Call to Order

This Regular Session of the Matagorda County Commissioners’ Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday, September 23, 2019, 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, Skipper Osborne, Loretta Griffin, Aaron Sumrall, Brittany Mathews, Kelli Wright-Nelson, Beverley Escobar, Alyssa Espinoza, Jimmy Galvan, DeLana Blalock, Harli Laake, Brad Smith and Stephanie Wurtz.

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Frick

3. Texas Pledge – Commissioner Frick

4. Prayer – Commissioner Gibson

5. Consideration and possible action regarding approving Commissioner’s Court Minutes for September 16, 2019
   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 September 16, 2019. 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 Graham and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve a contract with Van Vleek ISD Athletics for September 17-18, 2019, for the use of Matagorda County Fairgrounds facilities. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

   Motion was duly made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to approve a contract with Sandy Hayes for September 19, 2019, for the use of Matagorda County Fairgrounds facilities. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

   Motion was duly made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve a contract with Marty Holub for September 20, 2019, for the use of Matagorda County Fairgrounds facilities. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays
7. **Consideration and possible action to approve a Proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Matagorda County**
   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 Proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Matagorda County. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

8. **Consideration and possible action to approve a Re-plat of a portion of Lot 63-66 of Colorado River Estates, Matagorda County, Texas**
   This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to approve a Re-plat of a portion of Lot 63-66 of Colorado River Estates, Matagorda County, Texas. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

9. **Consideration and possible action to approve the submittal of a letter to the Texas Department of Agriculture to suspend the current 2, 4D Aerial Application date of October 1st, to the proposed date as September 24th, to allow ground and aerial application by permit**
   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 the submittal of a letter to the Texas Department of Agriculture to suspend the current 2, 4D Aerial Application date of October 1st, to the proposed date as September 24th, to allow ground and aerial application by permit. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

10. **Consideration and possible action to approve a Contract between Matagorda County and Schneider Electric for the year of 2019-2020**
    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 a Contract between Matagorda County and Schneider Electric for the year of 2019-2020. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

11. **Consideration and possible action to approve a Federal Excise Gasoline and/or Diesel Certificate Form from U.S. Bank Voyager, for fuel purchases by the Matagorda County Sheriff’s Office covering period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, and authorize the County Judge to sign**
    This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Graham, with all others concurring, to approve a Federal Excise Gasoline and/or Diesel Certificate Form from U.S. Bank Voyager, for fuel purchases by the Matagorda County Sheriff’s Office covering period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, and authorize the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

12. **Consideration and possible action to designate Matagorda County’s representatives to the Houston-Galveston Area Council, naming Judge McDonald as Representative to General Assembly and Delegate to Board of Directors, Commissioner Kent Pollard as Representative to General Assembly and Alternate to Board of Directors, Commissioner Gary Graham and Commissioner James Gibson as Alternates to General Assembly for the year 2020**
    This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to designate Matagorda County’s representatives to the Houston-Galveston Area Council, naming Judge McDonald as Representative to General Assembly and Delegate to Board of Directors, Commissioner Kent Pollard as Representative to General Assembly and Alternate to Board of Directors, Commissioner Gary Graham and Commissioner James Gibson as Alternates to General Assembly for the year 2020. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays
13. **Consideration and possible action to approve a Contract between Matagorda County and Stella Environmental Services, LLC, regarding hauling solid waste and allow the County Judge to sign**

   This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to approve a Contract between Matagorda County and Stella Environmental Services, LLC, regarding hauling solid waste and allow the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

14. **Consideration and possible action to approve an Invoice in the amount of $500.00, to be paid out of the Commissioners Court Fund, for the Lower Colorado River Basin Coalition, for the County Membership annual fee**

   This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to approve an Invoice in the amount of $500.00, to be paid out of the Commissioners Court Fund, for the Lower Colorado River Basin Coalition, for the County Membership annual fee. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

15. **Consideration and possible action to approve the Disaster Debris Monitoring Services annual recertification and Contract renewal, reflecting no price adjustments with Debristech, LLC, and authorize the County Judge to sign**

   This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Graham, with all others concurring, to approve the Disaster Debris Monitoring Services annual recertification and Contract renewal, reflecting no price adjustments with Debristech, LLC, and authorize the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

16. **Consideration and possible action to ratify Bank Drafts for September 18, 2019**

   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 Bank Drafts for September 18, 2019. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

17. **Consideration and possible action to approve Bank Drafts**

   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 Bank Drafts. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

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

   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 Payment of Bills. 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 Graham and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve Payment of Bills. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

20. **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**
This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 10:03 a.m. by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, 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

Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

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

Under Section 551.071 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

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 10:53 a.m. by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, 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

Motion was duly made by Commissioner Graham, and seconded by Commissioner Frick, to pay a parking ticket to the City of Houston. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

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

23. **Adjournment**
Motion was duly made at approximately 10:15 a.m. by Commissioner Gibson 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 30th day of September, 2019.

NATE MCDONALD
County Judge

GARY GRAHAM
Commissioner Precinct No. One

KENT POLLARD
Commissioner Precinct No. Two
Judge Pro Temp

JAMES GIBSON
Commissioner Precinct No. Three

CHARLES “BUBBA” FRICK
Commissioner Precinct No. Four

ATTEST:  Stephanie Wurtz, County Clerk