

**MINUTES**  
**MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING**  
**MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300**  
**1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414**  
**9:30 A.M., MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016**

**Call to Order**

This **Special Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 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, Cathy Ezell, Ruben Gonzales, Denise Fortenberry, Dwight Baker, Chris Peikert, Tammy McDonald, Henry Lopez, Charles Bundick, Mike Reddell, Doug Matthes, Harriet Townsend and Janet Hickl

**1. Certification of quorum**

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

**2. Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Pollard**

**3. Texas Pledge – Commissioner Pollard**

**4. Prayer – Commissioner Pustka**

**5. Consideration and possible action to regarding approving Commissioners Court Minutes for December 28, 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 approve Commissioners Court Minutes for December 28, 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, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pustka and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve two contracts for the use of the Matagorda County Fairground facilities. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**7. Consideration and possible action to appoint a County Commissioner to be chairperson of the Matagorda County Sick Leave Bank, to serve for one year beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pustka and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to appoint a County Commissioner to be chairperson of the Matagorda County Sick Leave Bank, to serve for one year beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016. Commissioner Gibson was appointed chairperson of the Matagorda County Sick Leave Bank. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**8. Consideration and possible action to appoint a County Commissioner as Judge Pro-Tem for the year 2016 to preside over all meetings of the Matagorda County Commissioners Court in the event of the absence of the County Judge**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Pustka, with all others concurring, to appoint a County Commissioner as Judge Pro-Tem for the year 2016 to preside over all meetings of the Matagorda County Commissioners Court in the event of the absence of the County Judge. Commissioner Gibson was appointed Judge Pro-Tem for the year 2016. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**9. Consideration and possible action to approve a Court Order resolving that vehicles used by the Matagorda County Sheriff's Department are exempt under VCS 6701m-2 when used in the performance of official duties and requesting the Texas State Department of Public Transportation issue regular plates upon proper application; and authorize Cathy Ezell to sign the forms required for this type of registration**

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 a Court Order resolving that vehicles used by the Matagorda County Sheriff's Department are exempt under VCS 6701m-2 when used in the performance of official duties and requesting the Texas State Department of Public Transportation issue regular plates upon proper application; and authorize Cathy Ezell to sign the forms required for this type of registration. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**10. Consideration and possible action regarding the designation of three members from the prior Grand Jury to serve on the Matagorda County Salary Grievance Committee for the year of 2016, Pursuant to Section 152.014 and 152.015 of the Texas Local Government Code**

This being the next item for business, the designation of three members from the prior Grand Jury to serve on the Matagorda County Salary Grievance Committee for the year of 2016, Pursuant to Section 152.014 and 152.015 of the Texas Government Code were selected, with three names pulled for members of the Committee, and three names pulled as alternates, but no vote was taken.

**11. Consideration and possible action authorizing Sheriff Osborne to purchase three (3) 2016 Dodge Ram 1500 SSV Crew Cab 4 X 4s, for a total amount of \$82,254.00, from Dodge City, McKinney, Texas, to be purchased through the State Buy Board, and with the payment to be taken out of 010-55700-560**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Pustka, with all others concurring, authorizing Sheriff Osborne to purchase three (3) 2016 Dodge Ram 1500 SSV Crew Cab 4 X 4s, for a total amount of \$82,254.00, from Dodge City, McKinney, Texas, to be purchased through the State Buy Board, and with the payment to be taken out of 010-55700-560. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**12. Consideration and possible action to accept the Continuing Education Transcript for the reporting period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 for Cristyn E. Hallmark, Matagorda County Tax Assessor-Collector, as evidence of compliance with the Texas Property Tax Code Section 6.231(d) and SB546 of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Regular Session**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pustka, and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to accept the Continuing Education Transcript for the reporting period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 for Cristyn E. Hallmark, Matagorda County Tax Assessor-Collector, as evidence of compliance with the Texas Property Tax Code Section 6.231(d) and SB546 of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Regular Session. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**13. Consideration and possible action to approve the deputation of Pam Deckle as Senior Deputy Tax Assessor-Collector-Accounting**

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 deputation of Pam Deckle as Senior Deputy Tax Assessor-Collector-Accounting. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**14. Consideration and possible action to approve annual, quarterly and monthly 2016 automatic payments**

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 annual, quarterly and monthly 2016 automatic payments. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**15. Consideration and possible action to approve the Amended 2016 Matagorda County Payroll**

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 Amended 2016 Matagorda County Payroll. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**16. Consideration and possible action to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Matagorda County and Palacios Seawall Commission regarding Investment Services to be provided by Matagorda County**

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 an Interlocal Agreement between Matagorda County and Palacios Seawall Commission regarding Investment Services to be provided by Matagorda County. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**17. Consideration and possible action regarding the award of Bid #15-0003 for the 2016 Road Materials, and Bid #15-0004 for the 2016 Road Construction with Equipment and authorize the County Judge to sign contracts for the same**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Gibson, and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, regarding the award of Bid #15-0003 for the 2016 Road Materials, and Bid #15-0004 for the 2016 Road Construction with Equipment and authorize the County Judge to sign contracts for the same. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**18. Consideration and possible action to establish a panel to review applications submitted for the appointment of Justice of the Peace, Pct. #1 to ensure that applicants meet constitutional requirements for the position and identify five applicants the panel deem capable of maintaining the operation of the office based on background and/or experience provided in the resume. The five applicants chosen by the panel are to be submitted to Commissioners Court for a drawing to appoint the position**

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 establish a panel to review applications submitted for the appointment of Justice of the Peace, Pct. #1 to ensure that applicants meet constitutional requirements for the position and identify five applicants the panel deem capable of maintaining the operation of the office based on background and/or experience provided in the resume. The five applicants chosen by the panel are to be submitted to Commissioners Court for a drawing to appoint the position. Cristyn Hallmark, Jeannette Bell and Suzan Thompson were appointed to the panel with Mark Finley as alternate. Motion carried.

Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

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

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

**20. Consideration and possible action to approve Monthly Reports from various county departments**

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 Monthly Reports from various county departments. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

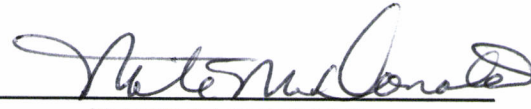
**21. Public Comments**

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

**22. Adjournment**

Motion was duly made at approximately 10:02 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

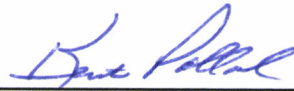
Approved in Open Court, this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.



**NATE McDONALD,**  
County Judge




**DANIEL PUSTKA,**  
Commissioner Precinct No. One



**KENT POLLARD, Judge Pro Tem**  
Commissioner Precinct No. Two



**JAMES GIBSON,**  
Commissioner Precinct No. Three



**CHARLES "BUBBA" FRICK**  
Commissioner Precinct No. Four

ATTEST: Janet Hickl By: Mary Ann Pines  
Janet Hickl, County Clerk Chief Deputy

