MINUTES
MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS’ COURT MEETING
MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300
1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414
9:30 A.M., MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017

Call to Order
This Special Session of the Matagorda County Commissioners’ Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday the 27th day of February 2017 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, Mike Reddell, Jamie L. Bridges, Tammy McDonald, Cristyn Hallmark, Kristen Kubeka, Lisa Krobot, Denise Fortenberry, Doug Matthes, Louis Kopnicky, Raleigh Conklin, Mike Mahvier, Kirk Daniel, John Woolsey, David P. Crockett, Thomas Schmidt, Ronnie D. Siler, Ed Stavinoha, Jamie Grantz, Shelby Stortz and Janet Hickl

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Frick

3. Texas Pledge – Commissioner Frick

4. Prayer – Commissioner Gibson

5. Consideration and possible action regarding approving Commissioners Court Minutes for February 6, 2017 and February 13, 2017
   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 February 6, 2017 and February 13, 2017. 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 a Proclamation declaring March 2, 2017 as Texas Independence Day in Matagorda County
   This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by County Judge McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve a Proclamation declaring March 2, 2017 as Texas Independence Day in Matagorda County. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays
8. **Consideration and possible action to approve an Engineering Agreement between Matagorda County and Urban Engineering regarding TXCDBG Project Contract #7216321, 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 Graham, with all others concurring, to approve an Engineering Agreement between Matagorda County and Urban Engineering regarding TXCDBG Project Contract #7216321, and allow the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

9. **Consideration and possible action to approve the Agency Consultation letters required for the Matagorda County CDBG #7216321 environmental review process, and allow the County Judge to sign**

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 the Agency Consultation letters required for the Matagorda County CDBG #7216321 environmental review process, and allow the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

10. **Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution in opposition of re:SearchTX**

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 a Resolution in opposition of re:SearchTX. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

11. **Consideration and possible action to approve a Federal Excise Tax Exemption Form from Chevron, for fuel purchases by the Matagorda County Sheriff’s Office covering January 01, 2017 thru December 31, 2018, and authorize the County Judge to sign**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by County Judge McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve a Federal Excise Tax Exemption Form from Chevron, for fuel purchases by the Matagorda County Sheriff’s Office covering January 01, 2017 thru December 31, 2018, and authorize the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

12. **Consideration and possible action to approve the Deputation of Martha Hurta as Deputy District Clerk**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to approve the Deputation of Martha Hurta as Deputy District Clerk. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

13. **Consideration and possible action to approve the signage provided by Lester Contracting, Inc. for the closure of McCrosky Rd. (CR123) and the detour of Old Van Vleck Rd. (CR 126) to 8th Street in Van Vleck from March 6, 2017 for approximately two and one half months**

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 signage provided by Lester Contracting, Inc. for the closure of McCrosky Rd. (CR123) and the detour of Old Van Vleck Rd. (CR 126) to 8th Street in Van Vleck from March 6, 2017 for approximately two and one half months. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays
14. **Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the submission of the Grant Application for the FY 2017 Matagorda County Interoperable Radio Replacement Project**
   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 a Resolution authorizing the submission of the Grant Application for the FY 2017 Matagorda County Interoperable Radio Replacement Project. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

15. **Consideration and possible action to approve adopting a Resolution approving the 2016 Matagorda County Hazard Mitigation Plan that has been approved by FEMA pending adoption of resolution by Matagorda County**
   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 adopting a Resolution approving the 2016 Matagorda County Hazard Mitigation Plan that has been approved by FEMA pending adoption of resolution by Matagorda County. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

16. **Consideration and possible action to accept the 2016 Certificate of Membership to the County Investment Academy for Hon. Tammy McDonald**
   This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to accept the 2016 Certificate of Membership to the County Investment Academy for Hon. Tammy McDonald. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

17. **Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the submission of a Grant Application for the 2018 Operation Stone Garden (Grant Number 3186302) and authorize County Judge, Nate McDonald to submit the grant through the E-Grant system to the Homeland Security Grant Division of the Office of the Governor**
   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 a Resolution authorizing the submission of a Grant Application for the 2018 Operation Stone Garden (Grant Number 3186302) and authorize County Judge, Nate McDonald to submit the grant through the E-Grant system to the Homeland Security Grant Division of the Office of the Governor. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

18. **Consideration and possible action to accept $25,869.00 from the Texas Department of Transportation County Assistance Program for Fiscal Year 2017**
   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 a Resolution authorizing the submission of a Grant Application for the 2018 Operation Stone Garden (Grant Number 3186302) and authorize County Judge, Nate McDonald to submit the grant through the E-Grant system to the Homeland Security Grant Division of the Office of the Governor. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

19. **Consideration and possible action to ratify payroll checks for February 3, 2017**
   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 payroll checks for February 3, 2017. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays
20. **Consideration and possible action to ratify payroll checks for February 17, 2017**
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 payroll checks for February 17, 2017. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

21. **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 Pollard, with all others concurring, to approve Payment of Bills. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

22. **Consideration and possible action to approve Line Item Transfers**
This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to approve Line Item Transfers. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

23. **Consideration and possible action to approve Emergency Amendments**
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 Emergency Amendments. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

24. **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*

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 10:14 a.m. by Commissioner Gibson and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, 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

25. **Reconvene Open Session and consider taking action on the matters discussed 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*

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 11:43 a.m. by Commissioner Gibson 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 Gov’t Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the county in an executive session concerning pending litigation, contemplated litigation, or settlement offers. No action taken.

Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays
26. **Public Comments**
This being the next item for business, no action required.

27. **Adjournment**
Motion was duly made at approximately 11:44 a.m. by Commissioner Pollard 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 6th day of March, 2017.

NATE McDONALD,
County Judge

GARY GRAHAM,
Commissioner Precinct No. One

KENT POLLARD
Commissioner Precinct No. Two

JAMES GIBSON
Commissioner Precinct No. Three

CHARLES “BUBBA” FRICK, Judge Pro-Tem
Commissioner Precinct No. Four

ATTEST: JANET HICKL
Janet Hickl, County Clerk

By: Maggie Perez, Chief Deputy