

MINUTES
MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING
MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300
1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414
9:30 A.M., MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023

Call to Order

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday, October 2, 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: Karla Lewis, Jennifer Chau, Skipper Osborne, Lisa Krobot, Amanda Campos, Mike Reddell, Chris Peikert, Becky Cook, Janice Hawthorne, Loretta Griffin, Crystal Morones, Sherry Williams, Denise Grisham, Rick DeLeon, Mike Ferdinand, Jessica Russell, Amanda Saha, Leeland Chandler, Lily Chandler, Mike Spillers, Tressa Leadford, Kelli Wright-Nelson, Erik Frankson, Darryl Morris, Alexandria Longoria and Stephanie Wurtz.

1. Certification of quorum

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Frick

3. Texas Pledge – Commissioner Frick

4. Prayer – Commissioner Shimek

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 September 25, 2023

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 September 25, 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 a Proclamation declaring October 1 – 7, 2023 as National 4-H Week in Matagorda County

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 a Proclamation declaring October 1 – 7, 2023 as National 4-H Week in Matagorda County. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

9. Consideration and possible action to approve a Proclamation declaring the month of October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Matagorda County

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 Proclamation declaring the month of October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Matagorda County. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

10. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution increasing the allowable compensation for Commissioners of the Palacios Seawall Commission in accordance with Section 9501.057 of the Texas Special District Local Laws Code

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 Resolution increasing the allowable compensation for Commissioners of the Palacios Seawall Commission in accordance with Section 9501.057 of the Texas Special District Local Laws Code. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

11. Consideration and possible action to appoint Judge Bobby Seiferman as Matagorda County Representative on the H-GAC Board of Directors and Mike Estlinbaum as alternate, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 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 appoint Judge Bobby Seiferman as Matagorda County Representative on the H-GAC Board of Directors and Mike Estlinbaum as alternate, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

12. Consideration and possible action to approve a Replat of the Southerly ½ of Lot 96 and the North 13' of Lot 97 to become Lots 1&2 and be called D'Vine Subdivision, Matagorda County, Texas

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 Replat of the Southerly ½ of Lot 96 and the North 13' of Lot 97 to become Lots 1&2 and be called D'Vine Subdivision, Matagorda County, Texas. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

13. Consideration and possible action to approve a Lease Agreement between Matagorda County, Harvest House and Matagorda County, related to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Community Resiliency Project (CRP) specific to Grant Project #70800001010 and authorize County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign

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 Lease Agreement between Matagorda County, Harvest House and Matagorda County, related to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Community Resiliency Project (CRP) specific to Grant Project #70800001010 and authorize County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

14. Consideration and possible action to approve a Janitorial Contract with Genoveva Zamora Garcia to clean the Matagorda County Transfer Station office & restroom once a week at a monthly rate of \$200.00 effective October 1, 2023 and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman 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 Janitorial Contract with Genoveva Zamora Garcia to clean the Matagorda County Transfer Station office & restroom once a week at a monthly rate of \$200.00 effective October 1, 2023 and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

15. Consideration and possible action to approve a raise in pay rate of the current Matagorda County Sheriff's Office Jailers from \$18.74 to \$21.74 effective October 2, 2023. This will affect the following employees who are currently at a pay rate less than \$21.74: Alexandria Barton, Ben Hernandez, Kandee Garza, Jimmy Danas, Connie Lamb, Adrian Ruiz, Hailey Toombs, Idalis Hidalgo, Christian Gonzales, Gabrielle Ramirez, Marvin Leverrett, Weldon May and Danielle Biskup

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to table approving a raise in pay rate of the current Matagorda County Sheriff's Office Jailers from \$18.74 to \$21.74 effective October 2, 2023. This will affect the following employees who are currently at a pay rate less than \$21.74: Alexandria Barton, Ben Hernandez, Kandee Garza, Jimmy Danas, Connie Lamb, Adrian Ruiz, Hailey Toombs, Idalis Hidalgo, Christian Gonzales, Gabrielle Ramirez, Marvin Leverrett, Weldon May and Danielle Biskup. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

16. Consideration and possible action to allow the publication and advertisement of the Jailer position with a base pay of \$21.74 per hour for the remainder of the 2023 fiscal year

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to table allowing the publication and advertisement of the Jailer position with a base pay of \$21.74 per hour for the remainder of the 2023 fiscal year. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

17. Consideration and possible action to approve an Agreement between Matagorda County and Texas Chile, Inc. pertaining to CDBG-DR Contract No. #20-065-123-C430, C&R District No. 1 Levee Pump Stations and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign

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 an Agreement between Matagorda County and Texas Chile, Inc. pertaining to CDBG-DR Contract No. #20-065-123-C430, C&R District No. 1 Levee Pump Stations and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

18. Consideration and possible action to approve a Lease Agreement between Matagorda County, Harvest House and Matagorda County, related to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Community Resiliency Project (CRP) specific to Grant Project #70800001010 and authorize County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign

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

19. Consideration and possible action to approve an Agreement between Matagorda County and McDonald Municipal & Industrial, pertaining to CDBG-DR Contract No. #20-065-123-C430, Emergency Generators and allow County Judge Bobby 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 an Agreement between Matagorda County and McDonald Municipal & Industrial, pertaining to CDBG-DR Contract No. #20-065-123-C430, Emergency Generators and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

20. Consideration and possible action to authorize the submission of a Grant Application to the Solid Waste Management Grant Program and authorize County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign all related documents

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to authorize the submission of a Grant Application to the Solid Waste Management Grant Program and authorize County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign all related documents. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

21. Consideration and possible action to approve a Vendor Contract Addendum between Matagorda County and Anchor QEA, previously approved on September 25, 2023, and authorize County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign all related documents

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 Vendor Contract Addendum between Matagorda County and Anchor QEA, previously approved on September 25, 2023, and authorize County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign all related documents. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

22. Consideration and possible action to accept a contribution in the amount of \$2,000.00 from Chevron Phillips Chemical Co. LP for expenses toward the Matagorda County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event to be held October 14, 2023

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to accept a contribution in the amount of \$2,000.00 from Chevron Phillips Chemical Co. LP for expenses toward the Matagorda County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event to be held October 14, 2023. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

23. Consideration and possible action to approve Invoices from the following Departments: Precinct #1, Precinct #2, Sheriff's Department and District Attorney

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 Invoices from the following Departments: Precinct #1, Precinct #2, Sheriff's Department and District Attorney. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

24. Consideration and possible action to approve Payment of Bills

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

25. Consideration and possible action to approve Line Item Transfers

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 Line Item Transfers. 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 Frick and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to approve Emergency Amendments. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

27. Meet in Executive Session:

Under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the County in an executive session concerning pending litigation, contemplated litigation or settlement offers

Under Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the Governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter

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

Under Section 551.087 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 is conducting economic development negotiations

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 10:38 a.m. by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to meet in Executive Session:

Under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the County in an executive session concerning pending litigation, contemplated litigation or settlement offers

Under Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the Governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter

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

Under Section 551.087 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 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 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the County in an executive session concerning pending litigation, contemplated litigation or settlement offers

Under Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the Governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter

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Under Section 551.087 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 is conducting economic development negotiations

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 11:52 a.m. by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to Reconvene open session:

Under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the County in an executive session concerning pending litigation, contemplated litigation or settlement offers

Under Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the Governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter

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

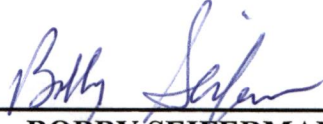
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Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays


29. Adjournment

Motion was duly made at approximately 11:54 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 9th day of October, 2023.




BOBBY SEIFERMAN
County Judge




EDWARD "BUBBA" COOK
Commissioner Precinct No. One



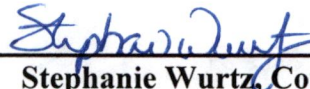
MIKE ESTLINBAUM
Commissioner Precinct No. Two



TROY SHIMEK
Commissioner Precinct No. Three



CHARLES "BUBBA" FRICK
Commissioner Precinct No. Four

ATTEST: 

Stephanie Wurtz, County Clerk

