

MINUTES
MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING
MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300
1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414
9:30 A.M., MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023

Call to Order

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday, January 9, 2023, in the Matagorda County Commissioner's Courtroom, located on the Third Floor, 1700 Seventh Street, Room 300, Bay City, Texas, with County Judge Seiferman presiding.

Others present were as follows: Kristen Kubecka, Skipper Osborne, Doug Matthes, Chris Peikert, Mike Reddell, Ashley Brooking, Tressa Leadford, Meagan Ramirez, Loretta Griffin, Becky Cook, Richard Budd, Maray Savage, Rick DeLeon, Ricky Riedel, Mike Ferdinand, Jessica Russell, Crystal Morones and Stephanie Wurtz.

1. Certification of quorum

County Judge Seiferman certified a quorum in attendance with Commissioner Cook, Commissioner Estlinbaum, Commissioner Shimek and Commissioner Frick.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Shimek

3. Texas Pledge – Commissioner Shimek

4. Prayer – Commissioner Estlinbaum

5. Public Comments

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

6. Consideration and possible action regarding approving Commissioner's Court Minutes for December 30, 2022 and January 1, 2023

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 December 30, 2022 and January 1, 2023. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

7. 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.

8. Consideration and possible action to approve the Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application Number 3572404 Tower License, applying to the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve the Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application Number 3572404 Tower License, applying to the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

9. Consideration and possible action to approve the Amended Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application Number 4195701, applying to the Office of the Governor

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge Seiferman and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve the Amended Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application Number 4195701, applying to the Office of the Governor. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

10. Consideration and possible action to approve the Amended Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application Number 4280501, applying to the Office of the Governor

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge Seiferman and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve the Amended Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application Number 4280501, applying to the Office of the Governor. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

11. Consideration and possible action to approve the Amended Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application Number 4427401, applying to the Office of the Governor

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge Seiferman and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve the Amended Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application Number 4427401, applying to the Office of the Governor. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

12. Consideration and possible action to approve the Amended Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application Number 4470001, applying to the Office of the Governor

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge Seiferman and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve the Amended Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application Number 4470001, applying to the Office of the Governor. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

13. Consideration and possible action to approve the Amended Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application Number 3100305, applying to the Office of the Governor

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge Seiferman and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve the Amended Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application Number 3100305, applying to the Office of the Governor. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

14. Consideration and possible action to approve the Amended Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application Number 4203901, applying to the Office of the Governor

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge Seiferman and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve the Amended Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application Number 4203901, applying to the Office of the Governor. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

15. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution appointing the Matagorda County Commissioners Court representative and alternate to serve on the Matagorda County Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge Seiferman and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve a Resolution appointing Judge Seiferman and Commissioner Estlinbaum to serve on the Matagorda County Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

16. Consideration and possible action to update the Prosperity Bank Signature Credit Card for Matagorda County to include Judge Bobby Seiferman as an authorized user

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to update the Prosperity Bank Signature Credit Card for Matagorda County to include Judge Bobby Seiferman as an authorized user. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

17. Consideration and possible action regarding the designation of three members and three alternates from the prior year Grand Jury to serve on the Matagorda County Salary Grievance Committee for the year of 2023, pursuant to Section 152.014 and 152.015 of the Texas Local Government Code

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to designate three members and three alternates from the prior year Grand Jury to serve on the Matagorda County Salary Grievance Committee for the year of 2023, pursuant to Section 152.014 and 152.015 of the Texas Local Government Code. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

18. Consideration and possible action to approve the General and No Litigation Certificate between Matagorda County and Southeast Texas Housing Finance Corporation and authorize Judge Seiferman to sign

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 General and No Litigation Certificate between Matagorda County and Southeast Texas Housing Finance Corporation and authorize Judge Seiferman to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

19. Consideration and possible action to approve a Federal Excise Gas Exemption Certificate of State or Local Government for gas purchases from Sun Coast Resources, Inc. commencing January 1, 2023 expiring December 31, 2023, for Precinct #1 and #2 and authorize the County Judge to sign

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve a Federal Excise Gas Exemption Certificate of State or Local Government for gas purchases from Sun Coast Resources, Inc. commencing January 1, 2023 expiring December 31, 2023, for Precinct #1 and #2 and authorize the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

20. Consideration and possible action to accept a Continuation Certificate Bond for Janice Hawthorne as Matagorda County District Clerk

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to accept a Continuation Certificate Bond for Janice Hawthorne as Matagorda County District Clerk. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

21. Consideration and possible action to declare the following vehicle as salvage and authorize to be sold at Auction: 2015 Dodge Ram P/U VIN #1C6RR7XT2FS557292 LP #118-2069. Proceeds to be placed in 010-55700-56

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to declare the following vehicle as salvage and authorize to be sold at Auction: 2015 Dodge Ram P/U VIN #1C6RR7XT2FS557292 LP #118-2069. Proceeds to be placed in 010-55700-56. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

22. Consideration and possible action to approve a Right of Way Easement Application, Track 4, Lot 1, Block 6 in Bay City, Texas submitted by Doris Moberly

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve a Right of Way Easement Application, Track 4, Lot 1, Block 6 in Bay City, Texas submitted by Doris Moberly. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

23. Consideration and possible action to approve a Right of Way Easement Application, Track 2, Lot 6, Block 6 in Bay City, Texas submitted by Travis Knezek

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve a Right of Way Easement Application, Track 2, Lot 6, Block 6 in Bay City, Texas submitted by Travis Knezek. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

24. Consideration and possible action to approve a Right of Way Easement Application, Track 3, Lot 3, Block 5 in Bay City, Texas submitted by James Mazander

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to approve a Right of Way Easement Application, Track 3, Lot 3, Block 5 in Bay City, Texas submitted by James Mazander. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

25. Consideration and possible action to approve a Right of Way Easement Application, Track 1, Lot 4, Block 5, in Bay City, Texas submitted by Richard Budd

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve a Right of Way Easement Application, Track 1, Lot 4, Block 5, in Bay City, Texas submitted by Richard Budd. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

26. Consideration and possible action to enroll Matagorda County employees into the Texas Association of Counties Cybersecurity Course

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to enroll Matagorda County employees into the Texas Association of Counties Cybersecurity Course. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

27. Consideration and possible action to approve a Contract between Matagorda County and Friends of Elder Citizens, Inc. FY 2023 and authorize Judge Seiferman to sign

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 a Contract between Matagorda County and Friends of Elder Citizens, Inc. FY 2023 and authorize Judge Seiferman to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

28. Consideration and possible action to approve a Contract between Matagorda County and Bay City Volunteer Fire Department FY 2023 and authorize Judge Seiferman to sign

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge Seiferman and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve a Contract between Matagorda County and Bay City Volunteer Fire Department FY 2023 and authorize Judge Seiferman to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

29. Consideration and possible action to approve a Contract between Matagorda County and West Matagorda County 4-H Shooting Sports and authorize Judge Seiferman to sign

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 a Contract between Matagorda County and West Matagorda County 4-H Shooting Sports and authorize Judge Seiferman to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

30. Consideration and possible action to approve a Contract Amendment between Matagorda County and STW, Inc. (also known as Opengov.com, Inc.) and authorize the County Judge to sign

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve Commissioner's Court Minutes for December 30, 2022 and January 1, 2023. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

31. Consideration and possible action to approve the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification for the Matagorda County Sheriff's Office with the Department of Justice and Department of the Treasury authorizing Judge Bobby Seiferman and Sheriff Frank "Skipper" Osborne 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 Commissioner's Court Minutes for December 30, 2022 and January 1, 2023. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

32. Consideration and possible action to approve Sheriff Office – Support Services Sergeant job description for class 1707

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 December 30, 2022 and January 1, 2023. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

33. Consideration and possible action to approve the hiring of Rick Elliot for Precinct #2, Heavy Equipment Operator (Road and Bridge) at the starting rate of \$19.08, effective January 16, 2023

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve Commissioner's Court Minutes for December 30, 2022 and January 1, 2023. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

34. Consideration and possible action to approve the hiring of John Garza as a full-time jailer for Matagorda County Jail, at an hourly rate of \$21.74, due to his prior experience, effective January 6, 2023

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve Commissioner's Court Minutes for December 30, 2022 and January 1, 2023. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

35. Consideration and possible action authorizing Sheriff Frank "Skipper" Osborne to purchase two (2) 2023 Chevy Tahoes PPV fully equipped, totaling the amount of \$101,437.18 to be purchased through the State Buy Board from Lake Country Chevrolet in Jasper, Texas, with payment to be taken from 010-55700-560

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to approve Commissioner's Court Minutes for December 30, 2022 and January 1, 2023. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

36. Consideration and possible action to ratify the TXU Energy Contract Service Point Change Request Form

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge Seiferman and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to approve Commissioner's Court Minutes for December 30, 2022 and January 1, 2023. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

37. Consideration and possible action regarding the award of Bid #2022-0002 Road Materials and Bid #2022-0003 Road Construction with Equipment for FY 2023 and authorize the County Judge to sign Contracts for the same

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 December 30, 2022 and January 1, 2023. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

38. Consideration and possible action regarding the award of Bid #2022-0002 Road Materials and Bid #2022-0003 Road Construction with Equipment for FY 2023 and authorize the County Judge to sign Contracts for the same

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

39. 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 Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to approve Commissioner's Court Minutes for December 30, 2022 and January 1, 2023. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

40. Consideration and possible action to approve Invoices from the following Departments: District Clerk, Maintenance, Fairgrounds, Precinct #1, Precinct #2, Precinct #3, District Attorney and Sheriff's Office

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to approve Commissioner's Court Minutes for December 30, 2022 and January 1, 2023. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

41. Consideration and possible action to approve Matagorda County Treasurer's Office Monthly Report for November 2022

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 Commissioner's Court Minutes for December 30, 2022 and January 1, 2023. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

42. Consideration and possible action to approve the Matagorda County 2023 Investment Policy, effective January 1, 2023

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 December 30, 2022 and January 1, 2023. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

43. 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 Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to approve Commissioner's Court Minutes for December 30, 2022 and January 1, 2023. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

44. Consideration and possible action to ratify the Payment of Demand Checks for December 22, 2022 and December 30, 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 December 30, 2022 and January 1, 2023. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

45. 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 Cook, with all others concurring, to approve Commissioner's Court Minutes for December 30, 2022 and January 1, 2023. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

46. Consideration and possible action to approve Emergency Amendments


This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve Commissioner's Court Minutes for December 30, 2022 and January 1, 2023. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays


47. Adjournment

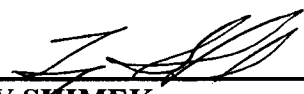
Motion was duly made at approximately 10:19 a.m. by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

Approved in Open Court, the 23rd day of January, 2023.


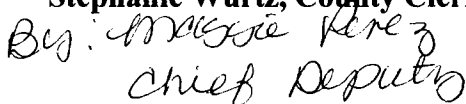

BOBBY SEIFERMAN
County Judge


EDWARD "BUBBA" COOK
Commissioner Precinct No. One


MIKE ESTLINBAUM
Commissioner Precinct No. Two


TROY SHIMEK
Commissioner Precinct No. Three


CHARLES "BUBBA" FRICK
Commissioner Precinct No. Four

ATTEST: 
Stephanie Wurtz, County Clerk
By: 
chief Deputy

