Call to Order

This Regular Session of the Matagorda County Commissioners’ Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday the 13th day of March 2017 in the Matagorda County Commissioner’s Courtroom, located on the Third Floor, 1700 Seventh Street, Room 300, Bay City, Texas, with Commissioner Frick, Judge Pro Tem presiding.

Others present were as follows: Sheriff Osborne, Mike Reddell, Tammy McDonald, Kristen Kubecka, Denise Fortenberry, Doug Matthes, Cristyn Hallmark, Carmen Andrews, Louis Kopnicky, Catalina Ruelda, Ed Stavinoha, Dwight Baker, Chris Peikert, Mike Ferdinand, Chelsea Beltran and Janet Hickl

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

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

3. **Texas Pledge – Commissioner Pollard**

4. **Prayer – Commissioner Graham**

5. **Consideration and possible action regarding approving Commissioners Court Minutes for March 6, 2017**
   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 Commissioners Court Minutes for March 6, 2017. Motion carried. Vote 4 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 Graham and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to approve one contract for the use of the Matagorda County Fairground facilities. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

7. **Consideration and possible action to approve a Federal Excise Gasoline and/or Diesel Certificate Form from Fleetcor Technologies (Fuelman), for fuel purchases by Matagorda County District Attorney’s Office covering period from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018, and authorize the County Judge to sign**
   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 a Federal Excise Gasoline and/or Diesel Certificate Form from Fleetcor Technologies (Fuelman), for fuel purchases by Matagorda County District Attorney’s Office covering period from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018, and authorize the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays
8. Consideration and possible action to authorize Commissioner Gary Graham to hire Vincent Perry as a Heavy Equipment Operator for Precinct #1 at starting salary of $12.86 per hour, due to his experience, which is within budget
   This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to authorize Commissioner Gary Graham to hire Vincent Perry as a Heavy Equipment Operator for Precinct #1 at starting salary of $12.86 per hour, due to his experience, which is within budget. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

9. Consideration and possible action to accept the 2016 Certificate of Compliance Public Funds Investment Act for Hon. Tammy McDonald
   This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to accept the 2016 Certificate of Compliance Public Funds Investment Act for Hon. Tammy McDonald. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

10. Consideration and possible action to accept the 2016 Certificate of Compliance Continuing Education for Hon. Tammy McDonald
    This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to accept the 2016 Certificate of Compliance Continuing Education for Hon. Tammy McDonald. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

11. Consideration and possible action to approve Matagorda County Treasurer’s Monthly Investment Report for February 2017
    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 Matagorda County Treasurer’s Monthly Investment Report for February 2017. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

12. Consideration and possible action to approve Matagorda County Treasurer’s Monthly Report for February 2017
    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 Matagorda County Treasurer’s Monthly Report for February 2017. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

13. Consideration and possible action to ratify payroll checks for March 3, 2017
    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 payroll checks for March 3, 2017. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

14. Consideration and possible action to approve Payment of Bills
    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 Payment of Bills. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

15. 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 4 ayes 0 nays
16. **Meet in executive session:**

Under section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the county in an executive session concerning pending litigation, contemplated litigation, or settlement offers

Under section 551.086 of the Texas Government Code to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 9:40 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 Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the county in an executive session concerning pending litigation, contemplated litigation, or settlement offers

Under section 551.086 of the Texas Government Code to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations

Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays
17. **Reconvene open session and consider taking action on the matters discussed in Executive Session:**

*Under section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the county in an executive session concerning pending litigation, contemplated litigation, or settlement offers.*

*Under section 551.086 of the Texas Government Code to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations.*

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 11:12 a.m. by Commissioner Gibson and seconded by Commissioner Graham, 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 Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the county in an executive session concerning pending litigation, contemplated litigation, or settlement offers.*

*Under section 551.086 of the Texas Government Code to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations.*

Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

No action taken

18. **Public Comments**

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

19. **Adjournment**

Motion was duly made at approximately 11:13 a.m. by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays
Approved in Open Court, this the 13th 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, County Clerk