

MINUTES  
MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING  
MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300  
1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414  
9:30 A.M., MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2014

**Call to Order**

This **Special Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 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, Cathy Ezell, Michael Strotheide, Doug Matthews, Lauren Willard, Betsy Ryan, Chris Bischoff, Steven Parker, Wolfgang Hackenberg, Denise Fortenberry, Barry Halvorson, 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. Commissioner Woodson was absent

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

3. **Texas Pledge – Commissioner Pustka**

4. **Prayer – County Judge McDonald**

5. **Consideration and possible action regarding approving Commissioners Court Minutes for March 24, 2014**

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 Commissioners Court Minutes for March 24, 2014. 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, no action required.

7. **Consideration and possible action to approve a Gulf Coast State Planning Region Mutual Aid Agreement between Matagorda County and the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC), as the Administrative Agency, for mutual aid following an emergency between the 13 counties within the H-GAC, to be in effect until December 31, 2014**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by County Judge McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Pustka, with all others concurring, to approve a Gulf Coast State Planning Region Mutual Aid Agreement between Matagorda County and the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC), as the Administrative Agency, for mutual aid following an emergency between the 13 counties within the H-GAC, to be in effect until December 31, 2014. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

**8. Consideration and possible action to approve the payment of \$1500.00 to the Gulf Intracoastal Canal Association for Matagorda County's 2014 dues, with the payment to come out of Commissioner's Court, 10-401-485**

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 payment of \$1500.00 to the Gulf Intracoastal Canal Association for Matagorda County's 2014 dues, with the payment to come out of Commissioner's Court, 10-401-485. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

**9. Consideration and possible action to authorize Commissioner Dan Pustka to hire Kevin Sparks for Fairgrounds Facilities Manager at a 13/2 due to his experience, as of April 7, 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 authorize Commissioner Dan Pustka to hire Kevin Sparks for Fairgrounds Facilities Manager at a 13/2 due to his experience, as of April 7, 2014. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

**10. Consideration and possible action to authorize County Judge Nate McDonald and County Auditor Cathy Ezell to sign the application from Prosperity Bank for a County credit card**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by County Judge McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with Commissioner Pollard voting nay and Commissioner Pustka abstaining, to authorize County Judge Nate McDonald and County Auditor Cathy Ezell to sign the application from Prosperity Bank for a County credit card. Motion carried. Vote 2 ayes 1 nays 1 abstention

**11. Consideration and possible action to approve Gulf International Trucks as a new vendor for the purchase of a new engine and related parts in order to repair an International dump truck and authorize the submittal of the appropriate credit application**

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 Gulf International Trucks as a new vendor for the purchase of a new engine and related parts in order to repair an International dump truck and authorize the submittal of the appropriate credit application. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

**12. Consideration and possible action to authorize Judge McDonald to sign a Letter of Non-Opposition from Matagorda County, related to the formation of a Foreign Trade Zone for the Tenaris/Bay City manufacturing facility, as approved in a Resolution dated October 29, 2012**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by County Judge McDonald and seconded by Commissioner Pustka, with all others concurring, to authorize Judge McDonald to sign a Letter of Non-Opposition from Matagorda County, related to the formation of a Foreign Trade Zone for the Tenaris/Bay City manufacturing facility, as approved in a Resolution dated October 29, 2012. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

**13. Consideration and possible action to approve the Matagorda County Auditor's Report for January 2014**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to table the approval of the Matagorda County Auditor's Report for January 2014. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

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**14. Consideration and possible action to approve the Matagorda County Treasurer's Monthly Report for February 2014**

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 table the approval of the Matagorda County Treasurer's Report for February 2014. 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 Pollard and seconded by Commissioner Gibson, with all others concurring, to approve Line Item Transfers Motion carried.  
Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

16. **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 4 ayes 0 nays

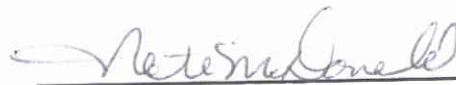
17. **Public Comments**

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

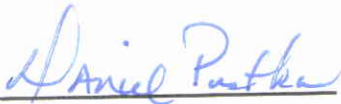
18. **Adjournment**

Motion was duly made at approximately 9:49 a.m. by Commissioner Pustka 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014.



NATE McDONALD,  
County Judge



DANIEL PUSTKA,  
Commissioner Precinct No. One



KENT POLLARD,  
Commissioner Precinct No. Two



JAMES GIBSON,  
Commissioner Precinct No. Three

*absent*

DAVID "WOODY" WOODSON,  
Commissioner Precinct No. Four

ATTEST:

  
Janet Hickl, County Clerk