

MINUTES
MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING
MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300
1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414
9:30 A.M., MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022

Call to Order

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday, February 7, 2022, 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, Kay Cooper, Chris Peikert, Skipper Osborne, Greg Westmoreland, Anthony Maenza, Mike Estlinbaum, Mike Reddell, Becky Cook, Loretta Griffin, Scott Hardwick, Tressa Leadford, Steven Reis, Wayne Massey, Bobby Seiferman, M. Spillers, B. Vandygriff, Meg Gentle, Renato Pereira, Doug Heihz, Angela Leach, Lillie Alonzo, Rebecca Sanders, Karen Crain, Dwight Vavra, Lonnie Fultz, 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 Cook

3. Texas Pledge – Commissioner Cook

4. Prayer – Commissioner Frick

5. Consideration and possible action regarding approving Commissioner's Court Minutes for January 24, 2022 and January 31, 2022

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 January 24, 2022 and January 31, 2022. 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 extension of the Matagorda County Declaration of Disaster for COVID-19 beginning on February 7, 2022 and ending on March 7, 2022

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 an extension of the Matagorda County Declaration of Disaster for COVID-19 beginning on February 7, 2022 and ending on March 7, 2022. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

8. Consideration and possible action to approve an extension of the Matagorda County Declaration of Disaster for Hurricane Nicholas beginning on February 7, 2022 and ending on March 7, 2022

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 extension of the Matagorda County Declaration of Disaster for Hurricane Nicholas beginning on February 7, 2022 and ending on March 7, 2022. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

9. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application Number 3572403 Tower License Grant, applying to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division and authorizing the County Judge to accept or decline any award

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 a Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application Number 4506301 MDT Computers Grant, applying to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division and authorizing the County Judge to accept or decline any award. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

10. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application Number 4506301 MDT Computers Grant, applying to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division and authorizing the County Judge to accept or decline any award

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 a Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application Number 4506301 MDT Computers Grant, applying to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division and authorizing the County Judge to accept or decline any award. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

11. Consideration and possible action to approve the Notices of Election for the 2022 Democratic and Republican Primary Elections to be held March 1, 2022 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 Cook, with all others concurring, to approve the Notices of Election for the 2022 Democratic and Republican Primary Elections to be held March 1, 2022 and authorize the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

12. Consideration and possible action to approve the hiring of Charles R.K. ("Kyle") Vance as Assistant District Attorney, at a biweekly salary rate of \$2,700.00, Pay Group 28, effective February 14, 2022

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 hiring of Charles R.K. ("Kyle") Vance as Assistant District Attorney, at a biweekly salary rate of \$2,700.00, Pay Group 28, effective February 14, 2022. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

13. Consideration and possible action to approve the Board Appointment for the Economic Action Committee of the Gulf Coast Board of Directors, 02/01/2022 through 02/01/2025

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 Board Appointment for the Economic Action Committee of the Gulf Coast Board of Directors, 02/01/2022 through 02/01/2025. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

14. Consideration and possible action to approve the Board Appointment for the Matagorda County Hospital District Board of Managers, 02/14/2022 through 02/14/2022

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 the Board Appointment for the Matagorda County Hospital District Board of Managers, 02/14/2022 through 02/14/2022. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

15. Consideration and possible action to approve the Board Appointment for the Matagorda County Drainage District No. 1, 02/14/2022 through 02/14/2024

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to approve the Board Appointment for the Matagorda County Drainage District No. 1, 02/14/2022 through 02/14/2024. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

16. Consideration and possible action to approve the Board Appointment for the Matagorda County Drainage District No. 2, 02/14/2022 through 02/14/2024

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 Board Appointment for the Matagorda County Drainage District No. 2, 02/14/2022 through 02/14/2024. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

17. Consideration and possible action to approve the Board Appointment for the Matagorda County Drainage District No. 3, 02/14/2022 through 02/14/2024

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 the Board Appointment for the Matagorda County Drainage District No. 3, 02/14/2022 through 02/14/2024. Later in this meeting, Commissioner Shimek recalled his motion with Commissioner Frick also recalling his second to approve Board Appointments. A motion to table this agenda item was then made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

18. Consideration and possible action to approve the Board Appointment for the Matagorda County Drainage District No. 4, 02/14/2022 through 02/14/2024

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 the Board Appointment for the Matagorda County Drainage District No. 4, 02/14/2022 through 02/14/2024. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

19. Consideration and possible action to amend and set a Public Hearing on February 28, 2022 at 9:45 a.m. instead of February 21, 2022 at 9:45 a.m., because of the County's observation of President's Day, regarding the participation in the Texas Enterprise Zone and to nominate NRG South Texas L, FM 521 Road, Wadsworth, Texas 77465, to the Office of the Governor as an Enterprise Project, and authorize the publication of the Notice of Public Hearing

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to amend and set a Public Hearing on February 28, 2022 at 9:45 a.m. instead of February 21, 2022 at 9:45 a.m., because of the County's observation of President's Day, regarding the participation in the Texas Enterprise Zone and to nominate NRG South Texas L, FM 521 Road, Wadsworth, Texas 77465, to the Office of the Governor as an Enterprise Project, and authorize the publication of the Notice of Public Hearing. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

20. Consideration and possible action to set a Public Hearing on February 15, 2022 at 5:10 p.m., pertaining to the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program Contract 7219261, and authorize the publication of the Notice of Public Hearing

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to set a Public Hearing on February 15, 2022 at 5:10 p.m., pertaining to the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program Contract 7219261, and authorize the publication of the Notice of Public Hearing. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

21. Consideration and possible action to approve a Septic Maintenance Contract for the Matagorda County Transfer Station with Coastal Aerobic Systems, LLC, and allow the County Judge to sign

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 Septic Maintenance Contract for the Matagorda County Transfer Station with Coastal Aerobic Systems, LLC, and allow the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

22. 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

23. Consideration and possible action to approve Invoices from the following Departments: Precinct #2, Sheriff's Department, County Clerk, District Attorney and County Attorney

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 Invoices from the following Departments: Precinct #2, Sheriff's Department, County Clerk, District Attorney and County Attorney. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

24. Consideration and possible action to approve Matagorda County Treasurer's Office Monthly Reports for December 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 Matagorda County Treasurer's Office Monthly Reports for December 2021. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

25. Consideration and possible action to approve Payment of Bills

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 Payment of Bills. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

26. Consideration and possible action to approve Emergency Amendments

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 Emergency Amendments. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

27. 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 10:02 a.m. by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, 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

28. 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 11:31 a.m. by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, 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

Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

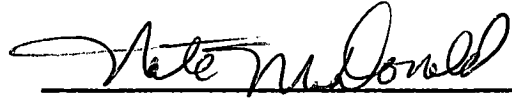
29. Public Comments

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

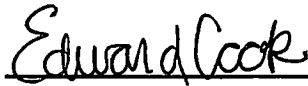
30. Adjournment

Motion was duly made at approximately 11:36 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

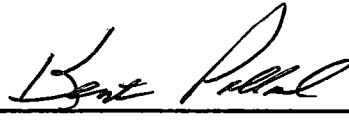
Approved in Open Court, the 14th day of February, 2022.



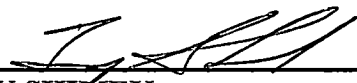
NATE McDONALD
County Judge



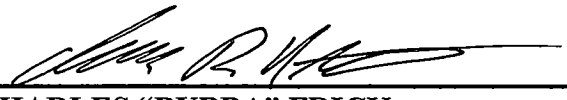
EDWARD "BUBBA" COOK
Commissioner Precinct No. One



KENT POLLARD
Commissioner Precinct No. Two



TROY SHIMEK
Commissioner Precinct No. Three



CHARLES "BUBBA" FRICK
Commissioner Precinct No. Four

ATTEST: 

Stephanie Wurtz, County Clerk

