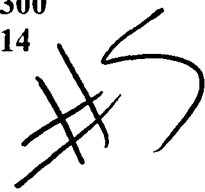


MINUTES
MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING
MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300
1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414
9:30 A.M., MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2022



Call to Order

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday, October 3, 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, Jennifer Chau, Lisa Krobot, George Deshotels, Amy Kubecka, Ty Kubecka, Ansley Kubecka, Denise Grisham, Joshua Jones, Chris Hadash, Becky Cook, Mike Estlinbaum, Bobby Seiferman, Mike Reddell, Kelli Wright-Nelson, Brittany Matthews, Amber England, Amairani Garcia, Skipper Osborne, Tressa Leadford, Janice Hawthorne, Doug Matthes, Mike Spillers, 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 September 26, 2022

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 September 26, 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 a Proclamation proclaiming October 2-8, 2022 as National 4-H Week

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 a Proclamation proclaiming October 2-8, 2022 as National 4-H Week. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

8. Consideration and possible action to approve a Proclamation pertaining to the installation of Pastor Climon L. Hall to the Mother Zion Missionary Baptist Church

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 a Proclamation pertaining to the installation of Pastor Climon L. Hall to the Mother Zion Missionary Baptist Church. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

9. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application Number 3186308 Operation Stonegarden Grant, applying to the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security

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 3186308 Operation Stonegarden Grant, applying to the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

10. Consideration and possible action to update the following designees from each agency and presiding officers to the Matagorda County Sexual Assault Response Team:

- Bay City Police Department Designee: Sgt. Chris Hadash
- Palacios Police Department Designee: Lt. Josh Jones

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to update the following designees from each agency and presiding officers to the Matagorda County Sexual Assault Response Team:

- Bay City Police Department Designee: Sgt. Chris Hadash
- Palacios Police Department Designee: Lt. Josh Jones

Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

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

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

12. Consideration and possible action to authorize the transfer of a 2008 Ford Ranger, VIN #1FTYR10U48PA19378, from Animal Control to Precinct #4

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to authorize the transfer of a 2008 Ford Ranger, VIN #1FTYR10U48PA19378, from Animal Control to Precinct #4. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

13. Consideration and possible action to donate surplus 2018 and 2019 Golf Cart Plates purchased by the County to the Bay City Police Department

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to donate surplus 2018 and 2019 Golf Cart Plates purchased by the County to the Bay City Police Department. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

14. Consideration and possible action to approve the promotion of Pam Dekle from Deputy Tax Assessor Collector – Property to Senior Deputy Tax Assessor Collector – Accounting with pay increase from \$15.68 to \$16.46, effective October 3, 2022 to replace Becky Sassman

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 promotion of Pam Dekle from Deputy Tax

Assessor Collector – Property to Senior Deputy Tax Assessor Collector – Accounting with pay increase from \$15.68 to \$16.46, effective October 3, 2022 to replace Becky Sassman. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

15. Consideration and possible action to authorize Commissioner Edward Cook to hire Benny Thompson in the position of Heavy Equipment Operator at a rate of \$15.00 per hour

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to authorize Commissioner Edward Cook to hire Benny Thompson in the position of Heavy Equipment Operator at a rate of \$15.00 per hour. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

16. Consideration and possible action to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the Region 8 Education Service Center and Matagorda County and authorize the County Judge to sign and submit all documents related to the Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) Program

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the Region 8 Education Service Center and Matagorda County and authorize the County Judge to sign and submit all documents related to the Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) Program. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

17. Consideration and possible action to approve a Letter of Support to the Matagorda County Bay Foundation to apply for a Grant to the National Marine Fisheries Service

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 Letter of Support to the Matagorda County Bay Foundation to apply for a Grant to the National Marine Fisheries Service. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

18. Consideration and possible action to approve the signing of a Certifications and Assurance Form by Precinct #6 Constable, Ricky Bort, certifying Matagorda County does not have a written policy, procedures or agreements that limits or impedes Department of Homeland Security issuance of detainers as required for grant compliance

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 signing of a Certifications and Assurance Form by Precinct #6 Constable, Ricky Bort, certifying Matagorda County does not have a written policy, procedures or agreements that limits or impedes Department of Homeland Security issuance of detainers as required for grant compliance. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

19. Consideration and possible action to approve an Application for Funds from Southeast Texas Housing Finance Corp. (SETH) in the amount of \$50,000.00 and authorize the County Judge to sign

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 an Application for Funds from Southeast Texas Housing Finance Corp. (SETH) in the amount of \$50,000.00 and authorize the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

20. 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 Frick and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve Monthly Reports from various County Departments. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

21. Consideration and possible action to approve Payment of Bills

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

22. 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 Real Property

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

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 10:34 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 Real Property

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

Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

39. 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 Real Property

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

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 12:01 p.m. by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, 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 Real Property

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

Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

40. Public Comments

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

41. Adjournment

Motion was duly made at approximately 12:03 p.m. by Commissioner Pollard 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 10th day of October, 2022.

Nate McDonald
NATE McDONALD
County Judge

Edward Cook
EDWARD "BUBBA" COOK
Commissioner Precinct No. One

Kent Pollard
KENT POLLARD
Commissioner Precinct No. Two

Troy Shimek
TROY SHIMEK
Commissioner Precinct No. Three

Charles "Bubba" Frick
CHARLES "BUBBA" FRICK
Commissioner Precinct No. Four

ATTEST: *Stephanie Wurtz*
Stephanie Wurtz, County Clerk



