

MINUTES
MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING
MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300
1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414
9:30 A.M., MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

Call to Order

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday, September 16, 2019, 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: Denise Fortenberry, Karla Lewis, Chris Peikert, Skipper Osborne, Michael Ferdinand, Heath Manchester, Aaron Sumrall, Jimmy Galvan, Mike Reddell, Steven Johnson and Stephanie Wurtz.

1. Certification of quorum

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Graham

3. Texas Pledge – Commissioner Graham

4. Prayer – Commissioner Frick

5. Consideration and possible action regarding approving Commissioner's Court Minutes for September 9, 2019

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 Commissioner's Court Minutes for September 16, 2019. 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, motion was duly made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve three contracts for the use of Matagorda County Fairgrounds facilities. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

7. Consideration and possible action to accept a Contribution of a \$150.00 Gift Card from Walmart, to be used for expenses toward the Matagorda County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event to be held on October 19, 2019

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to accept a Contribution of a \$150.00 Gift Card from Walmart, to be used for expenses toward the Matagorda County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event to be held on October 19, 2019. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

8. Consideration and possible action to authorize Aaron Sumrall, County Extension Agent, to submit the Feral Hog Eradication Grant for renewal

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to authorize Aaron Sumrall, County Extension Agent, to submit the Feral Hog Eradication Grant for renewal. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

9. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution nominating a Matagorda County Representative to be placed on the Official Ballot for the Matagorda County Appraisal District Board of Directors

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 a Resolution nominating a Matagorda County Representative to be placed on the Official Ballot for the Matagorda County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

10. Consideration and possible action to accept the Letters of Agreements between Matagorda County and the following entities: Markham VFD and Blessing VFD, to assume the responsibilities as outlined in the Matagorda County Emergency Management Plan

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to accept the Letters of Agreements between Matagorda County and the following entities: Markham VFD and Blessing VFD, to assume the responsibilities as outlined in the Matagorda County Emergency Management Plan. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

11. Consideration and possible action to begin the review process of Lodestar Energy Tax Group Tax Abatement Application and to accept the Application fee attached

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to begin the review process of Lodestar Energy Tax Group Tax Abatement Application and to accept the Application fee attached. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

12. Consideration and possible action to approve the setting and publishing of a Public Hearing concerning the establishment of a Reinvestment Zone for Tax Abatement purposes on September 30, 2019 at 9:45 A.M. upon the request of Lodestar Energy Group

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to approve the setting and publishing of a Public Hearing concerning the establishment of a Reinvestment Zone for Tax Abatement purposes on September 30, 2019 at 9:45 A.M. upon the request of Lodestar Energy Group. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

13. Consideration and possible action to approve a Credit Application for Gulf Coast Hardware, LLC dba Ace Hardware, to authorize Matagorda County Sheriff's Office to purchase hardware, tools, etc.

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve a Credit Application for Gulf Coast Hardware, LLC dba Ace Hardware, to authorize Matagorda County Sheriff's Office to purchase hardware, tools, etc.. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

14. Consideration and possible action to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Matagorda County and City of Palacios regarding the County's contribution of \$35,000, to assist in additional parking at the Palacios Pavilion, and allow 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 an Interlocal Agreement between Matagorda County and City of Palacios regarding the County's contribution of \$35,000, to assist in additional parking at the Palacios Pavilion, and allow the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

15. Consideration and possible action to approve Monthly Reports from various County Departments

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to approve Monthly Reports from various County Departments. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

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

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

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

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

19. 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 deliberation of contract being negotiated

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 is conducting economic development negotiations

Under Section 551.076 of the Texas Government Code to discuss or deliberate regarding security devices or audits

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 10:03 a.m. by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Frick, 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 deliberation of contract being negotiated

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 is conducting economic development negotiations

Under Section 551.076 of the Texas Government Code to discuss or deliberate regarding security devices or audits

Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

20. **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 deliberation of contract being negotiated**
- 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 is conducting economic development negotiations**
- Under Section 551.076 of the Texas Government Code to discuss or deliberate regarding security devices or audits**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 10:53 a.m. by Commissioner Graham 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 deliberation of contract being negotiated

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 is conducting economic development negotiations

Under Section 551.076 of the Texas Government Code to discuss or deliberate regarding security devices or audits

Motion was duly made by Commissioner Graham, and seconded by Commissioner Frick, to authorize the County Judge to sign a Security Proposal for an upgrade to the current security system through Guardian Security and pay from Fund 18 Security. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

21. **Public Comments**

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

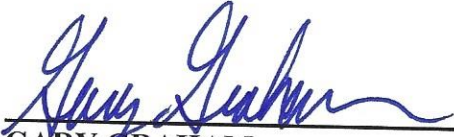
22. **Adjournment**

Motion was duly made at approximately 10:55 a.m. by Commissioner Graham 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 September, 2019.



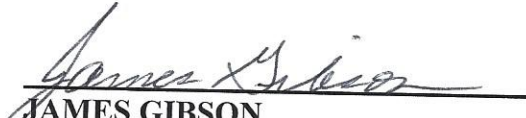
NATE McDONALD
County Judge



GARY GRAHAM
Commissioner Precinct No. One



KENT POLLARD
Commissioner Precinct No. Two
Judge Pro Tem

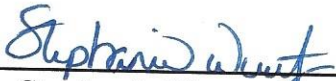


JAMES GIBSON
Commissioner Precinct No. Three



CHARLES "BUBBA" FRICK
Commissioner Precinct No. Four

ATTEST:



Stephanie Wurtz, County Clerk

