#### **MINUTES**

### MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300 1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414 9:30 A.M., MONDAY, August 8, 2016

### Call to Order

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> 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, Lisa Krobot, Carole Patrick, Carmen Andrews, Gary Graham, Kristen Kubecka, Doug Matthes, Carla Lewis, Tammy McDonald, 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 Pollard
- **3.** Texas Pledge - Commissioner Pollard
- Prayer Commissioner Pustka 4.
- Consideration and possible action regarding approving Commissioners Court Minutes for 5. July 25, 2016 and August 1, 2016

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 Commissioners Court Minutes for July 25, 2016 and August 1, 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 discuss a proposed tax rate for tax year 2016, and set 2 Public Hearings for August 18, 2016 at 8:00 AM and August 22, 2016 at 9:45 AM to further discuss the 2016 Proposed Maintenance and Operation tax rate of .41555, and the 2016 Proposed Interest and Sinking tax rate of .00443, making the total tax rate of .41998, and authorize the publication of these Public Hearings

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Pustka, with all others concurring, to discuss a proposed tax rate for tax year 2016, and set 2 Public Hearings for August 18, 2016 at 8:00 AM and August 22, 2016 at 9:45 AM to further discuss the 2016 Proposed Maintenance and Operation tax rate of .41555, and the 2016 Proposed Interest and Sinking tax rate of .00443, making the total tax rate of .41998, and authorize the publication of these Public Hearings. Motion

carried. Vote: County Judge McDonald Aye Commissioner Gibson Aye

Commissioner Pustka Commissioner Frick Aye Aye

Commissioner Pollard Aye

# 8. <u>Consideration and possible action to set a Public Hearing for August 22, 2016 at 9:55 AM to discuss the 2017 Proposed Matagorda County Budget and authorize the publication of this Public Hearing</u>

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to set a Public Hearing for August 22, 2016 at 9:55 AM to discuss the 2017 Proposed Matagorda County Budget and authorize the publication of this Public Hearing.

Motion carried. Vote: County Judge McDonald Aye Commissioner Gibson Aye Commissioner Pustka Aye Commissioner Frick Aye

Commissioner Pollard Aye

# 9. <u>Consideration and possible action to approve the hiring of Fancy Nichols at \$13.63 as a</u> <u>Dispatcher, due to her previous experience and certifications as a dispatcher, effective on her hire date of August 19, 2016, with this salary being available in the Jail budget</u>

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 hiring of Fancy Nichols at \$13.63 as a Dispatcher, due to her previous experience and certifications as a dispatcher, effective on her hire date of August 19, 2016, with this salary being available in the Jail budget. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

## 10. <u>Consideration and possible action to authorize the County Judge to sign a CSI Leasing Certificate of Acceptance for the new backup equipment installed in the IT Department</u>

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick, and seconded by Commissioner Pustka, with all others concurring, to authorize the County Judge to sign a CSI Leasing Certificate of Acceptance for the new backup equipment installed in the IT Department. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

## 11. <u>Consideration and possible action to approve the Matagorda County Treasurer's Monthly Investment Report for July 2016</u>

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Gibson, and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to approve the Matagorda County Treasurer's Monthly Investment Report for July 2016. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

### 12. Consideration and possible action to approve the Payment of Bills

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

### 14. Meet in Executive Session:

## <u>Under Section 551.071 of the Gov't Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the county in an executive session concerning pending litigation, contemplated litigation, or settlement offers</u>

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 9:46 AM by Commissioner Pustka, and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to Meet in Executive Session:

Under Section 551.071 of the Gov't 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

### 15. 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 9:59 am by Commissioner Pustka, and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to 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

Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

### 16. Public Comments

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

### 17. Adjournment

Motion was duly made at approximately 10:01 am by Commissioner Pustka and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**Approved in Open Court,** this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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