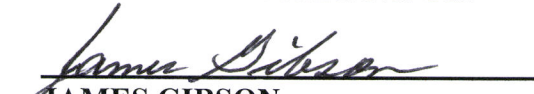
NATE McDONALD,
County Judge



DANIEL PUSTKA,
Commissioner Precinct No. One



KENT POLLARD, Judge Pro Tem
Commissioner Precinct No. Two



JAMES GIBSON,
Commissioner Precinct No. Three



CHARLES "BUBBA" FRICK,
Commissioner Precinct No. Four

ATTEST:



Janet Hickl, County Clerk

