

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

Call to Order

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday, February 9, 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, Karla Smith, Loretta Griffin, Becky Cook, Robert Thompson, Chris Peikert, Mike Reddell, Mike Ferdinand, Ryan Adams, Kristine Morales, Vic Everett, Todd Spillers, Crystal Morones, Katharine McGee, 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 Frick

3. Texas Pledge – Commissioner Frick

4. Prayer – Commissioner Shimek

5. Public Comments

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

6. Consideration and possible action to approve Commissioners' Court Minutes for February 2, 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 Commissioners' Court Minutes for February 2, 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 Dr. Bruce Alan Barker as the Health Authority of Matagorda County

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to reappoint Dr. Bruce Alan Barker as the Health Authority of Matagorda County. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

9. Consideration and possible action to reappoint Willie Younger and Gary Koeppen on the Matagorda County Conservation & Reclamation District No. 1 Board effective 02/26/2026 – 02/26/2028

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to reappoint Willie Younger and Gary Koeppen on the

Matagorda County Conservation & Reclamation District No. 1 Board effective 02/26/2026 – 02/26/2028. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

10. Consideration and possible action to approve the Affordable Care Act Reporting and Tracing Service (ARTS) 2026 Renewal Confirmation Program Agreement and authorize the County Judge to initial and 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 Affordable Care Act Reporting and Tracing Service (ARTS) 2026 Renewal Confirmation Program Agreement and authorize the County Judge to initial and sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

11. Consideration and possible action to approve a Settlement Agreement with complaining party involving the Sheriff's Office 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 a Settlement Agreement with complaining party involving the Sheriff's Office and allow the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

12. Consideration and possible action to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Matagorda County and the City of Bay City regarding the Bay City Public Library 2026 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 an Interlocal Agreement between Matagorda County and the City of Bay City regarding the Bay City Public Library 2026 and allow the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

13. Consideration and possible action to approve a Matagorda County Right-of-Way Application with a Letter of No Objection for an existing handhole located 49' at West of FM 1468 C/L and authorize the County Judge to sign all necessary documents

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 a Matagorda County Right-of-Way Application with a Letter of No Objection for an existing handhole located 49' at West of FM 1468 C/L and authorize the County Judge to sign all necessary documents. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

14. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application #5827901 Countywide JP Juvenile Diversion Program – FY 2027, applying to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division and authorize the County Judge to accept or decline any award

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 a Resolution authorizing the submission of Grant Application #5827901 Countywide JP Juvenile Diversion Program – FY 2027, applying to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division and authorize the County Judge to accept or decline any award. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

15. Consideration and possible action to ratify the acceptance of the Funding Agreement between Matagorda County and the Texas Comptroller's Office pertaining to the Rural Law Enforcement Salary Assistance Program – Sheriff's Office, in the total amount of \$350,000.00, under Senate Bill 22

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 the acceptance of the Funding Agreement between Matagorda County and the Texas Comptroller's Office pertaining to the Rural Law Enforcement Salary Assistance Program – Sheriff's Office, in the total amount of \$350,000.00, under Senate Bill 22. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

16. Consideration and possible action to ratify an Invoice to Crain Lumber in the amount of \$9.99 for Matagorda County Precinct #4

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to ratify an Invoice to Crain Lumber in the amount of \$9.99 for Matagorda County Precinct #4. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

17. Consideration and possible action to ratify an Invoice to Caney Creek MUD in the amount of \$3,166.70 from November 3, 2025, for Matagorda County Precinct #2

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to ratify an Invoice to Caney Creek MUD in the amount of \$3,166.70 from November 3, 2025, for Matagorda County Precinct #2. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

18. Consideration and possible action to ratify a Demand Check from January 28, 2026, for postage for the 2026 Voter Cards

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 Demand Check from January 28, 2026, for postage for the 2026 Voter Cards. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

19. Consideration and possible action to approve Invoices from the following Departments: County Judge, Precinct #2, County Clerk and Emergency Management

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 Invoices from the following Departments: County Judge, Precinct #2, County Clerk and Emergency Management. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

20. Consideration and possible action to approve Payment of Bills

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

21. 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 Frick, with all others concurring, to approve Line Item Transfers. 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 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 9:43 a.m. by Commissioner Shimek 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 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

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 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 11:04 a.m. by Commissioner Estlinbaum 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 was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to approve a credit application with Star Service, Inc. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

24. Adjournment

At approximately 11:06 a.m. Judge Seiferman adjourned the meeting.

Approved in Open Court, the 23rd day of February, 2026.



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

