

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

Call to Order

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday, August 30, 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, Greg Westmoreland, James Powell, Tressa Leadford, Viviana Castillo, Anthony Maenza, 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 Shimek

3. Texas Pledge – Commissioner Shimek

4. Prayer – Commissioner Pollard

5. Consideration and possible action regarding approving Commissioner's Court Minutes for August 23, 2021

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 Commissioner's Court Minutes for August 23, 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 an Application to cross a County Road received from Easton Energy Pipelines, LLC to lay a 12" pipeline under and along the following County Roads located in Precinct #4: CR #419 (El Dorado Road) and CR #417 (Hoffman Road), 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 received from Easton Energy Pipelines, LLC to lay a 12" pipeline under and along the following County Roads located in Precinct #4: CR #419 (El Dorado Road) and CR #417 (Hoffman Road), Matagorda County, Texas. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

8. Presentation by GrantWorks regarding the TDA Form A1024 CDBG Section 3 Program Goals pertaining to the TDA TxCDBG Project 7219261

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

9. Consideration and possible action to approve and adopt the 2022 Matagorda County Budget

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 and adopt the 2022 Matagorda County Budget. Motion carried. Record Vote:

County Judge	Aye
Commissioner Pct. 1	Aye
Commissioner Pct. 2	Aye
Commissioner Pct. 3	Aye
Commissioner Pct. 4	Aye

10. Public Hearing at 9:55 a.m. to discuss the 2021 Proposed Maintenance and Operation Tax Rate of .39617 and the 2021 Proposed Interest and Sinking Tax Rate of .00357 (for a total Tax Rate of .39974)

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to enter into a Public Hearing at 9:56 a.m. to discuss the 2021 Proposed Maintenance and Operation Tax Rate of .39617 and the 2021 Proposed Interest and Sinking Tax Rate of .00357 (for a total Tax Rate of .39974). Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

At 9:59 a.m., motion was duly made by Commission Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to enter back into regular session of Commissioners Court. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

11. Consideration and possible action to adopt the 2021 Proposed Maintenance and Operation tax rate of .39617, for a total tax rate of .39974

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to adopt the 2021 Proposed Maintenance and Operation tax rate of .39617, for a total tax rate of .39974. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

12. Consideration and possible action to adopt the 2021 Proposed Interest and Sinking Tax Rate of .00357, for a total tax rate of .39974

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to adopt the 2021 Proposed Interest and Sinking Tax Rate of .00357, for a total tax rate of .39974. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

13. Consideration and possible action to adopt the 2021 Property tax rate of .39974

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to adopt the 2021 Property tax rate of .39974. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

14. Consideration and possible action to ratify the 2021 Property tax increase of \$720,167 or 3.45% reflected in the 2022 Matagorda County Budget, with the total tax rate being .39974

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to ratify the 2021 Property tax increase of \$720,167 or 3.45%

reflected in the 2022 Matagorda County Budget, with the total tax rate being .39974. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

15. Consideration and possible action to accept a Gift Card Contribution in the amount of \$100.00 from Sure'Nuff Septic Services to be used for supplies for Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event to be held on October 9, 2021 at the Matagorda County Fairgrounds

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 a Gift Card Contribution in the amount of \$100.00 from Sure'Nuff Septic Services to be used for supplies for Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event to be held on October 9, 2021 at the Matagorda County Fairgrounds. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

16. Consideration and possible action to allow Justice of the Peace #6 to purchase a new HP Color Printer from Southern Computer Warehouse in the amount of \$676.18. The funds will be paid out of the Justice of the Peace Technology Fund 19-53300-460

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to allow Justice of the Peace #6 to purchase a new HP Color Printer from Southern Computer Warehouse in the amount of \$676.18. The funds will be paid out of the Justice of the Peace Technology Fund 19-53300-460. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

17. Consideration and possible action to approve Invoices from the following Departments: Precinct #1, Environmental Health, County Judge's Office and Sheriff's Department

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: Precinct #1, Environmental Health, County Judge's Office and Sheriff's Department. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

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

19. Consideration and possible action to approve Payment of Demand Checks

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

20. 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 Pollard, with all others concurring, to approve Emergency Amendments. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

21. Meet in Executive Session:

Under Section 551.0725 of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the county in an executive session regarding a contract being negotiated

Under Section 551.074(a)(1) and (2) of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the appointment,

employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee and to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee

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 10:18 a.m. by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to meet in Executive Session:

Under Section 551.0725 of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the county in an executive session regarding a contract being negotiated

Under Section 551.074(a)(1) and (2) of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee and to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee

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 5 ayes 0 nays

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

Under Section 551.0725 of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the county in an executive session regarding a contract being negotiated

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This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 11:21 a.m. by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to Reconvene open session:

Under Section 551.0725 of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the county in an executive session regarding a contract being negotiated

Under Section 551.074(a)(1) and (2) of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee

and to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee

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

23. **Public Comments**

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

24. **Adjournment**

Motion was duly made at approximately 11:22 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 13th day of September, 2021.



NATE McDONALD
County Judge



EDWARD "BUBBA" COOK
Commissioner Precinct No. One



KENT POLLARD
Commissioner Precinct No. Two

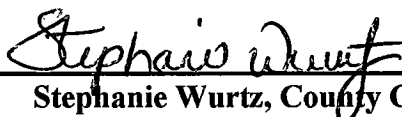


TROY SHIMEK
Commissioner Precinct No. Three



CHARLES "BUBBA" FRICK
Commissioner Precinct No. Four

ATTEST:



Stephanie Wurtz, County Clerk

