

MINUTES
MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING
MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE
1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414
9:30 A.M., MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021
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, February 8, 2021, 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: Jennifer Chau, Kristen Kubecka, Lisa Krobot, Mike Ferdinand, Jimmy Galvan, Chris Peikert, Jessica Shepard, Jennifer Schubert, Karla Lewis, Bobby Seiferman, Tressa Leadford, Loretta Griffin, Skipper Osborne, Jessica Russell, Bobby Seiferman, Amanda Campos, Becky Cook, Lindsay Deshotels, Aleigha Galvan, Daniella Nunez, Jamie Grantz, David Miles, Matt Glaze, 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 February 1, 2021

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 February 1, 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, no action required.

7. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application #3186306 Operation Stonegarden Grant, applying to the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security

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 a Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application #3186306 Operation Stonegarden Grant, applying to the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

8. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application #4195701 Rifle – Resistant Body Armor Program, applying to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve a Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application #4195701 Rifle – Resistant Body Armor Program, applying to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

9. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application #4203901 County Essential Services Program, applying to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve a Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application #4203901 County Essential Services Program, applying to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

10. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application #3100305 Victim’s Assistance Coordinator, applying to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve a Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application #3100305 Victim’s Assistance Coordinator, applying to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

11. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application #4280501 Equipment Grant Application, applying to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division

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 a Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application #4280501 Equipment Grant Application, applying to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

12. Consideration and possible action to ratify a Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application #4244501 Tower License Grant, applying to the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security and authorizing the County Judge to accept or decline any award

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to ratify a Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application #4244501 Tower License Grant, applying to the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security and authorizing the County Judge to accept or decline any award. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

13. Consideration and possible action to update personnel policy 3.11.1 Temporary Policy on Families First Coronavirus Response Act to Matagorda County Temporary Extended Policy for Coronavirus Leave and retroactive back to January 1, 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 update personnel policy 3.11.1 Temporary Policy on Families

First Coronavirus Response Act to Matagorda County Temporary Extended Policy for Coronavirus Leave and retroactive back to January 1, 2021. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

14. Consideration and possible action to approve a pay increase for Dana Smith for promotion to Senior Tax Assessor-Collector DMV, with a pay increase from \$16.10 to \$16.91, effective February 8, 2021

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve a pay increase for Dana Smith for promotion to Senior Tax Assessor-Collector DMV, with a pay increase from \$16.10 to \$16.91, effective February 8, 2021. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

15. Consideration and possible action to approve installation of a bookshelf cover in the County Attorney's office at no cost to the county as the purpose is aesthetic. Installation will require a few screw holes on the top and sides of the bookcase for a track to be installed for the sliding covers

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve installation of a bookshelf cover in the County Attorney's office at no cost to the county as the purpose is aesthetic. Installation will require a few screw holes on the top and sides of the bookcase for a track to be installed for the sliding covers. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

16. Consideration and possible action to review proposed amendments to the edited Bay City Volunteer Fire Fighting Agreement and approve for one year to sync up renewal schedule with other county fire fighting contracts

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to review proposed amendments to the edited Bay City Volunteer Fire Fighting Agreement and approve for one year to sync up renewal schedule with other county fire fighting contracts. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

17. Consideration and possible action to authorize Precinct #4 Constable David Miles to hire Tyler Keith Miles in the position of Precinct #4 Deputy Constable as a volunteer, non-paid reserve

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to table authorizing Precinct #4 Constable David Miles to hire Tyler Keith Miles in the position of Precinct #4 Deputy Constable as a volunteer, non-paid reserve. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

18. Consideration and possible action to authorize Precinct #3 Commissioner Troy Shimek to purchase two (2) 2021 Ford F250 Crew Cab Pickup trucks through BuyBoard in the amount of \$64,726.00

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to authorize Precinct #3 Commissioner Troy Shimek to purchase two (2) 2021 Ford F250 Crew Cab Pickup trucks through BuyBoard in the amount of \$64,726.00. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

19. Consideration and possible action to approve the signing of a Certifications and Assurance Form by County Judge, Nate McDonald, and Matagorda County Constable, Precinct #4, David Miles, certifying Matagorda County does not have written policy, procedures or agreements that limits or impedes Department of Homeland Security issuance of detainers as required for grant compliance

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 the signing of a Certifications and Assurance Form by County Judge, Nate McDonald, and Matagorda County Constable, Precinct #4, David Miles, certifying Matagorda County does not have written policy, procedures or agreements that limits or impedes Department of Homeland Security issuance of detainers as required for grant compliance. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

20. Consideration and possible action to approve a Contract between Matagorda County and Mercer Construction Company pertaining to the Water Improvements, Markham, Texas TxCDBG Contract No. 7219261 and authorize the County Judge 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 Contract between Matagorda County and Mercer Construction Company pertaining to the Water Improvements, Markham, Texas TxCDBG Contract No. 7219261 and authorize the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

21. Consideration and possible action to approve Invoices from the following departments: Precinct #2, Precinct #3, Precinct #4, Sheriff's Department and Justice of the Peace, Precinct #2

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 #2, Precinct #3, Precinct #4, Sheriff's Department and Justice of the Peace, Precinct #2. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

22. 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 Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve Monthly Reports from various County Departments. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

23. Consideration and possible action to approve Matagorda County Treasurer's Office Quarterly Investment Report for 4th Quarter 2020

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve Matagorda County Treasurer's Office Quarterly Investment Report for 4th Quarter 2020. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

24. Consideration and possible action to approve Payment of Bills

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 Bills. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

25. 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 551.074(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 against an officer or employee

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 10:17 a.m. by Commissioner Frick and

seconded by Commissioner Shimek, 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 551.074(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 against an officer or employee

Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

26. 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 551.074(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 against an officer or employee

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 10:47 a.m. by Judge McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, 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 551.074(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 against an officer or employee

Motion was duly made by Judge McDonald, and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, to approve a settlement agreement drafted by the Matagorda County Attorney to claiming party, Employee # 2538. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

Motion was duly made by Judge McDonald, and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, to order Blue Cross Blue Shield to approve a service or procedure, Code # E1399, in relation to a dependent of Employee # 2349. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

27. Public Comments

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

28. Adjournment

Motion was duly made at approximately 10:50 a.m. by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

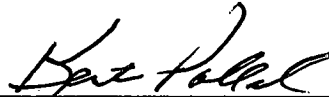
Approved in Open Court, the 22nd day of February, 2021.



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

