

MINUTES
MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING
MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300
1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414
9:30 A.M., MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015

Call to Order

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday the 14th day of December 2015 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, Cathy Ezell, Tammy McDonald, Ruben Gonzales, Janice Hawthorne, Chinata Gladrich, Laura Reyna, Bill Balboa, Brent Batchelor, Doug Matthes, Steven Reis, Jamie Bludau, Jeannette Bell, Tim Bell, Shauna Maxey, Robert de Hoyos, Alex Corra, Chris Peikert, Dwight Baker, Joe Lozano, Carole Patrick, Mike Reddell, Cristyn Hallmark, Harriet Townsend and Janet Hickl

1. Certification of quorum

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Pustka

3. Texas Pledge – Commissioner Pustka

4. Prayer – Commissioner Frick

5. Consideration and possible action to regarding approving Commissioners Court Minutes for December 7, 2015

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 December 7, 2015. 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 an Application to Cross a County Road from Verizon to construct a Communication Line within the right-of-way on County Road 305 (Bayshore Drive) in Precinct #3, Palacios, Texas for approximately 500' and bore a drainage ditch crossing in the path of the cable

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 an Application to Cross a County Road from Verizon to construct a Communication Line within the right-of-way on County Road 305 (Bayshore Drive) in Precinct #3, Palacios, Texas for approximately 500' and bore a drainage ditch crossing in the path of the cable. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

8. Consideration and possible action to approve Annual Reports for three of Matagorda County's CIAP grants: 1. F12AF01460 (Diversion Bypass Cut) 2. F13AF00080 (Palacios Coastal Education Pavilion) and 3. F13AF00061 (Gulf Pier and Education Program)

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 Annual Reports for three of Matagorda County's CIAP grants: 1. F12AF01460 (Diversion Bypass Cut) 2. F13AF00080 (Palacios Coastal Education Pavilion) and 3. F13AF00061 (Gulf Pier and Education Program). Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

9. Consideration and possible action to authorize the Matagorda County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to submit a Credit Application to Nasco, to purchase supplies for their nutrition programs

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pustka and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to authorize the Matagorda County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to submit a Credit Application to Nasco, to purchase supplies for their nutrition programs Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

10. Consideration and possible action to accept the Matagorda County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Annual Report

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to accept the Matagorda County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Annual Report. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

11. Consideration and possible action to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Matagorda County and Port of Bay City Authority for Matagorda County to provide Investment Services

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 an Interlocal Agreement between Matagorda County and Port of Bay City Authority for Matagorda County to provide Investment Services. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

12. Consideration and possible action to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Matagorda County and Lubbock County acting through the Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases, to provide court-appointed counsel for individuals charged with the offense of capital murder who cannot afford to hire their own attorney, with Matagorda County's contribution being \$19,407.33 per year

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by County Judge McDonald, and seconded by Commissioner Pustka, with all others concurring, to table approving an Interlocal Agreement between Matagorda County and Lubbock County acting through the Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases, to provide court-appointed counsel for individuals charged with the offense of capital murder who cannot afford to hire their own attorney, with Matagorda County's contribution being \$19,407.33 per year. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

13. Consideration and possible action to approve an increase in the amount paid to Grand Jurors from \$20.00 a day to \$40.00 a day for their service. The Petit Jurors are being paid \$40.00 a day at the present time, with Juror Payments addressed in Government Code 61.001

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pustka, and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to approve an increase in the amount paid to Grand Jurors from \$20.00 a day to \$40.00 a day for their service. The Petit Jurors are being paid \$40.00 a day at the present time, with Juror Payments addressed in Government Code 61.001. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

14. Consideration and possible action to designate the second Monday of each month as the regular meeting date for the Matagorda County Commissioner's Court for FY 2016, as per Sec 81.005 of the Texas Gov't Code

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Gibson, and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to designate the second Monday of each month as the regular meeting date for the Matagorda County Commissioner's Court for FY 2016, as per Sec 81.005 of the Texas Gov't Code. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

15. Consideration and possible action to approve the fees for pre-employment drug screens and physicals and post-accident drug screens from the Matagorda Regional Medical Center for Matagorda County employees excluding the Sheriff's Office employees

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 fees for pre-employment drug screens and physicals and post-accident drug screens from the Matagorda Regional Medical Center for Matagorda County employees excluding the Sheriff's Office employees. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

16. Consideration and possible action to approve adding an additional full-time position of Payroll Clerk and funding of the position in the County Auditor's Office beginning January 1, 2016

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Gibson, and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring except Commissioner Pollard voting nay, to approve adding an additional full-time position of Payroll Clerk and funding of the position in the County Auditor's Office beginning January 1, 2016. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

17. Consideration and possible action to authorize the submittal of a credit application for Matagorda County to HG Fire Systems, LP

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by County Judge McDonald, and seconded by Commissioner Pustka, with all others concurring, to authorize the submittal of a credit application for Matagorda County to HG Fire Systems, LP. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

18. Consideration and possible action to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by and between Victoria County Sheriff's Office and Matagorda County Sheriff's Office regarding the Operation Stonegarden Grant from the US Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

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 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by and between Victoria County Sheriff's Office and Matagorda County Sheriff's Office regarding the Operation Stonegarden Grant from the US Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

19. Consideration and possible action to accept the resignation of Jeannette Bell, as Matagorda County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, effective January 17, 2016

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pustka, and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to accept the resignation of Jeannette Bell, as Matagorda County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, effective January 17, 2016. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

20. Consideration and possible action to approve a Contract in the amount of \$330.00 between Matagorda County and Coastal Aerobic Systems, LLC for On Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) Maintenance at the Matagorda County Transfer Station for one year

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 Contract in the amount of \$330.00 between Matagorda County and Coastal Aerobic Systems, LLC for On Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) Maintenance at the Matagorda County Transfer Station for one year. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

21. Consideration and possible action to approve the Matagorda County Treasurer's Monthly Report for September 2015

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard, and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to table approving the Matagorda County Treasurer's Monthly Report for September 2015. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

22. 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 Gibson, with all others concurring, to approve Payment of Bills. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

23. Consideration and possible action to approve Line Item Transfers

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick, and seconded by Commissioner Pustka, with all others concurring, to approve 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 10:28 a.m. 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 21st day of December, 2015.

Nate McDonald

NATE McDONALD,
County Judge

Daniel Pustka

DANIEL PUSTKA,
Commissioner Precinct No. One

Kent Pollard

KENT POLLARD, Judge Pro Tem
Commissioner Precinct No. Two

James Gibson

JAMES GIBSON,
Commissioner Precinct No. Three

absent

CHARLES "BUBBA" FRICK
Commissioner Precinct No. Four



ATTEST: *Janet Hickl*
Janet Hickl, County Clerk