

MINUTES
MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING
MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300
1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414
9:30 A.M., MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020

Call to Order

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday, October 5, 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, Robert Thompson, Cristyn Hallmark, Loretta Griffin, Rebekah Whitemarsh, Ashleigh Henderson, Robert Nelson, Shawna Burkhart, Bubba Cook, Allison Coleman, Sherry Mayfield, Stephen Logan, Cindy Tennant, Mike Ferdinand, Max Cruz, Jessica Shepherd, Jessica Russell 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 Frick

3. Texas Pledge – Commissioner Frick

4. Prayer – Commissioner Pollard

5. Consideration and possible action regarding approving Commissioner's Court Minutes for September 28, 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 the Commissioner's Court Minutes for September 28, 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, no action required.

7. Presentation by Ryan Simper (TxDOT) and Shawna Burkhart (City of Bay City) regarding potential traffic flow improvements

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

8. Consideration and possible action to approve a Proclamation declaring 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 declaring October as Domestic

Violence Awareness Month in Matagorda County. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

9. Consideration and possible action to approve the 2020 County Boat Agent Agreement between the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and the Matagorda County Tax Assessor-Collector (Agent)

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 County Boat Agent Agreement between the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and the Matagorda County Tax Assessor-Collector (Agent). Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

10. Consideration and possible action to approve the Contract Agreement between Matagorda County and Friends of Elder Citizens, Inc. FY 2021

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Graham, with all others concurring, to approve the Contract Agreement between Matagorda County and Friends of Elder Citizens, Inc. FY 2021. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

11. Public Hearing at 9:45 a.m. to consider the adoption of updated Animal Regulations by Matagorda County, Texas

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to enter Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. regarding the adoption of updated Animal Regulations by Matagorda County, Texas. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

At 10:21 a.m., motion was duly made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to enter back into regular session of Commissioners Court. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

12. Consideration and possible action to adopt Matagorda County Animal Regulations

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to adopt Matagorda County Animal Regulations. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

13. 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 Gibson, with all others concurring, to approve Monthly Reports from various County Departments. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

14. Consideration and possible action to approve Matagorda County Treasurer's Office Monthly Investment Report for August 2020

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

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

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 Payment of Demand Checks. 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 Graham and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve Emergency Amendments. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

17. 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 pending litigation, contemplated litigation, or settlement offers

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 10:27 a.m. by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, 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 pending litigation, contemplated litigation, or settlement offers

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

20. 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 pending litigation, contemplated litigation, or settlement offers

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 11:14 a.m. by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, 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 pending litigation, contemplated litigation, or settlement offers

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. **Public Comments**

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


22. **Adjournment**

Motion was duly made at approximately 11:15 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 12th day of October, 2020.



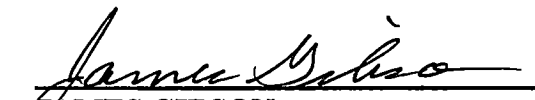
NATE McDONALD
County Judge



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

