

**MINUTES**  
**MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING**  
**MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300**  
**1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414**  
**9:30 A.M., MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2014**

**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 December 2014 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, Chris Peikert, Doug Matthes, Denise Fortenberry, Mike Reddell, Joe Lozano, Cristyn Hallmark, Charles "Bubba" Frick, Shanna Maxey, Courtney Stevens, Mitch Thames, Bill Balboa, Laura Reyna, Chinatu Gladrich, Brent Batchelor, Jennie Montalbo, Paul , Jamie Bludau, Tammy McDonald, Ruben Gonzales, Paul Frerich, Harriet Townsend and Janet Hickl

**1. Certification of quorum**

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

**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 December 1, 2014**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Woodson and seconded by Commissioner Pustka, with all others concurring, to approve Commissioners Court Minutes for December 1, 2014. 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, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pustka and seconded by Commissioner Woodson, with all others concurring, to approve one contract from Belinda Escamilla for the use of the Matagorda County Fairground facilities. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**7. Consideration and possible action to approve an Application to Cross County Road by R n R Septic, to lay 2 ½ " and 1 ½ " pvc schedule 80 line under County Road 305 (Bayshore Drive)**

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 County Road by R n R Septic, to lay 2 ½ " and 1 ½ " pvc schedule 80 line under County Road 305 (Bayshore Drive). Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**8. Consideration and possible action to issue a Typed Check for courthouse postage in the amount of \$10,000.00**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Woodson and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to issue a Typed Check for courthouse postage in the amount of \$10,000.00. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**10. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution requesting Texas Department of Transportation's assistance in further exploring the realignment of FM 2540**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pustka, and seconded by Commissioner Woodson, with all others concurring, to approve a Resolution requesting Texas Department of Transportation's assistance in further exploring the realignment of FM 2540. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**9. Consideration and possible action to approve a letter to the Texas Department of Transportation requesting assistance regarding the realignment of FM 2540 and allow the County Judge and Commissioners to sign**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pustka and seconded by Commissioner Woodson, with all others concurring, to approve a letter to the Texas Department of Transportation requesting assistance regarding the realignment of FM 2540 and allow the County Judge and Commissioners to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**11. Consideration and possible action to approve a Demand Check made payable to Texas Department of Insurance in the amount of \$200.00 for Fire Code Inspections at the Matagorda County Jail**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by County Judge McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to approve a Demand Check made payable to Texas Department of Insurance in the amount of \$200.00 for Fire Code Inspections at the Matagorda County Jail. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**12. Consideration and possible action to accept the Annual Report from the Matagorda County office of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, by Brent Batchelor**

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

**13. Consideration and possible action to accept a Cost-share Assistance Grant from Texas A&M Forest Service for a 2015 Pierce 2100 gal. 1000 GPM Tanker Fire Truck to be used by the Wadsworth Volunteer Fire Department, in the amount of \$200,000.00, under the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program (HB 2604), with the remaining \$20,106.00 to be paid by Commissioner Kent Pollard**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Pustka, with all others concurring, to accept a Cost-share Assistance Grant from Texas A&M Forest Service for a 2015 Pierce 2100 gal. 1000 GPM Tanker Fire Truck to be used by the Wadsworth Volunteer Fire Department, in the amount of \$200,000.00, under the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program (HB 2604), with the remaining \$20,106.00 to be paid by Commissioner Kent Pollard. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**14. Consideration and possible action to approve the revised FEMA Certification Report for the Matagorda Ring Levee, approved by the Conservation and Reclamation District #1, and prepared by Half Associates, Inc. authorizing the County Judge to mail this Report with a letter requesting approval to FEMA**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Pustka, with all others concurring, to approve the revised FEMA Certification Report for the Matagorda Ring Levee, approved by the Conservation and Reclamation District #1, and prepared by Half Associates, Inc. authorizing the County Judge to mail this Report with a letter requesting approval to FEMA. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**15. Consideration and possible action to accept a check from the Matagorda County Appraisal District, in the amount of \$1,396.87, to be applied to the \$14,000.00 to be taken out of Information Services 2015 budget, as approved September 15, 2014**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pustka and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to accept a check from the Matagorda County Appraisal District, in the amount of \$1,396.87, to be applied to the \$14,000.00 to be taken out of Information Services 2015 budget, as approved September 15, 2014. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**16. Consideration and possible action to approve a Demand Check, in the amount of \$217,194.00, to the Regional Pool Alliance for Property Disaster Recovery Insurance effective January 1, 2015 through March 1, 2016, in order to secure a 10% reduction in premium**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by County Judge McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to approve a Demand Check, in the amount of \$217,194.00, to the Matagorda County Self Insurance Pool as stated in the invoice. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**17. Consideration and possible action to approve allowing the County Auditor to negotiate a contract with Pierce, Godwin, Alexander, & Linville (PGAL) for Facility Spaces and Design Services for the Courthouse and Office Building**

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 allowing the County Auditor to negotiate a contract with Pierce, Godwin, Alexander, & Linville (PGAL) for Facility Spaces and Design Services for the Courthouse and Office Building. 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 Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Pustka, with all others concurring, to approve Payment of Bills. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays.

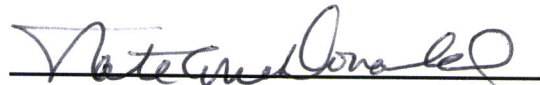
**19. Public Comments**

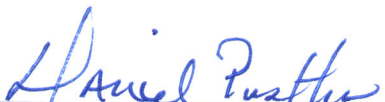
This being the next item for business, no action required.


**20. Adjournment**

Motion was duly made at approximately 10:18 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

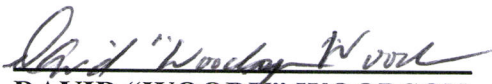
Approved in Open Court, this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2014.

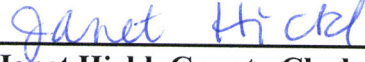
  
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NATE McDONALD,  
County Judge

  
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DANIEL PUSTKA, Judge Pro Tem  
Commissioner Precinct No. One

  
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KENT POLLARD,  
Commissioner Precinct No. Two

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JAMES GIBSON,  
Commissioner Precinct No. Three

  
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DAVID "WOODY" WOODSON,  
Commissioner Precinct No. Four

ATTEST:   
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Janet Hickl, County Clerk

