

MINUTES
MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING
MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE
1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414
9:30 A.M., MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2020
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

Call to Order

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday, August 10, 2020, via Zoom video teleconference (due to circumstances pertaining to COVID-19), with County Judge McDonald presiding.

Others present on the video teleconference were as follows: Kristen Kubecka, Denise Fortenberry, Tressa Leadford, Chris Peikert, Cristyn Hallmark, Mike Ferdinand, Lisa Krobot, Mike Reddell, Amanda Campos, Shelby Storts, Loretta Griffin, Mitch Thames, Karla Lewis, Robert Thompson, Jimmy Galvan, Shannon Longoria, Crystal Morones and Stephanie Wurtz.

1. Certification of quorum

County Judge McDonald certified a quorum in attendance with Commissioner Graham, Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Frick and Commissioner Pollard.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Frick

3. Texas Pledge – Commissioner Frick

4. Prayer – Commissioner Gibson

5. 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.

6. Consideration and possible action to approve a Permit Application for Utility Installation in a County Right of Way or Easement submitted by Jackson Electric Coop to bore under Avenue J in Van Vleck, Texas to lay a Fiber Optic line

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to approve a Permit Application for Utility Installation in a County Right of Way or Easement submitted by Jackson Electric Coop to bore under Avenue J in Van Vleck, Texas to lay a Fiber Optic line. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

7. Consideration and possible action to set a Public Hearing for August 17, 2020 at 9:55 AM to discuss the 2021 Proposed Matagorda County Budget and authorize the publication of this Public Hearing

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Graham, with all others concurring, to set a Public Hearing for August 17, 2020 at 9:55 AM to discuss the 2021 Proposed Matagorda County Budget and authorize the publication of this Public Hearing. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

8. Consideration and possible action to discuss and propose a tax rate for tax year 2020 and set a Public Hearing for August 24, 2020 at 9:45 AM to further discuss the 2020 Proposed Maintenance and Operation tax rate of .41850 and the 2020 Proposed Interest and Sinking tax rate of .00373, making the total tax rate of .42223, and authorize the publication of the Public Hearing

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to discuss and propose a tax rate for tax year 2020 and set a Public Hearing for August 24, 2020 at 9:45 AM to further discuss the 2020 Proposed Maintenance and Operation tax rate of .41850 and the 2020 Proposed Interest and Sinking tax rate of .00373, making the total tax rate of .42223, and authorize the publication of the Public Hearing. Motion carried. Record Vote:

County Judge	Aye
Commissioner Pct. 1	Aye
Commissioner Pct. 2	Aye
Commissioner Pct. 3	Aye
Commissioner Pct. 4	Aye

9. Consideration and possible action to approve and authorize the submittal of the 2020 Annual County Road Reports for Matagorda County Precincts #1, #3 and #4

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 and authorize the submittal of the 2020 Annual County Road Reports for Matagorda County Precincts #1, #3 and #4. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

10. Consideration and possible action to approve the Administrative Services Agreement and Stop-Loss Agreement between the Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool and Matagorda County and authorize the County Judge to sign

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to approve the Administrative Services Agreement and Stop-Loss Agreement between the Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool and Matagorda County and authorize the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

11. Consideration and possible action to accept an updated certificate of Liability Insurance for Trico Tower Service

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

12. Consideration and possible action to allow the County Judge to sign the Transfer of Ownership document to transfer the Commercial Electronics Voice Recorder and all associated software and licenses from Gulf Coast Regional 911 Emergency Communications District to Matagorda County

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to allow the County Judge to sign the Transfer of Ownership document to transfer the Commercial Electronics Voice Recorder and all associated software and licenses from Gulf Coast Regional 911 Emergency Communications District to Matagorda County. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

13. Consideration and possible action to ratify a letter to Texas Department of Transportation regarding County's possession of the Sargent Swing Bridge Tower

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by

Commissioner Graham, with all others concurring, to ratify a letter to Texas Department of Transportation regarding County's possession of the Sargent Swing Bridge Tower. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

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

17. Meet in Executive Session:

Under section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 9:55 a.m. by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to meet in Executive Session:

Under section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter

Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

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

Under section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 10:49 a.m. by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to Reconvene open session:

Under section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter

Motion was duly made by Judge McDonald, and seconded by Commissioner Frick, to adopt the Federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act and authorize the Human Resources Director and County Attorney to draft the policy for approval at the next court meeting. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays


19. **Public Comments**

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

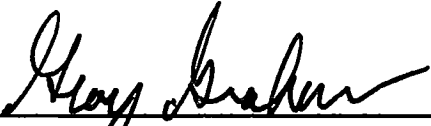
20. **Adjournment**

Motion was duly made at approximately 10:52 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

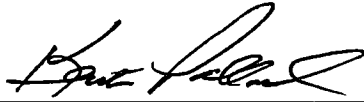
Approved in Open Court, the 17th day of August, 2020.



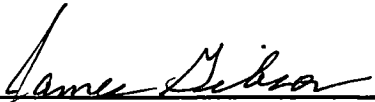
NATE McDONALD
County Judge



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

