

MINUTES
MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING
MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300
1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414
9:30 A.M., MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

Call to Order

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday, September 25, 2023, in the Matagorda County Commissioner's Courtroom, located on the Third Floor, 1700 Seventh Street, Room 300, Bay City, Texas, with County Judge Seiferman presiding.

Others present were as follows: Karla Smith, Lisa Krobot, Ashley Brooking, Mike Reddell, Doug Matthes, Jennifer Chau, Loretta Griffin, Erik Frankson, Rick DeLeon, Mike Ferdinand, Jessica Russell, Scott Mason, Crystal Morones, Clarissa Martinez, Mike Spillers, Eric Scheibe, Vick Evret, Alexandria Longoria and Lesley Scardami.

1. Certification of quorum

County Judge Seiferman certified a quorum in person with Commissioner Cook, Commissioner Estlinbaum, Commissioner Shimek and Commissioner Frick.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Cook

3. Texas Pledge – Commissioner Cook

4. Prayer – Commissioner Frick

5. Public Comments

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

6. Consideration and possible action regarding approving Commissioner's Court Minutes for September 18, 2023

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 18, 2023. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

7. 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.

8. Consideration and possible action to approve the Board Appointment of Jerome Vacek, replacing David Bradley, to the Drainage District #2 Board to complete the term ending on February 14, 2024

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 Board Appointment of Jerome Vacek, replacing David Bradley, to the Drainage District #2 Board to complete the term ending on February 14, 2024. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

9. Consideration and possible action to approve the hiring of Bobbie Jackson as a full time ID Clerk for Matagorda County Sheriff's Office at a rate of \$15.11, due to her prior experience, effective 09/27/2023

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 the hiring of Bobbie Jackson as a full time ID Clerk for Matagorda County Sheriff's Office at a rate of \$15.11, due to her prior experience, effective 09/27/2023. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

10. Consideration and possible action to accept a contribution in the amount of \$11,000.00 from the City of Bay City for expenses toward Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc. and Liberty Tires for the Matagorda County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event to be held October 14, 2023

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to accept a contribution in the amount of \$11,000.00 from the City of Bay City for expenses toward Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc. and Liberty Tires for the Matagorda County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event to be held October 14, 2023. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

11. Consideration and possible action to approve paying Benjamin Malone for half of the bid amount of \$4,694.63 to begin work on the fence at the Matagorda County Transfer Station and the remainder of the payment upon completion

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 paying Benjamin Malone for half of the bid amount of \$4,694.63 to begin work on the fence at the Matagorda County Transfer Station and the remainder of the payment upon completion. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

12. Consideration and possible action to approve a Federal Excise Tax Exemption Certificate from U.S. Bank Voyager Fleet Cards for fuel purchases for the Matagorda County Sheriff's Department, covering January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, and authorize County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign

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 a Federal Excise Tax Exemption Certificate from U.S. Bank Voyager Fleet Cards for fuel purchases for the Matagorda County Sheriff's Department, covering January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, and authorize County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

13. Consideration and possible action to allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign the new vendor account application for Moridge Manufacturing, Inc. for Precinct #2

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign the new vendor account application for Moridge Manufacturing, Inc. for Precinct #2. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

14. Consideration and possible action to approve a Firefighting Agreement FY 2023 between Matagorda County and Collegeport Volunteer Fire Department

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to approve a Firefighting Agreement FY 2023 between Matagorda County and Collegeport Volunteer Fire Department. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

15. Consideration and possible action to enter into an Agreement with UTMB for Forensic Medical Examination Services for the Fiscal Years of 2024 and 2025 and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman 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 enter into an Agreement with UTMB for Forensic Medical Examination Services for the Fiscal Years of 2024 and 2025 and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

16. Consideration and possible action to implement the Matagorda County Public Information Act Policy as Amended – September 25, 2023

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to implement the Matagorda County Public Information Act Policy as Amended – September 25, 2023. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

17. Consideration and possible action to authorize County Judge Bobby Seiferman to extend a Declaration of Disaster for Matagorda County due to drought conditions

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to authorize County Judge Bobby Seiferman to extend a Declaration of Disaster for Matagorda County due to drought conditions. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

18. Consideration and possible action to approve an Agreement between Matagorda County and the Matagorda Volunteer Fire Department pertaining to the purchase of a Munson Boat, utilizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, and authorize the County Judge to sign

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge Seiferman and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve an Agreement between Matagorda County and the Matagorda Volunteer Fire Department pertaining to the purchase of a Munson Boat, utilizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, and authorize the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

19. Consideration and possible action to authorize the submission of a Grant Application to the Texas Coastal Management Program (CMP) and authorize the County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign all related documents

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to authorize the submission of a Grant Application to the Texas Coastal Management Program (CMP) and authorize the County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign all related documents. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

20. Consideration and possible action to approve an Amended Land Use Restriction Agreement between Matagorda County, Harvest House, Church of Christ and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs related to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TD HCA) Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Community Resiliency Project (CRP) specific to Grant Project #70800001010 and authorize County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign

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 an Amended Land Use Restriction Agreement between Matagorda County, Harvest House, Church of Christ and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs related to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TD HCA) Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Community Resiliency Project (CRP) specific to Grant Project #70800001010 and authorize County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

21. Consideration and possible action to approve a Contract between Matagorda County and Anchor QEA, and authorize County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign all related documents, pending County Attorney's review and approval

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve a Contract between Matagorda County and Anchor QEA, and authorize County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign all related documents, pending County Attorney's review and approval. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

22. Consideration and possible action to approve Invoices from the following Departments: Precinct #1, Precinct #2 and Maintenance

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to approve Invoices from the following Departments: Precinct #1, Precinct #2 and Maintenance. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

23. Consideration and possible action to approve Matagorda County Treasurer's Office Monthly Investment Report for August 2023

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 Matagorda County Treasurer's Office Monthly Investment Report for August 2023. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

24. 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 Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve Payment of Demand Checks. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

25. Consideration and possible action to approve Line Item Transfers

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

26. Meet in Executive Session:

Under Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the County in an executive session to discuss a real estate matter

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 9:54 a.m. by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to meet in Executive Session:

Under Section 551.072 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

Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

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

Under Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the County in an executive session to discuss a real estate matter

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 11:29 a.m. by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to Reconvene open session:

Under Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the County in an executive session concerning real property

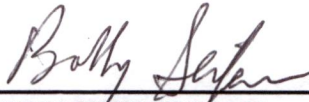
Under Section 551.074(a)(1) and (2) of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee and to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee

Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

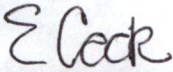
42. **Adjournment**

Motion was duly made at approximately 11:30 a.m. by Commissioner Cook 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 2nd day of October, 2023.



BOBBY SEIFERMAN
County Judge



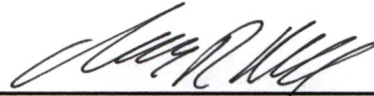
EDWARD "BUBBA" COOK
Commissioner Precinct No. One



MIKE ESTLINBAUM
Commissioner Precinct No. Two

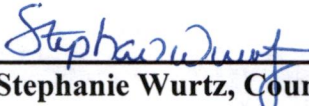


TROY SHIMEK
Commissioner Precinct No. Three



CHARLES "BUBBA" FRICK
Commissioner Precinct No. Four

ATTEST:


Stephanie Wurtz, County Clerk

