

**MINUTES**  
**MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING**  
**MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300**  
**1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414**  
**9:30 A.M., MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2021**

**Call to Order**

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday, April 26, 2021, 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, Tressa Leadford, Loretta Griffin, Mike Reddell, Amanda Campos, Skipper Osborne, Jimmy Galvan, Kat Samuel, Jeff McCulloch, William Tucker, Mark Ratliff, Jennifer Lord, 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 April 19, 2021**

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 April 19, 2021. 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 Cook and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve one contract for the use of Matagorda County Fairgrounds facilities. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**7. Consideration and possible action to approve a Proclamation to declare the month of May 2021 as Stop the Bleed 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 to declare the month of May 2021 as Stop the Bleed Month in Matagorda County. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**8. Consideration and possible action to accept a contribution in the amount of \$2,000.00 from Celanese for expenses toward the Matagorda County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event to be held on October 9, 2021**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to accept a contribution in the amount of \$2,000.00 from Celanese for expenses toward the Matagorda County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event to be held on October 9, 2021. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**9. Consideration and possible action to approve an extension of the Matagorda County Declaration of Disaster for COVID-19 beginning on April 26, 2021 and ending on May 24, 2021**

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 extension of the Matagorda County Declaration of Disaster for COVID-19 beginning on April 26, 2021 and ending on May 24, 2021. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**10. Consideration and possible action to revise the start date of Paige Zbranek's transfer from Dispatcher to Sheriff's Office ID Clerk, fro, 04/05/2021 to 05/03/2021, due to training a new Dispatcher and continue hourly pay of \$15.75 until 05/03/2021**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to revise the start date of Paige Zbranek's transfer from Dispatcher to Sheriff's Office ID Clerk, fro, 04/05/2021 to 05/03/2021, due to training a new Dispatcher and continue hourly pay of \$15.75 until 05/03/2021. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**11. Consideration and possible action to approve the purchase of a used 1999 International 2 ½ ton Rescue Truck VIN #1HTSMABK8XH5821 for use by the Sargent Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$13,000.00**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve the purchase of a used 1999 International 2 ½ ton Rescue Truck VIN #1HTSMABK8XH5821 for use by the Sargent Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$13,000.00. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**12. Consideration and possible action to approve the Matagorda County Interlocal Agreement for Matagorda County Palacios Seawall to provide Investment Services for January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021, and allow County Judge Nate McDonald 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 the Matagorda County Interlocal Agreement for Matagorda County Palacios Seawall to provide Investment Services for January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021, and allow County Judge Nate McDonald to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**13. Consideration and possible action to approve the repair/refurbish of the Gold Medal Safety padding in the Matagorda County Jail Padded Cells through Cornerstone Detention Service & Supply, for the cost of \$16,794.00, out of the Sheriff's Department Commissary Budget**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve the repair/refurbish of the Gold Medal Safety padding in the Matagorda County Jail Padded Cells through Cornerstone Detention Service & Supply, for the cost of \$16,794.00, out of the Sheriff's Department Commissary Budget. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**14. Consideration and possible action to approve an order authorizing Matagorda County Attorney, Jennifer Kim Chau, to file suit to abate against Jeffrey McCulloch, who has caused, permitted, or allowed a nuisance condition on, or has an interest in, the property upon which the offending condition exists. The County Attorney shall bring any issues relating to the expenditure of funds back to the court, as needed, for approval**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve an order authorizing Matagorda County Attorney, Jennifer Kim Chau, to file suit to abate against Jeffrey McCulloch, who has caused, permitted, or allowed a nuisance condition on, or has an interest in, the property upon which the offending condition exists. The County Attorney shall bring any issues relating to the expenditure of funds back to the court, as needed, for approval. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**15. Consideration and possible action to approve an estimate for the County to abate a nuisance and authorize the Matagorda County Attorney, Jennifer Kim Chau, to file an assessment lien against property owner, Jeffrey McCulloch, who has caused, permitted, or allowed a nuisance condition on, or has an interest in, the property upon which the offending condition exists**

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 estimate for the County to abate a nuisance and authorize the Matagorda County Attorney, Jennifer Kim Chau, to file an assessment lien against property owner, Jeffrey McCulloch, who has caused, permitted, or allowed a nuisance condition on, or has an interest in, the property upon which the offending condition exists. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**16. Consideration and possible action to approve Invoices from the following Departments: Precinct #1, Precinct #2, Precinct #3, Precinct #4, Justice of the Peace #6 and Matagorda County Sheriff's Department**

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 Invoices from the following Departments: Precinct #1, Precinct #2, Precinct #3, Precinct #4, Justice of the Peace #6 and Matagorda County Sheriff's Department. 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 Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve Line Item Transfers. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**18. 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 Cook, with all others concurring, to approve Payment of Demand Checks. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**19. 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 Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve Emergency Amendments. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**20. Meet in Executive Session:**

**Under section 551.086 of the Texas Government Code to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial**

**or financial information 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 10:14 a.m. by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to meet in Executive Session:

Under section 551.086 of the Texas Government Code to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information 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

**21. Reconvene open session and consider taking action on the matters discussed in Executive Session:**

**Under section 551.086 of the Texas Government Code to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information 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 10:40 a.m. by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to Reconvene open session:

Under section 551.086 of the Texas Government Code to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information 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 was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to enter into a Non-Disclosure Agreement in regards to Project Helix and allow Judge Nate McDonald to sign on behalf of the Court. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**22. Public Comments**

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

**23. Adjournment**

Motion was duly made at approximately 10:53 a.m. by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

Approved in Open Court, the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2021.

*Absent*

**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

