

**MINUTES**  
**MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING**  
**MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300**  
**1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414**  
**9:30 A.M., MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2014**

**Call to Order**

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 2014 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: Sheriff Osborne, Cathy Ezell, Ruben Gonzales, Doug Matthes, Denise Fortenberry, Tammy McDonald, Barry Halvorson, Chris Peikert, D C Dunham, Carole Patrick, Haskell Simon, Harriet Townsend and Janet Hickl

**1. Certification of quorum**

County Judge McDonald certified a quorum in attendance with Commissioner Kent Pollard, Commissioner Woodson, Commissioner Pustka, and Commissioner Gibson.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Pollard**

**3. Texas Pledge – Commissioner Pollard**

**4. Prayer – Commissioner Pustka**

**5. Consideration and possible action regarding approving Commissioners Court Minutes for August 4, 2014**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Woodson and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to approve Commissioners Court Minutes for August 4, 2014. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**6. Consideration and possible action regarding contracts for the use of the Matagorda County Fairground facilities**

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

**7. Consideration and possible action to approve an Application to Cross County Road by Air Liquide Large Industries U.S. LP, to lay a 10 inch syngas pipeline>5' under County Road 225 (Cobb Road), Precinct #2, Matagorda County, Texas**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to approve an Application to Cross County Road by Air Liquide Large Industries U.S. LP, to lay a 10 inch syngas pipeline>5' under County Road 225 (Cobb Road), Precinct #2, Matagorda County, Texas. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**8. Discussion followed by Consideration and possible action to approve an application by KEBO Oil and Gas Co. to lay a 4" steel gas line under and/or along County Road #433 (Scott Road) in Precinct #4, Matagorda County, Texas**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Woodson and seconded by Commissioner Pustka, with all others concurring, to approve an application by KEBO Oil and Gas Co. to lay a 4" steel gas line under and/or along County Road #433 (Scott Road) in Precinct #4, Matagorda County, Texas. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**9. Consideration and possible action to approve the 2015 Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees, with no change in amount of fees from 2014**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pustka and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to approve the 2015 Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees, with no change in amount of fees from 2014. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**10. Consideration and possible action to accept the Financial Assistance Award from the United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, in the amount of \$1,200,000.00, for water, sewer, and roadway improvements along TX 35, and authorize the County Judge to sign**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by County Judge McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to accept the Financial Assistance Award from the United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, in the amount of \$1,200,000.00, for water, sewer, and roadway improvements along TX 35, and authorize the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**11. Consideration and possible action to discuss a Proposed tax rate for tax year 2014 for Matagorda County, and set 2 Public Hearings to discuss the 2014 Proposed Maintenance and Operation tax rate of .35384, and the 2014 Proposed Interest and Sinking tax rate of .00483 (for a total tax rate of .35867) and approve the Publishing of Notice of these 2 hearings. The hearings will be at 9:00 AM on Thursday, August 21, 2014 and at 9:45 AM on Monday, August 25, 2014 in the Matagorda County Commissioners Courtroom**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Pustka, with all others concurring, to discuss a Proposed tax rate for tax year 2014 for Matagorda County, and set 2 Public Hearings to discuss the 2014 Proposed Maintenance and Operation tax rate of .35384, and the 2014 Proposed Interest and Sinking tax rate of .00483 (for a total tax rate of .35867) and approve the Publishing of Notice of these 2 hearings. The hearings will be at 9:00 AM on Thursday, August 21, 2014 and at 9:45 AM on Monday, August 25, 2014 in the Matagorda County Commissioners Courtroom. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**12. Consideration and possible action to set a Public Hearing for August 25, 2014 at 9:55 AM in the Matagorda County Commissioners Courtroom to discuss the 2015 Matagorda County Budget, and to publish notice o the Public Hearing**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pustka and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to set a Public Hearing for August 25, 2014 at 9:55 AM in the Matagorda County Commissioners Courtroom to discuss the 2015 Matagorda County Budget, and to publish notice o the Public Hearing. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**13. Consideration and possible action to set September 08, 2014 at 9:45 AM as the date and time to adopt the 2014 Proposed Maintenance and Operation tax rate of .35384, and the 2014 Proposed Interest and Sinking tax rate of .00483, making the total tax rate of .35867**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to set September 08, 2014 at 9:45 AM as the date and time to adopt the 2014 Proposed Maintenance and Operation tax rate of .35384, and the 2014 Proposed Interest and Sinking tax rate of .00483, making the total tax rate of .35867. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

14. **Consideration and possible action to approve Payment of Bills**

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

15. **Consideration and possible action to approve Line Item Transfers**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pustka and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to approve Line Item Transfers. Motion carried.  
Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

16. **Consideration and possible action to approve Emergency Amendments**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to approve Emergency Amendments. Motion carried.  
Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

17. **Public Comments**


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

18. **Adjournment**


Motion was duly made at approximately 9:56 a.m. by Commissioner Pustka and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.  
Vote 5 ayes 0 nays


Approved in Open Court, this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.

  
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NATE McDONALD,  
County Judge

  
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DANIEL PUSTKA, Judge Pro Tem  
Commissioner Precinct No. One

  
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KENT POLLARD,  
Commissioner Precinct No. Two

  
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JAMES GIBSON,  
Commissioner Precinct No. Three

  
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DAVID "WOODY" WOODSON,  
Commissioner Precinct No. Four

ATTEST:   
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Janet Hickl, County Clerk

