

**MINUTES**  
**MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING**  
**MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300**  
**1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414**  
**9:30 A.M., MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026**

**Call to Order**

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday, May 18, 2026, in the Matagorda County Courtroom, located on the Third Floor, 1700 Seventh Street, Room 300, Bay City, Texas, with County Judge Seiferman presiding.

Others present were as follows: Kristen Kubecka, Matt Sloan, Matthew Tilley, Rick DeLeon, Lisa Krobot, Chris Peikert, Mike Voorhies, Mike Reddell, Becky Cook, Lori Hales, Tressa Leadford, Katharine McGee, Douglas Schoppe, Michael Ferdinand, Vic Everett, Lance Loerwald, Melanie Townsend, Scott Savage, Chris Barry, Ellie Dantes, Edward Howard, Jim Folse, Chris Hadash, Karen Klein, Blayne Finlay, Alexandria Espindola and Stephanie Wurtz.

**1. Certification of quorum**

County Judge Seiferman certified a quorum in person with Commissioner Cook, Commissioner Estlinbaum, Commissioner Shimek and Commissioner Frick.

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

**3. Texas Pledge – Commissioner Shimek**

**4. Prayer – Commissioner Estlinbaum**

**5. Public Comments**

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

**6. Consideration and possible action to approve Commissioner's Court Minutes for May 11, 2026**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve Commissioner's Court Minutes for May 11, 2026. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**7. Consideration and possible action regarding contracts for the use of the Matagorda County Fairgrounds facilities**

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

**8. Consideration and possible action to reappoint Chris Hadash to the H-GAC Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) and Crystal Morones as alternate effective 05/01/2026 – 12/31/2027**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge Seiferman and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to reappoint Chris Hadash to the H-GAC Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) and Crystal Morones as alternate effective 05/01/2026 – 12/31/2027. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**9. Consideration and possible action to ratify the Bond for Matagorda County Fire Marshal Michael Voorhies and to accept the Oath administered on May 6, 2026 by District Judge Ben Hardin**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge Seiferman and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to ratify the Bond for Matagorda County Fire Marshal Michael Voorhies and to accept the Oath administered on May 6, 2026 by District Judge Ben Hardin. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**10. Consideration and possible action to approve Western Surety Company Bond #73808038 for Matagorda County Fire Marshal and allow the County Judge to sign**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve Western Surety Company Bond #73808038 for Matagorda County Fire Marshal and allow the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**11. Consideration and possible action to approve the adoption of Matagorda County Fire Code First Edition amending 2021 International Fire Code which was adopted May 4, 2026 and allow the County Judge to sign**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve the adoption of Matagorda County Fire Code First Edition amending 2021 International Fire Code which was adopted May 4, 2026 and allow the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**12. Consideration and possible action to declare the following vehicles as salvage and authorize sale at auction: 2017 Dodge Ram VIN#1C6RR7XT1HS601513 with all proceeds to be placed in 010-55700-560**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to declare the following vehicles as salvage and authorize sale at auction: 2017 Dodge Ram VIN#1C6RR7XT1HS601513 with all proceeds to be placed in 010-55700-560. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**13. Consideration and possible action to approve the purchase of a 2026 F-150 4x4 SuperCrew Cab from Chastang Ford utilizing Buy Board Contract 724-23 and authorize the County Judge to sign all related documents**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge Seiferman and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve the purchase of a 2026 F-150 4x4 SuperCrew Cab from Chastang Ford utilizing Buy Board Contract 724-23 and authorize the County Judge to sign all related documents. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**14. Consideration and possible action to allow the County Judge to sign an "Assurance of Continued Local Support" document from Tocker Foundation as a requirement for Palcios Library**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to allow the County Judge to sign an "Assurance of Continued Local Support" document from Tocker Foundation as a requirement for Palcios Library. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**15. Consideration and possible action to approve the submission of a Letter of Support for the Matagorda Gulf-to-Bay Water Quality Restoration Initiative Project and authorize Commissioner Mike Estlinbaum to sign**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve the submission of a Letter of Support for the Matagorda Gulf-to-Bay Water Quality Restoration Initiative Project and authorize Commissioner Mike Estlinbaum to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**16. Consideration and possible action to authorize Sheriff Rick DeLeon to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Matagorda County Sheriff's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives for the purpose of tracing ownership information of firearms**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge Seiferman and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to authorize Sheriff Rick DeLeon to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Matagorda County Sheriff's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives for the purpose of tracing ownership information of firearms. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**17. Consideration and possible action to approve Chapter 381 Economic Development Program and Performance Agreement pertaining to the Aquatic Center between Matagorda County and the Bay City Community Development Corporation and allow the County Judge to sign**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to approve Chapter 381 Economic Development Program and Performance Agreement pertaining to the Aquatic Center between Matagorda County and the Bay City Community Development Corporation and allow the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**18. Consideration and possible action to accept the Air Liquide Large Industries US LP Project Tax Abatement Application and \$1,000 fee for review and negotiation**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to accept the Air Liquide Large Industries US LP Project Tax Abatement Application and \$1,000 fee for review and negotiation. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**19. Consideration and possible action to approve the Monthly Reports from various County Departments**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to approve the Monthly Reports from various County Departments. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**20. Consideration and possible action to approve Invoices from the following Departments: County Judge and Precinct #2**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to approve Invoices from the following Departments: County Judge and Precinct #2. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

**21. Consideration and possible action to approve Matagorda County Treasurer's Office Monthly Investment Report for May 2026**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve Matagorda County Treasurer's Office Monthly Investment Report for May 2026. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

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

**23. Consideration and possible action to approve Line Item Transfers**

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to approve Line Item Transfers. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

24. **Meet in Executive Session:**

**Under Section 551.0725 of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the county in an executive session regarding deliberation of a contract being negotiated**

**Under Section 551.074(a)(1) and (2) of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee and to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee**

**Under Section 551.076 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the deployment or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices; or a security audit**

**Under Section 551.087 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 9:50 a.m. by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to meet in Executive Session:

Under Section 551.0725 of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the county in an executive session regarding deliberation of a contract being negotiated

Under Section 551.074(a)(1) and (2) of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee and to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee

Under Section 551.076 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the deployment or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices; or a security audit

Under Section 551.087 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 5 ayes 0 nays

25. **Reconvene open session and consider taking action on the matters discussed in Executive Session:**

**Under Section 551.0725 of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the county in an executive session regarding deliberation of a contract being negotiated**

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**Under Section 551.076 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the deployment or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices; or a security audit**

**Under Section 551.087 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 11:13 a.m. by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to reconvene Open Session:

Under Section 551.0725 of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney(s) representing the county in an executive session regarding deliberation of a contract being negotiated

Under Section 551.074(a)(1) and (2) of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee and to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee

Under Section 551.076 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the deployment or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices; or a security audit

Under Section 551.087 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 5 ayes 0 nays

**26. Adjournment**

At approximately 11:15 a.m. Judge Seiferman adjourned the meeting.

Approved in Open Court, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2026.

*absent*

**BOBBY SEIFERMAN**  
County Judge

*E. Cook*

**EDWARD "BUBBA" COOK**  
Commissioner Precinct No. One

*Mike Estlinbaum*

**MIKE ESTLINBAUM**  
Commissioner Precinct No. Two

*Troy Shimek*

**TROY SHIMEK**  
Commissioner Precinct No. Three

*Charles "Bubba" Frick*

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

ATTEST:

*Stephanie Wurtz*  
**Stephanie Wurtz, County Clerk**

