

MINUTES

MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING
MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300
1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414
9:30 A.M., MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026

Call to Order

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday, January 12, 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, Rick DeLeon, Tressa Leadford, Loretta Griffin, Becky Cook, Rick DeLeon, Amanda Campos, Chris Peikert, Mike Reddell, Gloria Millsap, Ericka Lawson, Don Wood, Mike Spillers, Vic Everett, Crystal Morones, 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 to approve Commissioners' Court Minutes for January 5, 2026

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 Commissioners' Court Minutes for January 5, 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 Mike Estlinbaum to Bay City TIRZ #4 Board effective 02/01/2026 – 02/01/2028

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 Mike Estlinbaum to Bay City TIRZ #4 Board effective 02/01/2026 – 02/01/2028. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

9. Consideration and possible action to reappoint Edward "Bubba" Cook and Mike Estlinbaum to Bay City TIRZ #3 Board effective 02/01/2026 – 02/01/2028

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 Edward "Bubba" Cook and Mike Estlinbaum to Bay City TIRZ #3 Board effective 02/01/2026 – 02/01/2028. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

10. Consideration and possible action to reappoint Tena Frick and Lee Ann Solberg to the Wharton-Matagorda County CPS Board effective 01/01/2026 – 12/31/2028

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to reappoint Tena Frick and Lee Ann Solberg to the Wharton-Matagorda County CPS Board effective 01/01/2026 – 12/31/2028. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

11. Consideration and possible action to appoint Makenna Krenek to the Wharton-Matagorda CPS Board effective 01/01/2026 – 12/31/2028

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to appoint Makenna Krenek to the Wharton-Matagorda CPS Board effective 01/01/2026 – 12/31/2028. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

12. Consideration and possible action to approve the TAC Website Agreement for upgrading the county website

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 TAC Website Agreement for upgrading the county website. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

13. Consideration and possible action to accept a Platted Road (Crescent Street) off CR 338 Barber Road into the Matagorda County Precinct #3 Road System

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Cook, with all others concurring, to accept a Platted Road (Crescent Street) off CR 338 Barber Road into the Matagorda County Precinct #3 Road System. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

14. Consideration and possible action to authorize Matagorda County Precinct #1 to purchase a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4WD Crew Cab Pickup from Caldwell Country Chevrolet (BuyBoard Contract #724-23) in the amount of \$55,525.00

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 Matagorda County Precinct #1 to purchase a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4WD Crew Cab Pickup from Caldwell Country Chevrolet (BuyBoard Contract #724-23) in the amount of \$55,525.00. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

15. Consideration and possible action to allow the Matagorda County Sheriff's Office to accept a non-matching grant for Thermal Binoculars in the amount of \$9,000.00 from LyondellBasell

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to allow the Matagorda County Sheriff's Office to accept a non-matching grant for Thermal Binoculars in the amount of \$9,000.00 from LyondellBasell. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

16. Consideration and possible action to allow the Sheriff's Office to declare the following vehicles as salvage and authorize the sale at auction with all proceeds to be placed in 010-55700-560:

- 2017 Dodge Ram VIN #1C6RR7XT1HS584468
- 2020 Dodge Ram VIN #1C6RR7XT1LS148714
- 2020 Dodge Ram VIN #1C6RR7XT5HS581993

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

- 2017 Dodge Ram VIN #1C6RR7XT1HS584468
- 2020 Dodge Ram VIN #1C6RR7XT1LS148714

With the following vehicle to be conveyed to Precinct #4:

- 2017 Dodge Ram VIN #1C6RR7XT5HS581993

Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

17. Consideration and possible action to authorize travel expenses for Amanda Campos and Cris Cruz for the 2026 National Radiological Emergency Preparedness Conference in Overland Park, Kansas

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Judge Seiferman and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to authorize travel expenses for Amanda Campos and Cris Cruz for the 2026 National Radiological Emergency Preparedness Conference in Overland Park, Kansas. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

18. Consideration and possible action to approve an Easement with regard to Sanitary Control for Matagorda County Water Control and Improvement District #6, as presented by Southwest Engineers, 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 an Easement with regard to Sanitary Control for Matagorda County Water Control and Improvement District #6, as presented by Southwest Engineers, and allow the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

19. Consideration and possible action to approve a Contract between Matagorda County and Palacios Area Historical Association FY 2026-2027 and allow the County Judge to sign

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 Contract between Matagorda County and Palacios Area Historical Association FY 2026-2027 and allow the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

20. Consideration and possible action to approve a Letter of No Obligation, a Right-of-Way Application, and a permit for the installation, construction, repair, or replacement of utility lines, cables, pipes, conduit, or related facilities within the Matagorda County Road right-of-way. The proposed route will cross 12th Street, proceed north to cross Collins Drive, then continue west along the north side of Collins Drive, terminating at 805 Shark Drive, Palacios, Texas

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 a Letter of No Obligation, a Right-of-Way Application, and a permit for the installation, construction, repair, or replacement of utility lines, cables, pipes, conduit, or related facilities within the Matagorda County Road right-of-way. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

21. Consideration and possible action to approve Change Order #1 between Matagorda County and Boettcher Hlavinka Co. specific to the Justice of the Peace #2 Office Building Project and authorize the County Judge to sign

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 Change Order #1 between Matagorda County and Boettcher Hlavinka Co. specific to the Justice of the Peace #2 Office Building Project and authorize the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

22. Consideration and possible action to approve Invoices from the following Departments: District Clerk, County Attorney, Juvenile Probation and Sheriff's Office

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: District Clerk, County Attorney, Juvenile Probation and Sheriff's Office. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

23. Consideration and possible action to approve Matagorda County Treasurer's Office Monthly Investment Report for December 2025

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

24. 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 Cook, with all others concurring, to approve Payment of Bills. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

25. 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

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 9:49 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 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

Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

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

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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

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 10:18 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

Motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to approve and ratify County Judge to sign agreement with Terracon. Motion carried. Vote 5 ayes 0 nays

27. Adjournment

At approximately 10:20 a.m. Judge Seiferman adjourned the meeting.

Approved in Open Court, the 26th day of January, 2026.

Bobby Seif

BOBBY SIEFERMAN
County Judge

E Cook

EDWARD "BUBBA" COOK
Commissioner Precinct No. One

Mike Estlinbaum

MIKE ESTLINBAUM
Commissioner Precinct No. Two

Absent

TROY SHIMEK
Commissioner Precinct No. Three

Charles Bubba Frick

CHARLES "BUBBA" FRICK
Commissioner Precinct No. Four

ATTEST:

Stephanie Wurtz

Stephanie Wurtz, County Clerk

