

MINUTES
MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING
MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300
1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414
9:30 A.M., MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2014

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 January 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, Ruben Gonzales, Chris Peikert, Doug Matthes, Barry Halvorson, Ona Lea Pierce, David Holubec, Jackie Jecmenek, Mary B. Johnston, Jessica Effenberger, Michael R. George, Anthony Doubek, Bonnie M. Benson, Colleen Claybourn, Rainey Owen, Jason Sanders, Tammy McDonald, Denise Fortenberry, Cathy Ezell, Harriet Townsend and Janet Hickl

1. Certification of quorum

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Puskta

3. Texas Pledge – Commissioner Puskta

4. Prayer – Commissioner Woodson

5. Consideration and possible action regarding approving Commissioners Court Minutes for January 13, 2014

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Woodson and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to approve Commissioners Court Minutes for January 13, 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 Gibson, with all others concurring, to approve one contract for the use of the Matagorda County Fairground facilities by Alejandro Ramirez. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

7. Consideration and possible action to accept the Matagorda County Historical Commission's Annual Report by Ona Lea Pierce

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 the Matagorda County Historical Commission's Annual Report by Ona Lea Pierce. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

8. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution advocating Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy and other medical treatments and therapy for Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by County Judge McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Woodson, with all others concurring, to approve a Resolution advocating Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy and other medical treatments and therapy for Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

9. Consideration and possible action to ratify the issuance of 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 Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to ratify the issuance of 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 Cellular Phone Allowance for Tyler Miles, Patrol Deputy of the Matagorda County Sheriff's Office, in the amount of \$60.00 per month according to county policies and procedures

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 a Cellular Phone Allowance for Tyler Miles, Patrol Deputy of the Matagorda County Sheriff's Office, in the amount of \$60.00 per month according to county policies and procedures. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

11. Consideration and possible action to approve a Consulting Agreement between Matagorda County and Ellen Dodd, to assist the county and the Auditor's Office beginning January 27, 2014 and ending on February 26, 2014

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Woodson, with all others concurring, to approve a Consulting Agreement between Matagorda County and Ellen Dodd, to assist the county and the Auditor's Office beginning January 27, 2014 and ending on February 26, 2014. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

12. Consideration and possible action to approve the Sheriff's Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Report for the year 2013

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 the Sheriff's Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Report for the year 2013. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

13. Consideration and possible action to approve a Contract between Matagorda County and Friends of Elder Citizens, Inc. for FY 2014, in the amount of \$10,900.00, to provide nutrition, transportation and other social services for indigent and low income citizens of Matagorda County

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 a Contract between Matagorda County and Friends of Elder Citizens, Inc. for FY 2014, in the amount of \$10,900.00, to provide nutrition, transportation and other social services for indigent and low income citizens of Matagorda County. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

14. Consideration and possible action to approve Amendment #1 to the Contract between Matagorda County and the Matagorda County Museum Association for FY 2013 and FY 2014, executed on January 7, 2013, changing the amount provided to the Museum to \$52,000.00 annually, to be paid in quarterly installments

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 Amendment #1 to the Contract between Matagorda County and the Matagorda County Museum Association for FY 2013 and FY 2014, executed on January 7, 2013, changing the amount provided to the Museum to \$52,000.00 annually, to be paid in quarterly installments. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

15. Consideration and possible action to approve the Official Bonds for Auditor Catherine Ezell and First Assistant Auditor Kristen Kubecka to be in effect for 2 years beginning January 1, 2014

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 Official Bonds for Auditor Catherine Ezell and First Assistant Auditor Kristen Kubecka to be in effect for 2 years beginning January 1, 2014. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

16. Consideration and possible action to approve a Cellular Phone Allowance for Catherine Ezell, County Auditor, in the amount of \$60.00 per ;month according to county policies and procedures

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Woodson and seconded by Commissioner Pollard, with all others concurring, to approve a Cellular Phone Allowance for Catherine Ezell, County Auditor, in the amount of \$60.00 per ;month according to county policies and procedures. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

17. Consideration and possible action to accept a Donation for the Blessing Vounteer Fire Department from the Monsanto Fund, in the amount of \$2,500.00

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Woodson and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to accept a Donation for the Blessing Vounteer Fire Department from the Monsanto Fund, in the amount of \$2,500.00. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

18. Consideration and possible action to approve the submission of an Extension Request Form for the 2012 SHSP Grant in the amount of \$60,000.00 changing the end date from January 31, 2014 until April 30, 2014

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Woodson, with all others concurring, to approve the submission of an Extension Request Form for the 2012 SHSP Grant in the amount of \$60,000.00 changing the end date from January 31, 2014 until April 30, 2014. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

19. Consideration and possible action to approve Amendment #1 (an extension request) for Grant F13AF00085 (Matagorda Bay Park Education Center Assistance), extending the grant expiration date from February 14, 2014 to December 31, 2014

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 Amendment #1 (an extension request) for Grant F13AF00085 (Matagorda Bay Park Education Center Assistance), extending the grant expiration date from February 14, 2014 to December 31, 2014. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

20. Consideration and possible action to approve the Categorical Exclusion Determination, Compliance Checklist, Flood Insurance Protection Requirements, Statutory Checklist for Compliance, and Request for Release of Funds and Certification regarding DRS #220112-2201601 and DRS #220112-22016-2 (Sargent Street Improvements project)

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 the Categorical Exclusion Determination, Compliance Checklist, Flood Insurance Protection Requirements, Statutory Checklist for Compliance, and Request for Release of Funds and Certification regarding DRS #220112-2201601 and DRS #220112-22016-2 (Sargent Street Improvements project). Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

21. Consideration and possible action to approve a payment of \$5,371.35 to Texas Department of Transportation, to cover the overage due for the State Highway 35 project

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 a payment of \$5,371.35 to Texas Department of Transportation, to cover the overage due for the State Highway 35 project. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

22. Consideration and possible action to approve the purchase of three (3) computers from Bass Computers, Inc. for a total price of \$1,852.50 plus shipping and handling for the County Clerk's Office to be paid from the County Clerk's supplies and software, Fund 16 403-330

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 the purchase of three (3) computers from Bass Computers, Inc. for a total price of \$1,852.50 plus shipping and handling for the County Clerk's Office to be paid from the County Clerk's supplies and software, Fund 16 403-330. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

23. Consideration and possible action to approve the purchase of one (1) Fujitsu scanner from Southern Computer Warehouse for a total price of \$5,243.45 plus shipping and handling for the County Clerk's Office to be paid from the County Clerk's machinery and equipment, Fund 16 403-570

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 the purchase of one (1) Fujitsu scanner from Southern Computer Warehouse for a total price of \$5,243.45 plus shipping and handling for the County Clerk's Office to be paid from the County Clerk's machinery and equipment, Fund 16 403-570. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

24. Consideration and possible action to approve an Easement Agreement for Utilities with the board of trustees of Tidehaven Independent School District

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 an Easement Agreement for Utilities with the board of trustees of Tidehaven Independent School District. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

25. Consideration and possible action to approve the Matagorda County Treasurer's Monthly Report for November 2013

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 the Matagorda County Treasurer's Monthly Report for November 2013. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

26. 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

27. 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 Gibson, with all others concurring, to approve Line Item Transfers. Motion carried.

Vote 5 ayes 0 nays.

28. Public Comments

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

29. Adjournment

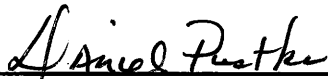
Motion was duly made at approximately 10:25 a.m. by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Vote 5 ayes 0 nays


Approved in Open Court, this the 3rd day of February, 2014.




NATE McDONALD,
County Judge




DANIEL PUSTKA,
Commissioner Precinct No. One



KENT POLLARD,
Commissioner Precinct No. Two



JAMES GIBSON,
Commissioner Precinct No. Three



DAVID "WOOPY" WOODSON,
Commissioner Precinct No. Four

ATTEST: 

Janet Hickl, County Clerk

