MINUTES
MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS’ COURT MEETING
MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300
1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414
9:30 A.M., MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023

Call to Order
This Regular Session of the Matagorda County Commissioners’ Court was called to order at 9:32 A.M., Monday, August 14, 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: Kristen Kubecka, Jennifer Chau, Skipper Osborne, Lisa Krobot, Amanda Campos, Mike Reddell, Meagan Ramirez, Becky Cook, Loretta Griffin, Tressa Leadford, Doug Matthes, Ashley Brooking, Vic Collins, Mitch Thames, Muriel Tipps, Roy Tipps, James Cooley, Amber Weddle, Christy Collins, David Aparicio, Mike Spillers, Victor Martinez, Alexandria Longoria and Stephanie Wurtz.

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 Estlinbaum

3. Texas Pledge – Commissioner Estlinbaum

4. Prayer – Commissioner Cook

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 August 7, 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 August 7, 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 discuss the 2023 Proposed Maintenance and Operation Tax Rate of .35640 and the 2023 Proposed Interest and Sinking Tax Rate of .00288, making the Total Tax Rate of .35928
   This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to discuss the 2023 Proposed Maintenance and Operation Tax Rate of .35640 and the 2023 Proposed Interest and Sinking Tax Rate of .00288, making the Total Tax Rate of .35928. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

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9. **Consideration and possible action to set a Public Hearing for August 28, 2023 at 9:55 a.m. to discuss and adopt the 2023 Proposed Maintenance and Operation Tax Rate of .35640 and the 2023 Proposed Interest and Sinking Tax Rate of .00288, making the Total Tax Rate of .35928**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to set a Public Hearing for August 28, 2023 at 9:55 a.m. to discuss and adopt the 2023 Proposed Maintenance and Operation Tax Rate of .35640 and the 2023 Proposed Interest and Sinking Tax Rate of .00288, making the Total Tax Rate of .35928. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

10. **Consideration and possible action to allow Commissioner Mike Estlinbaum to sign and represent the County in signing the Transfer Form to allow Matagorda Volunteer Fire Department transfer a vehicle to Collegeport, Texas Volunteer Fire Department**

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 Commissioner Mike Estlinbaum to sign and represent the County in signing the Transfer Form to allow Matagorda Volunteer Fire Department transfer a vehicle to Collegeport, Texas Volunteer Fire Department. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

11. **Consideration and possible action to approve an accept an Agreement between CARET Classic and Matagorda County Attorney for a yearly term of AbacusNext-HotDocs and authorize the County Attorney 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 an accept an Agreement between CARET Classic and Matagorda County Attorney for a yearly term of AbacusNext-HotDocs and authorize the County Attorney to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

12. **Consideration and possible action to approve the Contract Amendment between Matagorda County and Waller County Asphalt related to Road Material Bid #23-0001 and authorize the 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 approve the Contract Amendment between Matagorda County and Waller County Asphalt related to Road Material Bid #23-0001 and authorize the County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

13. **Consideration and possible action to approve the Contract Amendment between Matagorda County and K.C. Lease Service related to Road Material Bid #23-0001 and authorize the 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 the Contract Amendment between Matagorda County and K.C. Lease Service related to Road Material Bid #23-0001 and authorize the County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

14. **Consideration and possible action to approve a Contract between Matagorda County and Lynn Engineering, LLC related to CDBG-CV CRP Contract No. 70800001010, Food Pantry Project**

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 Contract between Matagorda County and Lynn Engineering, LLC related to CDBG-CV CRP Contract No. 70800001010, Food Pantry Project. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays
15. **Consideration and possible action to approve a Declaration of Disaster regarding Shrimp Dumping beginning on August 14, 2023 and ending on September 11, 2023 and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman and Commissioners 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 a Declaration of Disaster regarding Shrimp Dumping beginning on August 14, 2023 and ending on September 11, 2023 and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman and Commissioners to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

16. **Consideration and possible action to approve Invoices from the following Departments: Precinct #1, Precinct #2, IT and Matagorda County Sheriff's Office**

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 Invoices from the following Departments: Precinct #1, Precinct #2, IT and Matagorda County Sheriff's Office. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

17. **Consideration and possible action to approve Payment of Demand Checks**

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 Payment of Demand Checks. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

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

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 Line Item Transfers. 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 Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve Emergency Amendments. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

20. **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 551.0725 of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the County in an executive session regarding deliberation of contract being negotiated**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 10:00 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 to discuss a real estate matter

Under Section 551.0725 of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the County in an executive session regarding deliberation of contract being negotiated
Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

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

*Under Section 551.072 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 551.0725 of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the County in an executive session regarding deliberation of contract being negotiated*

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 10:34 a.m. by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, 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 to discuss a real estate matter*

*Under Section 551.0725 of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the County in an executive session regarding deliberation of contract being negotiated*

Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

22. **Adjournment**

Motion was duly made at approximately 10:35 a.m. by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays
Approved in Open Court, the 21st day of August, 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