MINUTES
MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS’ COURT MEETING
MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300
1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414
9:30 A.M., MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020

Call to Order

This Regular Session of the Matagorda County Commissioners’ Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday, May 4, 2020, 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: Denise Fortenberry, Kristen Kubecka, Tressa Leadford, Loretta Griffin, Skipper Osborne, Amanda Campos, Jimmy Galvan, Bubba Cook, Mike Reddell, Mike Ferdinand, Jessica Russell, Crystal Morones and Stephanie Wurtz.

1. Certification of quorum

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Graham

3. Texas Pledge – Commissioner Graham

4. Prayer – Commissioner Frick

5. Consideration and possible action regarding approving Commissioner’s Court Minutes for April 27, 2020

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 Commissioner’s Court Minutes for April 27, 2020. 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 the reopening of all County Parks with all social distancing and hygiene practices remaining in place. County Community Centers and Fairgrounds shall remain closed until further notice

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 the reopening of all County Parks with all social distancing and hygiene practices remaining in place. County Community Centers and Fairgrounds shall remain closed until further notice. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays
8. **Consideration and possible action to approve the Monthly Reports from various County Departments**
   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 the Monthly Reports from various County Departments. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

9. **Consideration and possible action to approve Matagorda County Treasurer’s Office Monthly Investment Report for March 2020**
   This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve Matagorda County Treasurer’s Office Monthly Investment Report for March 2020. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

10. **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

11. **Consideration and possible action to approve Emergency Amendments**
    This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve Emergency Amendments. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

12. **Meet in Executive Session:**

   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

   Under section 551.086 of the Texas Government Code to discuss or deliberate 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 9:50 a.m. by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to meet in Executive Session:

   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

   Under section 551.086 of the Texas Government Code to discuss or deliberate 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
13. **Reconvene open session and consider taking action on the matters discussed in Executive Session:**

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

Under section 551.086 of the Texas Government Code to discuss or deliberate 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 10:43 a.m. by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to Reconvene open session:

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

Under section 551.086 of the Texas Government Code to discuss or deliberate 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 was duly made by Commissioner Pollard, and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to allow the Human Resources/Payroll Director to implement an over/under payment policy and voluntary deduction agreement, and meet with employees in those circumstances resulting from 2019-2020 payroll on January 11, 2020. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

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

25. **Adjournment**
Motion was duly made at approximately 10:45 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 11th day of May, 2020.

NATE Mc DONALD
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