

MINUTES
MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING
MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300
1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414
9:30 A.M., MONDAY, August 29, 2016

Call to Order

This **Special Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday the 29th day of August 2016 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: Sheriff Osborne, Denise Fortenberry, Mike Reddell, Dwight Baker, Tammy McDonald, Carmen Andrews, Gary Graham, Lisa Krobot, David Shield, Bill Orton, Kristen Kubecka, Doug Matthes, Cristyn Hallmark, Shelby Storts and Janet Hickl

1. Certification of quorum

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Gibson

3. Texas Pledge – Commissioner Gibson

4. Prayer – Commissioner Pollard

5. Consideration and possible action regarding approving Commissioners Court Minutes for August 18, 2016 and August 22, 2016

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 Commissioners Court Minutes for August 18, 2016 and August 22, 2016. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

6. Consideration and possible action regarding contracts for the use of the Matagorda County Fairground facilities

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

7. Consideration and possible action to approve the deputation of Kanita Robinson and Debra Warner as Deputy Tax Assessor-Collector, Pay Group 12

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pustka and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to approve the deputation of Kanita Robinson and Debra Warner as Deputy Tax Assessor-Collector, Pay Group 12. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

8. Consideration and possible action to approve the Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees for 2017, with the only change being the addition of Other Services: Collection Fee for License Plate retrieval or collection of the registration fee due to a bad check for vehicle registration

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9. Consideration and possible action to accept the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Local, County, or State Law Enforcement Agencies for the reimbursement of joint operations expenses from the Treasury Forfeiture Fund

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Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

10. Consideration and possible action to authorize the Matagorda County Sheriff's Office to obtain a Purchase Order to pay Oxygen Forensics, Inc. \$5,995.00, to be taken out of 010-53300-560. This will be reimbursed by the grant (MOU between Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Local, County, or State Law Enforcement Agency) and replaced into the account

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11. Consideration and possible action to authorize Sheriff Osborne to purchase a 2017 Ford Interceptor SUV, in the amount of \$27,576.50, to be purchased through the State Buy Board from Silsbee Ford, Silsbee, Texas, payment to be taken out of 010-55700-560. This vehicle will replace the 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe which was wrecked

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12. Consideration and possible action to approve a Cellular Phone Allowance Authorization beginning August 22, 2016, for Stephanie Wurtz, County Attorney's Office

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pustka, and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve a Cellular Phone Allowance Authorization beginning August 22, 2016, for Stephanie Wurtz, County Attorney's Office. Motion carried.

Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

13. Consideration and possible action to approve Coastal Surface Lease No. SL20160004 between Matagorda County and Texas General Land Office, commencing August 1, 2016 and terminating on July 31, 2036

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 Coastal Surface Lease No. SL20160004 between Matagorda County and Texas General Land Office, commencing August 1, 2016 and terminating on July 31, 2036. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

14. Consideration and possible action to amend the Matagorda County Employees Sick Leave Bank Policy

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Gibson, and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to amend the Matagorda County Employees Sick Leave Bank Policy. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

15. Consideration and possible action to authorize Matagorda County Treasurer to file a waiver letter with the IRS regarding December 2014 Penalty and allow Matagorda County Treasurer to sign

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pustka, and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to authorize Matagorda County Treasurer to file a waiver letter with the IRS regarding December 2014 Penalty and allow Matagorda County Treasurer to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

16. Public Hearing at 9:45 AM to discuss the 2017 Matagorda County Budget

This being the next item for business, public hearing was held at 9:49 AM to discuss the 2017 Matagorda County Budget.

County Judge McDonald announced that this Budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$1,274,993.00, which is a 7.57 percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$119.491.68

17. Consideration and possible action to approve the 2017 Matagorda County Budget

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Gibson, and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve the 2017 Matagorda County Budget. Motion carried.

Record vote:

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

18. Consideration and possible action to adopt the 2016 Proposed Maintenance and Operation tax rate of .41555, for a total tax rate of .41998

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick, and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to adopt the 2016 Proposed Maintenance and Operation tax rate of .41555, for a total tax rate of .41998. Motion carried.

Record vote:

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

19. Consideration and possible action to approve the 2016 Proposed Interest and Sinking tax rate of.00443, for a total tax rate of .41998

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 the 2016 Proposed Interest and Sinking tax rate of.00443, for a total tax rate of .41998. Motion carried.

Record vote:

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

20. Consideration and possible action to adopt the 2016 Property Tax Rate of .41998

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Gibson, and seconded by Commissioner Pustka, with all others concurring, to adopt the 2016 Property Tax Rate of .41998. which is effectively a 7.27 percent increase in the tax rate. This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 7.27 percent and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$26.67. Motion carried.

Record vote:

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

21. Consideration and possible action to ratify the 2016 Property Tax increase reflected in the 2017 Matagorda County Budget, with the total tax rate being .41998

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard, and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to ratify the 2016 Property Tax increase reflected in the 2017 Matagorda County Budget, with the total tax rate being .41998. Motion carried.

Record vote:

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

22. Consideration and possible action to accept the June 2016 Auditor's Monthly Financial Report

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick, and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to accept the June 2016 Auditor's Monthly Financial Report. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

23. Consideration and possible action to approve the Line Item Transfers

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pustka, and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve the Line Item Transfers. Motion carried.

Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

24. Public Comments

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

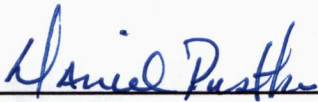
25. Adjournment

Motion was duly made at approximately 10:04 AM by Commissioner Pustka and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

Approved in Open Court, this the 12th day of September, 2016.



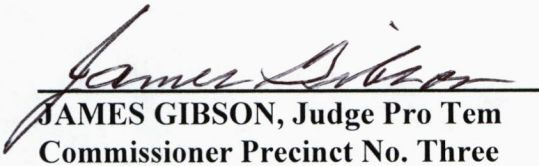
NATE McDONALD,
County Judge



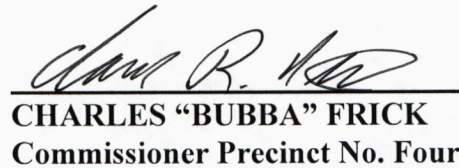
DANIEL PUSTKA,
Commissioner Precinct No. One



KENT POLLARD
Commissioner Precinct No. Two

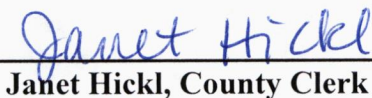


JAMES GIBSON, Judge Pro Tem
Commissioner Precinct No. Three



CHARLES "BUBBA" FRICK
Commissioner Precinct No. Four

ATTEST:


Janet Hickl, County Clerk