MINUTES
MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS’ COURT MEETING
MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300
1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414
9:30 A.M., MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021

Call to Order
This Regular Session of the Matagorda County Commissioners’ Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday, December 13, 2021, 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: Jennifer Chau, Kristen Kubecka, Skipper Osborne, Ernest Lawson, Becky Cook, Tressa Leadford, Loretta Griffin, Mike Reddell, Mike Estlinbaum, John Thompson, Simon Saenz, Mitch Thames, Crystal Morones and Stephanie Wurtz.

1. Certification of quorum
   County Judge McDonald certified a quorum in attendance with Commissioner Cook, Commissioner Pollard, Commissioner Shimek and Commissioner Frick.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Frick

3. Texas Pledge – Commissioner Frick

4. Prayer – Commissioner Shimek

5. Consideration and possible action regarding approving Commissioner’s Court Minutes for December 6, 2021
   This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to approve Commissioner’s Court Minutes for December 6, 2021. 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 Cook and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve one contract for the use of Matagorda County Fairgrounds facilities. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

7. Consideration and possible action to approve an extension of the Matagorda County Declaration of Disaster for COVID-19 beginning on December 14, 2021 and ending on January 10, 2022
   This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve an extension of the Matagorda County Declaration of Disaster for COVID-19 beginning on December 14, 2021 and ending on January 10, 2022. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

8. Consideration and possible action to approve an extension of the Matagorda County Declaration of Disaster for Hurricane Nicholas beginning on December 14, 2021 and ending on January 10, 2022
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 an extension of the Matagorda County Declaration of Disaster for Hurricane Nicholas beginning on December 14, 2021 and ending on January 10, 2022. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

9. **Consideration and possible action to approve a Replat of Lot 19 & 20, Block 17 of the townsite of Blessing, Josiah Tilley League, Abstract 93, Matagorda County, Texas**
   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 a Replat of Lot 19 & 20, Block 17 of the townsite of Blessing, Josiah Tilley League, Abstract 93, Matagorda County, Texas. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

10. **Consideration and possible action to accept the following designees from each agency and presiding officers for the Matagorda County Sexual Assault Response Team:**
    - Presiding Officer of Matagorda County SART: Chief Robert Lister – Bay City Police Department
    - Matagorda County District Attorney’s Office Designee: District Attorney Steven Reis and ADA Lindsay Deshotels
    - Bay City Police Department Designee: Chief Robert Lister and Sgt. Chris Hadash
    - Matagorda County Sheriff’s Office Designee: Sgt. Courtney Harvey
    - Palacios Police Department Designee: Lt. Vaughn Dierlam
    - Medical Forensic Services: TXFNE – Dr. Khara Breeden and Brooklyn Torres
    - Behavioral Health Services: Harris Counseling Solutions – Marty Harris
    - The Crisis Center: Chief Administrator – Kelli Wright-Nelson
   
   This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to accept the following designees from each agency and presiding officers for the Matagorda County Sexual Assault Response Team:
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   - Matagorda County District Attorney’s Office Designee: District Attorney Steven Reis and ADA Lindsay Deshotels
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   - Medical Forensic Services: TXFNE – Dr. Khara Breeden and Brooklyn Torres
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   - The Crisis Center: Chief Administrator – Kelli Wright-Nelson

   Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

11. **Consideration and possible action to approve the transfer of a 1996 Freightliner pumper truck (VIN #1FV6HLCB2VH566482) from Sargent Volunteer Fire Department to Van Vleck Fire Department**
    This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to approve the transfer of a 1996 Freightliner pumper truck (VIN #1FV6HLCB2VH566482) from Sargent Volunteer Fire Department to Van Vleck Fire Department. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays
12. **Consideration and possible action to approve Invoices from the following Departments: County Judge’s Office, Constable Precinct #4, County Sheriff’s Department, Precinct #4 and County Attorney’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: County Judge’s Office, Constable Precinct #4, County Sheriff’s Department, Precinct #4 and County Attorney’s Office. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

13. **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 Pollard, with all others concurring, to approve Line Item Transfers. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

14. **Consideration and possible action to approve Payment of Bills**

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

15. **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 Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve Emergency Amendments. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

16. **Meet in Executive Session:**

   Under Section 551.086 of the Texas Government Code to consider and take action 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 9:49 a.m. by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to meet in Executive Session:

   Under Section 551.086 of the Texas Government Code to consider and take action 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

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

   Under Section 551.086 of the Texas Government Code to consider and take action 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 10:44 a.m. by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to Reconvene open session:

Under Section 551.086 of the Texas Government Code to consider and take action 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

18. **Public Comments**
   This being the next item for business, no action required.

19. **Adjournment**
   Motion was duly made at approximately 10:45 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 20th day of December, 2021.

NATE McDONALD
County Judge

EDWARD “BUBBA” COOK
Commissioner Precinct No. One

KENT POLLARD
Commissioner Precinct No. Two

TROY SHIMEK
Commissioner Precinct No. Three

CHARLES “BUBBA” FRICK
Commissioner Precinct No. Four

ATTEST: Stephanie Wurtz, County Clerk