

MINUTES
MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING
MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300
1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414
9:30 A.M., MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025

Call to Order

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:32 A.M., Monday, August 25, 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: Kristen Kubecka, Matt Sloan, Rick DeLeon, Chris Peikert, Robert Thompson, Mike Reddell, Vic Everett, Mike Ferdinand, Mike Spillers, Cynthia Raleigh, Kent Pollard, Kanita Robinson, Dan Shook, Huyen Tran, Barry Midge, 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 August 11, 2025 and August 18, 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 Commissioner's Court Minutes for August 11, 2025 and August 18, 2025. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

6a. Consideration and possible action to approve Commissioner's Court Minutes for August 8, 2025

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 Commissioner's Court Minutes for August 8, 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 approve and adopt the 2026 Matagorda County Budget

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 and adopt the 2026 Matagorda County Budget.

Record Vote:

County Judge

Aye

Commissioner Pct. 1	Aye
Commissioner Pct. 2	Aye
Commissioner Pct. 3	Aye
Commissioner Pct. 4	Aye

Motion carried.

9. Public Hearing at 9:55 a.m. to discuss the 2025 Proposed Maintenance and Operation Tax Rate of .32920 and the 2025 Proposed Interest and Sinking Tax Rate of .00731, for a total Tax Rate of .33651

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to enter a Public Hearing at 9:56 a.m. to discuss the 2025 Proposed Maintenance and Operation Tax Rate of .32920 and the 2025 Proposed Interest and Sinking Tax Rate of .00731, for a total Tax Rate of .33651. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

At 9:58 a.m., a motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to exit the Public Hearing and resume regular session of Commissioner's Court. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

10. Consideration and possible action to adopt the 2025 Proposed Maintenance and Operation Tax Rate of .32920, for a total Tax Rate of .33651

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to adopt the 2025 Proposed Maintenance and Operation Tax Rate of .32920, for a total Tax Rate of .33651.

Record Vote:

County Judge	Aye
Commissioner Pct. 1	Aye
Commissioner Pct. 2	Aye
Commissioner Pct. 3	Aye
Commissioner Pct. 4	Aye

Motion carried.

11. Consideration and possible action to adopt the 2025 Proposed Interest and Sinking Tax Rate of .00731, for a total Tax Rate of .33651

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to adopt the 2025 Proposed Interest and Sinking Tax Rate of .00731, for a total Tax Rate of .33651.

Record Vote:

County Judge	Aye
Commissioner Pct. 1	Aye
Commissioner Pct. 2	Aye
Commissioner Pct. 3	Aye
Commissioner Pct. 4	Aye

Motion carried.

12. Consideration and possible action to adopt the 2025 Property Tax Rate and ratify the 2025 Property Tax increase of \$8,225,523 or 31.11% reflected in the 2026 Matagorda County Budget

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to adopt the 2025 Property Tax Rate and ratify the 2025 Property Tax increase of \$8,225,523 or 31.11% reflected in the 2026 Matagorda County Budget.

Record Vote:

County Judge	Aye
Commissioner Pct. 1	Aye
Commissioner Pct. 2	Aye
Commissioner Pct. 3	Aye
Commissioner Pct. 4	Aye

Motion carried.

13. Consideration and possible action to accept the Deputation of Haylee Crowley as Deputy Clerk with the Matagorda County Clerk's Office

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to accept the Deputation of Haylee Crowley as Deputy Clerk with the Matagorda County Clerk's Office. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

14. Consideration and possible action to accept the General Land Office Contract #26-002-004 for state assistance in cleaning and maintaining public beaches 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 accept the General Land Office Contract #26-002-004 for state assistance in cleaning and maintaining public beaches and to authorize Matagorda County Precinct #2 Commissioner Mike Estlinbaum to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

15. Consideration and possible action to accept a contribution in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Lyondell Chemical Company for expenses toward the Matagorda County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event to be held October 18, 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 accept a contribution in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Lyondell Chemical Company for expenses toward the Matagorda County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event to be held October 18, 2025. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

16. Consideration and possible action to approve a Renewal Contract between the Matagorda County Attorney's Office and LexisNexis and to 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 Frick with all others concurring, to approve a Renewal Contract between the Matagorda County Attorney's Office and LexisNexis and to authorize County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

17. 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

18. Consideration and possible action to approve Invoices from the following Departments: Precinct #2, HR/Payroll and Emergency Management

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 Invoices from the following Departments: Precinct #2, HR/Payroll and Emergency Management. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

19. Consideration and possible action to approve payment of Demand Checks

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 Demand Checks. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

20. 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

21. Consideration and possible action to approve Emergency Amendments

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 Emergency Amendments. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

22. 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 contract being negotiated

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 10:02 a.m. by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Cook, 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 contract being negotiated

Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

23. 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 contract being negotiated

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 10:57 a.m. by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Frick, 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 contract being negotiated

Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

24. Adjournment

At approximately 10:58 a.m. Judge Seiferman adjourned the meeting.

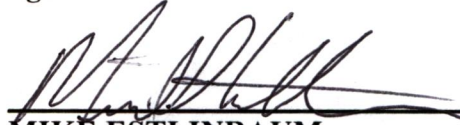
Approved in Open Court, the 8th day of September, 2025.



BOBBY SEIFERMAN
County Judge



EDWARD "BUBBA" COOK
Commissioner Precinct No. One



MIKE ESTLINBAUM
Commissioner Precinct No. Two

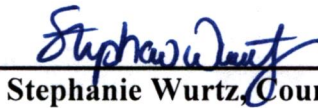


TROY SHEMEK
Commissioner Precinct No. Three



CHARLES "BUBBA" FRICK
Commissioner Precinct No. Four

ATTEST:



Stephanie Wurtz, County Clerk

