

**MINUTES**  
**MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING**  
**MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300**  
**1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414**  
**9:30 A.M., MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2020**

**Call to Order**

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday, June 1, 2020, 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, Kristen Kubecka, Skipper Osborne, Lisa Krobot, Chris Peikert, Doug Matthes, Loretta Griffin, Bubba Cook, Mike Ferdinand, Jessica Russell, Tressa Leadford, Mike Reddell, Mitch Thames, Bill Orton, Crystal Morones 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 Gibson**

**3. Texas Pledge – Commissioner Gibson**

**4. Prayer – Commissioner Graham**

**5. Consideration and possible action regarding approving Commissioner's Court Minutes for May 21, 2020**

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 Commissioner's Court Minutes for May 21, 2020. 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 a contract with the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Exposition for use of the Matagorda County Fairgrounds facilities. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**7. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing Matagorda County to participate in the State of Texas Beach Cleaning Program and grant Commissioner Pollard full authority to act for purposes of the program**

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 a Resolution authorizing Matagorda County to participate in the State of Texas Beach Cleaning Program and grant Commissioner Pollard full authority to act for purposes of the program. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays



**8. Consideration and possible action to allow the IT department to purchase 2 computers from Daktech in the amount of \$1,330.00 and 14 software licenses from CDWG for \$3,308.74, with the total amount of \$4,638.74. Funds will be taken out of the Justice of the Peace Fund 19-53300-460**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to allow the IT department to purchase 2 computers from Daktech in the amount of \$1,330.00 and 14 software licenses from CDWG for \$3,308.74, with the total amount of \$4,638.74. Funds will be taken out of the Justice of the Peace Fund 19-53300-460. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**9. Consideration and possible action to approve an increase to Cris Cruz Salary as Sanitation Inspector from \$14.89 an hour, Pay Group 13, to \$15.25 an hour, Pay Group 13 in the Matagorda County Environmental Health Department. This salary is within the budget. Effective June 1, 2020**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to approve an increase to Cris Cruz Salary as Sanitation Inspector from \$14.89 an hour, Pay Group 13, to \$15.25 an hour, Pay Group 13 in the Matagorda County Environmental Health Department. This salary is within the budget. Effective June 1, 2020. Motion carried. Vote 3 ayes 2 nays from Judge McDonald and Commissioner Gibson

**10. Consideration and possible action to allow Brian Moudy to transfer from Floodplain Administration at the rate of \$17.63 an hour, Pay Group 13 to Sanitation Inspector at the rate of \$15.25 an hour, pay Group 13 in the Matagorda County Environmental Health Department. This salary is within the budget. Effective June 1, 2020**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Graham, with all others concurring, to allow Brian Moudy to transfer from Floodplain Administration at the rate of \$17.63 an hour, Pay Group 13 to Sanitation Inspector at the rate of \$15.25 an hour, pay Group 13 in the Matagorda County Environmental Health Department. This salary is within the budget. Effective June 1, 2020. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 1 nay from Judge McDonald

**11. Consideration and possible action to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Contract for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, DR-4332-164, Matagorda County Generator Project between Matagorda County and John D. Mercer & Associates, Inc.**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Graham, with all others concurring, to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Contract for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, DR-4332-164, Matagorda County Generator Project between Matagorda County and John D. Mercer & Associates, Inc. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**12. Consideration and possible action to accept Easton Energy's Tax Abatement Application and \$1,000.00 fee for review and negotiation**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Graham, with all others concurring, to accept Easton Energy's Tax Abatement Application and \$1,000.00 fee for review and negotiation. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**13. Consideration and possible action to accept Certificate of Liability Insurance for Trico Tower Services**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to accept Certificate of Liability Insurance for Trico Tower Services. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays



**14. Consideration and possible action to approve a Digital Device Policy and Request Form**

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 Digital Device Policy and Request Form. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**15. Consideration and possible action to authorize Chris Peikert to sign up with FirstNet to be paid out of 010-54200-510 (County Courthouse & Buildings – Telephone), order seventy-five necessary phones with accessories for all eligible County Employees, and manage the FirstNet account**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to authorize Chris Peikert to sign up with FirstNet to be paid out of 010-54200-510 (County Courthouse & Buildings – Telephone), order seventy-five necessary phones with accessories for all eligible County Employees, and manage the FirstNet account. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**16. Consideration and possible action to designate Chris Peikert as the Administrator over Apple Business Management and grant permission to accept Apple's terms and conditions**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to designate Chris Peikert as the Administrator over Apple Business Management and grant permission to accept Apple's terms and conditions. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**17. Consideration and possible action to approve a Contract with Smarsh and authorize Chris Peikert to register the FirstNet phones for archiving purposes**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to approve a Contract with Smarsh and authorize Chris Peikert to register the FirstNet phones for archiving purposes. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**18. Consideration and possible action to approve the Contract Agreement between Matagorda County Sheriff's Office and Strauss Systems Inc.**

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 the Contract Agreement between Matagorda County Sheriff's Office and Strauss Systems Inc. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**19. Consideration and possible action to allow the Matagorda County Sheriff's Office to accept a Donation from Alvin Police Department for a 2014 Ford Explorer VIN#1FM5K8AR7EGA09350 K-9 package**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to allow the Matagorda County Sheriff's Office to accept a Donation from Alvin Police Department for a 2014 Ford Explorer VIN#1FM5K8AR7EGA09350 K-9 package. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**20. Consideration and possible action to approve the Matagorda County Interlocal Agreement for Matagorda County Palacios Seawall District to provide Investment Services for January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020 and allow the County Judge to sign**

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 the Matagorda County Interlocal Agreement for Matagorda County Palacios Seawall District to provide Investment Services for January 1, 2020 – December 31,



2020 and allow the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**21. Consideration and possible action to approve the 2020 Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Cares Act Sub-Grant to Texas Counties, and allow the County Judge to Docu-sign**

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 the 2020 Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Cares Act Sub-Grant to Texas Counties, and allow the County Judge to Docu-sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**22. Consideration and possible action to approve Matagorda County Treasurer's Office Monthly Investment Report for April 2020**

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 Matagorda County Treasurer's Office Monthly Investment Report for April 2020. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**23. Consideration and possible action to approve Matagorda County Treasurer's Office Quarterly Investment Report for 1st Quarter 2020**

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 Matagorda County Treasurer's Office Quarterly Investment Report for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**24. Consideration and possible action to ratify Payment of Bills from May 22, 2020**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to ratify Payment of Bills from May 22, 2020. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**25. 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

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

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 Emergency Amendments. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**27. Meet in Executive Session:**

**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**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 10:48 a.m. by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to meet in Executive Session:

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

Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

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

**Under section 551.074(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**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 11:50 a.m. by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to Reconvene open session:

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

Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

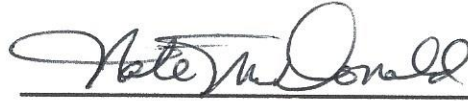
**29. Public Comments**

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

**30. Adjournment**

Motion was duly made at approximately 11:51 a.m. by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

Approved in Open Court, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.



**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

