

MINUTES
MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING
MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300
1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414
9:30 A.M., MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025

Call to Order

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:31 A.M., Monday, April 28, 2025, in the Matagorda County Commissioner's Courtroom, located on the Third Floor, 1700 Seventh Street, Room 300, Bay City, Texas, with County Judge Seiferman presiding.

Others present were as follows: Matt Sloan, Karla Smith, Rick DeLeon, Amanda Campos, Mike Reddell, Lisa Krobot, Tressa Leadford, Crystal Morones, Loretta Griffin, Shannon Longoria, Loy Sneary, Ben Flores, Bill Orton, Kent Pollard, Cindy Howell, Philip Howell, Mike Ferdinand, Vic Everett, Jessica Russell, Monroe Russell, Mayne Russell, Mitch Thames, Anna Davant, Ross Davant, 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 Estlinbaum

3. Texas Pledge – Commissioner Estlinbaum

4. Prayer – Commissioner Cook

5. Public Comments

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

6. Consideration and possible action regarding Commissioners Court Minutes for April 14, 2025

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 Commissioners Court Minutes for April 14, 2025. 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 replace Crisanto Cruz with Brian Moudy on the Solid Waste Management Committee with H-GAC effective 05/31/205 through 05/31/2027

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to replace Crisanto Cruz with Brian Moudy on the Solid Waste Management Committee with H-GAC effective 05/31/205 through 05/31/2027. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

9. Consideration and possible action to authorize the Matagorda Historical Society to serve alcoholic beverages on county property for the 3rd Annual Christmas in July fundraiser on Saturday, July 5, 2025,

from 9am to 4pm utilizing a temporary TABC Permit, with a copy of the approved permit to be provided to the County Attorney's office for record

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to authorize the Matagorda Historical Society to serve alcoholic beverages on county property for the 3rd Annual Christmas in July fundraiser on Saturday, July 5, 2025, from 9am to 4pm utilizing a temporary TABC Permit, with a copy of the approved permit to be provided to the County Attorney's office for record. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

10. Consideration and possible action to approve the submission of Application for Accreditation by the Palacios Library to the Texas State Library System and authorize County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign

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 the submission of Application for Accreditation by the Palacios Library to the Texas State Library System and authorize County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

11. Consideration and possible action to approve the revised equipment rates for the GLO for the quarterly and yearly beach cleanup program and to authorize Matagorda County Precinct #2 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 revised equipment rates for the GLO for the quarterly and yearly beach cleanup program and to authorize Matagorda County Precinct #2 Commissioner Mike Estlinbaum to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

12. Consideration and possible action to approve a Replat of Lot 6, Block 7, Tier 2, Matagorda Front, of the Matagorda Townsite in the E.R. Wightman League, Abstract 101, Matagorda County, Texas

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to approve a Replat of Lot 6, Block 7, Tier 2, Matagorda Front, of the Matagorda Townsite in the E.R. Wightman League, Abstract 101, Matagorda County, Texas. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

13. Consideration and possible action to approve the transfer of a 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe (VIN #1GNLC2E04ER197709) from Constable Precinct #6 to the Sheriff's Office to be auctioned

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to approve the transfer of a 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe from Constable Precinct #4 to the Sheriff's Office to be auctioned. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

14. Consideration and possible action to approve the transfer of a 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe from Constable Precinct #4 to the Sheriff's Office to be auctioned

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 Payment of Bills. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

15. Consideration and possible action to declare the following vehicles as salvage and authorize sale at auction with all proceeds to be placed in 010-55700-560:

- 2017 Dodge P/U (VIN#1C6RR7XT8HS705352)
- 2017 Ford Explorer (VIN#1FM5K8AR5HGA94824)
- 2017 Ford Explorer (VIN#1FM5K8AR3HGA37053)

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to declare the following vehicles as salvage and authorize sale at auction with all proceeds to be placed in 010-55700-560:

- 2017 Dodge P/U (VIN#1C6RR7XT8HS705352)
- 2017 Ford Explorer (VIN#1FM5K8AR5HGA94824)
- 2017 Ford Explorer (VIN#1FM5K8AR3HGA37053)

Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

16. Consideration and possible action to authorize the Matagorda County Sheriff's Office to donate a 2017 Dodge Ram P/U (VIN #1C6RR7XTXHS705353), LP #137-1684 (Unit #224) to Matagorda County Precinct #6 Constable, Bill Orton for his use in patrolling

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to authorize the Matagorda County Sheriff's Office to donate a 2017 Dodge Ram P/U (VIN #1C6RR7XTXHS705353), LP #137-1684 (Unit #224) to Matagorda County Precinct #6 Constable, Bill Orton for his use in patrolling. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

17. Consideration and possible action to accept an Amended Use Agreement with Matagorda County and Hilcorp Energy Company and to release a bond in compliance with the term of the Road Use Agreement and acceptance from Hilcorp Energy Company for repair

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 an Amended Use Agreement with Matagorda County and Hilcorp Energy Company and to release a bond in compliance with the term of the Road Use Agreement and acceptance from Hilcorp Energy Company for repair. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

18. Consideration and possible action to authorize Judge Bobby Seiferman and the Commissioners Court to declare an extension of the Declaration of Disaster for Matagorda County pertaining to Border Security

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge Seiferman and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to authorize Judge Bobby Seiferman and the Commissioners Court to declare an extension of the Declaration of Disaster for Matagorda County pertaining to Border Security. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

19. Consideration and possible action to approve the Matagorda County Declaration of Disaster for Shrimp Dumping 2025 beginning on April 28, 2025 and ending on December 29, 2025 and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman and the Commissioners to sign

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve the Matagorda County Declaration of Disaster for Shrimp Dumping 2025 beginning on April 28, 2025 and ending on December 29, 2025 and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman and the Commissioners to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

20. Consideration and possible action to reconfirm and authorize County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign the Interlocal Project regarding the Aquatics Center

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge Seiferman and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to reconfirm and authorize County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign the Interlocal Project regarding the Aquatics Center. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

21. Consideration and possible action to accept a Variance Application from Ross and Anna Davant

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to table a Variance Application from Ross and Anna Davant. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays 1 abstention from Commissioner Frick

22. Consideration and possible action to grant Employee #2349 benefit for claim #305203156630C

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to table granting Employee #2349 benefit for claim #305203156630C. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

23. Consideration and possible action to authorize the County Judge to execute a Settlement and Indemnification Agreement to resolve an unpaid wage claim asserted against the Matagorda County Sheriff's Office, with all terms and conditions reviewed and approved by the County Attorney – all matters settled and resolved between the County and claimant in accordance with the Settlement Agreement prepared by County Attorney; furthermore authorize the Treasurer's Office to take any and all necessary actions to implement the agreement

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to authorize the County Judge to execute a Settlement and Indemnification Agreement to resolve an unpaid wage claim asserted against the Matagorda County Sheriff's Office, with all terms and conditions reviewed and approved by the County Attorney – all matters settled and resolved between the County and claimant in accordance with the Settlement Agreement prepared by County Attorney; furthermore authorize the Treasurer's Office to take any and all necessary actions to implement the agreement. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

24. Consideration and possible action to ratify the Pre-Payment in the form of a Demand Check paid to Matagorda Construction Materials in the total amount of \$79,279.40, related to the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program Project for Findley Road (CR 134) and Pioneer Road (CR 135) located in Precinct #1

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to ratify the Pre-Payment in the form of a Demand Check paid to Matagorda Construction Materials in the total amount of \$79,279.40, related to the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program Project for Findley Road (CR 134) and Pioneer Road (CR 135) located in Precinct #1. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

25. Consideration and possible action to approve a Contract between Matagorda County and the Texas General Land Office, pertaining to GLO SMID Contract No. 24-065-093-E768, related to the Community Development Block Grant – Regional Mitigation Program Project and authorize the County Judge to DocuSign

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to approve a Contract between Matagorda County and the Texas General Land Office, pertaining to GLO SMID Contract No. 24-065-093-E768, related to the Community Development Block Grant – Regional Mitigation Program Project and authorize the County Judge to DocuSign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

26. Consideration and possible action to approve a Contract between Matagorda County and the Texas General Land Office, pertaining to GLO HMID Contract No. 24-065-093-E769, related to the Community Development Block Grant – Regional Mitigation Program Project and authorize the County Judge to DocuSign

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 a Contract between Matagorda County and the Texas

General Land Office, pertaining to GLO HMID Contract No. 24-065-093-E769, related to the Community Development Block Grant – Regional Mitigation Program Project and authorize the County Judge to DocuSign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

27. Consideration and possible action to ratify an Indigent Defense Improvement Grant Program Cooperation Agreement, related to the TIDC Grant Application in collaboration with Wharton County, and authorize County Judge and 130th and 23rd District Judges to sign all related documents

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to ratify an Indigent Defense Improvement Grant Program Cooperation Agreement, related to the TIDC Grant Application in collaboration with Wharton County, and authorize County Judge and 130th and 23rd District Judges to sign all related documents. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

28. Consideration and possible action to ratify a Resolution and authorize the submission of a Texas Indigent Defense Commission Grant Application, along with Wharton County, and authorize Matagorda County's participation with the Lower Colorado River Regional Public Defender's Office Planning Study and all related documents

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge Seiferman and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to ratify a Resolution and authorize the submission of a Texas Indigent Defense Commission Grant Application, along with Wharton County, and authorize Matagorda County's participation with the Lower Colorado River Regional Public Defender's Office Planning Study and all related documents. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

29. Consideration and possible action to accept a Certificate of Substantial Completion pertaining to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Project – Blessing Community Center/EOC, contracted by BLS Construction

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to authorize Judge Bobby Seiferman and the Commissioners Court to accept a Certificate of Substantial Completion pertaining to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Project – Blessing Community Center/EOC, contracted by BLS Construction. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

30. 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

31. Consideration and possible action to ratify an Invoice from AFSCO in the amount of \$431.60 for Precinct #2 that was paid on 01/09/2025

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to ratify an Invoice from AFSCO in the amount of \$431.60 for Precinct #2 that was paid on 01/09/2025. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

32. Consideration and possible action to ratify an Invoice from CAS GRAPHICS in the amount of \$140.00 for JP #2 that was paid on 12/09/2024

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to ratify an Invoice from CAS GRAPHICS in the amount of \$140.00 for JP #2 that was paid on 12/09/2024. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

33. Consideration and possible action to approve Invoices from the following Departments: Precinct #1, Precinct #2, IT and Sheriff's Office

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve Invoices from the following Departments: Precinct #1, Precinct #2, IT and Sheriff's Office. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

34. Consideration and possible action to approve Matagorda County Treasurer's Office Monthly Report for March 2025

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 Matagorda County Treasurer's Office Monthly Report for March 2025. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

35. Consideration and possible action to approve Institutional Suitability Certificate, SEC's Municipal Advisor Rule Certificate of Bond Proceeds and Trading Authorization for BOK Financial Securities, Inc.

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge Seiferman and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to approve Institutional Suitability Certificate, SEC's Municipal Advisor Rule Certificate of Bond Proceeds and Trading Authorization for BOK Financial Securities, Inc. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

36. Consideration and possible action to ratify Demand Checks paid on April 21, 2025

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to ratify Demand Checks paid on April 21, 2025. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

37. Consideration and possible action to approve Payment of Bills

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 Payment of Bills. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

38. Consideration and possible action to approve Emergency Amendments

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 Emergency Amendments. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

38a. Consideration and possible action to approve the TAC HEBP updated Billing Payment Policy that takes effect May 1, 2025, and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman to DocuSign

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 the TAC HEBP updated Billing Payment Policy that takes effect May 1, 2025, and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman to DocuSign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

39. Meet in Executive Session:

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

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 10:34 a.m. by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to meet in Executive Session:

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

Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

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

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

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 10:48 a.m. by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to meet in Executive Session:

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

Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

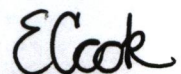
41. Adjournment

At approximately 10:49 a.m. Judge Seiferman adjourned the meeting.


Approved in Open Court, the 5th day of May, 2025.




BOBBY SEIFERMAN
County Judge




EDWARD "BUBBA" COOK
Commissioner Precinct No. One



MIKE ESTLINBAUM
Commissioner Precinct No. Two



TROY SHIMEK
Commissioner Precinct No. Three



CHARLES "BUBBA" FRICK
Commissioner Precinct No. Four

ATTEST: 

Stephanie Wurtz, County Clerk

