

MINUTES
MATAGORDA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING
MATAGORDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 300
1700 SEVENTH STREET, BAY CITY, TEXAS 77414
9:30 A.M., MONDAY, JULY 21, 2025

Call to Order

This **Regular Session** of the Matagorda County Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Monday, July 21, 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, Robert Thompson, Lisa Krobot, Rick DeLeon, Jessica Shepard, Tressa Leadford, Loretta Griffin, Mike Spillers, Vic Everett, Kelly deSchaun, Michael Ferdinand, Kent Pollard, Ethan Kasmir, Jim Powell, Douglas Hooten, Alexandria Espindola and Stephanie Wurtz.

1. Certification of quorum

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

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 July 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 Commissioner's Court Minutes for July 14, 2025. Motion carried. Vote 4 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 the 2025-2026 fully insured Life/AD&D and self-funded ASO Medical/Dental Plan with Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool, TAC HEBP, effective 10/01/2025 and authorize the County Judge to initial and sign

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 the 2025-2026 fully insured Life/AD&D and self-funded ASO Medical/Dental Plan with Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool, TAC HEBP, effective 10/01/2025 and authorize the County Judge to initial and sign. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

9. Consideration and possible action to approve the creation of a new staff position and job description out of the Matagorda County Attorney's office entitled Second Assistant County Attorney in pay group 116; salary (including associated benefits) to be paid from the Rural Prosecutor's Office Salary Assistance Grant Program

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 the creation of a new staff position and job description out of the Matagorda County Attorney's office entitled Second Assistant County Attorney in pay group 116; salary (including associated benefits) to be paid from the Rural Prosecutor's Office Salary Assistance Grant Program. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

10. Consideration and possible action to approve the creation of a new staff position and job description out of the Matagorda County Attorney's office entitled Second Assistant County Attorney in pay group 116; salary (including associated benefits) to be paid from the Rural Prosecutor's Office Salary Assistance Grant Program

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 the creation of a new staff position and job description out of the Matagorda County Attorney's office entitled Second Assistant County Attorney in pay group 116; salary (including associated benefits) to be paid from the Rural Prosecutor's Office Salary Assistance Grant Program. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

11. Consideration and possible action to approve the creation of a new staff position and job description out of the Matagorda County Sheriff's office entitled Lieutenant – Patrol in pay group S07, replacing Lieutenant – Narcotics position and utilizing approved 2025 Budget funds

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 creation of a new staff position and job description out of the Matagorda County Sheriff's office entitled Lieutenant – Patrol in pay group S07, replacing Lieutenant – Narcotics position and utilizing approved 2025 Budget funds. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

12. Consideration and possible action to authorize replacement commissioned deputies during fiscal year 2025 to receive Senate Bill 22 funds in the amount of \$410.06 biweekly in the place of a former commissioned deputy while Senate Bill 22 funds are available

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner FRick, with all others concurring, to authorize replacement commissioned deputies during fiscal year 2025 to receive Senate Bill 22 funds in the amount of \$410.06 biweekly in the place of a former commissioned deputy while Senate Bill 22 funds are available. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

13. Consideration and possible action to authorize Precinct #1 Commissioner Edward "Bubba" Cook to purchase a 2014 Kenworth T300 4,000-gallon water truck (VIN # 2NKHLN9X7EM386013) from Double L Equipment Rental Co. for \$67,500.00 with a demand check

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Shimek, with all others concurring, to authorize Precinct #1 Commissioner Edward "Bubba" Cook to purchase a 2014 Kenworth T300 4,000-gallon water truck (VIN # 2NKHLN9X7EM386013) from Double L Equipment Rental Co. for \$67,500.00 with a demand check. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

14. Consideration and possible action to authorize Precinct #4 Commissioner Charles "Bubba" Frick to purchase a new 2024 Dodge 3500 Reg Cab 4x4 diesel pickup truck with a service body installed through BuyBoard Contract #723-23 from Grapevine Dodge Chrysler Jeep in the amount of \$64,661.00

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Frick and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to authorize Precinct #4 Commissioner Charles "Bubba"

Frick to purchase a new 2024 Dodge 3500 Reg Cab 4x4 diesel pickup truck with a service body installed through BuyBoard Contract #723-23 from Grapevine Dodge Chrysler Jeep in the amount of \$64,661.00. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

15. Consideration and possible action to accept a contribution in the amount of \$11,000.00 from City of Bay City 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 Estlinbaum, with all others concurring, to accept a contribution in the amount of \$11,000.00 from City of Bay City for expenses toward the Matagorda County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event to be held October 18, 2025. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

16. Consideration and possible action to accept a contribution in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Chemical's Inc./Ashok K. Moza Foundation 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 Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to accept a contribution in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Chemical's Inc./Ashok K. Moza Foundation for expenses toward the Matagorda County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event to be held October 18, 2025. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

17. Consideration and possible action to accept an Agreement between Husch Blackwell and Matagorda County for legal services in the case of Vantray Williams vs. Johnna Montalvo and Matagorda County and allow 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 accept an Agreement between Husch Blackwell and Matagorda County for legal services in the case of Vantray Williams vs. Johnna Montalvo and Matagorda County and allow County Judge Bobby Seiferman to sign. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

18. Consideration and possible action to grant a variance to the Matagorda County Guidelines and Criteria for Granting Tax Abatements in Reinvestment Zones and/or Enterprise Zones created in Matagorda County by petitioner Duffy Energy Storage Project, LLC specifically for the requirements of Section 4(m)(2) regarding the creation or job retention of a minimum of 10 jobs and grant the variance due to good cause as shown by petitioner's Variance Application

This being the next item for business, motion was duly made by Commissioner Estlinbaum and seconded by Commissioner Frick, with all others concurring, to grant a variance to the Matagorda County Guidelines and Criteria for Granting Tax Abatements in Reinvestment Zones and/or Enterprise Zones created in Matagorda County by petitioner Duffy Energy Storage Project, LLC specifically for the requirements of Section 4(m)(2) regarding the creation or job retention of a minimum of 10 jobs and grant the variance due to good cause as shown by petitioner's Variance Application. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

19. Consideration and possible action to authorize the submission of a Grant Application to the Local Parks Non-Urban Outdoor Recreation Program funded by Texas Parks and Wildlife Local Park Grant Program and authorize the County Judge 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 authorize the submission of a Grant Application to the Local Parks Non-Urban Outdoor Recreation Program funded by Texas Parks and Wildlife Local Park Grant Program and authorize the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

20. Consideration and possible action to approve the Applicant's Certification and Program Assurances Form as required by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Local Park Grant Program and authorize the County Judge to sign

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 Applicant's Certification and Program Assurances Form as required by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Local Park Grant Program and authorize the County Judge to sign. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

21. Consideration and possible action to approve Contract Amendment No. 1 between Matagorda County and the Texas General Land Office (TxGLO) pertaining to the Coastal Erosion Planning and Response ACT (CEPRA) Project Cooperation Agreement for GLO Project No. 20-123-024-D134 related to the Sargent Beach Stabilization Construction Phase 1 Project and authorize the County Judge to DocuSign all related documents

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 Contract Amendment No. 1 between Matagorda County and the Texas General Land Office (TxGLO) pertaining to the Coastal Erosion Planning and Response ACT (CEPRA) Project Cooperation Agreement for GLO Project No. 20-123-024-D134 related to the Sargent Beach Stabilization Construction Phase 1 Project and authorize the County Judge to DocuSign all related documents. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

22. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution supporting the Creation of the Lone Star Coastal National Recreational Area

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 Resolution supporting the Creation of the Lone Star Coastal National Recreational Area. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

23. Consideration and possible action to approve Invoices from the following Departments: County Judge, Precinct #1, Fairgrounds and Precinct #3

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: County Judge, Precinct #1, Fairgrounds and Precinct #3. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

24. Consideration and possible action to approve payment of Payment of Bills

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 Payment of Bills. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

25. Consideration and possible action to approve Line Item Transfers

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 Line Item Transfers. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

26. Consideration and possible action to approve Emergency 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 Emergency Transfers. Motion carried. Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

27. **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

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 10:02 a.m. by Commissioner Shimek and seconded by Commissioner Estlinbaum, 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

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 4 ayes 0 nays

28. **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

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This being the next item for business, motion was duly made at 11:11 a.m. by Commissioner Frick 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 contract being negotiated

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

Vote 4 ayes 0 nays

29. **Adjournment**

At approximately 11:13 a.m. Judge Seiferman adjourned the meeting.


Approved in Open Court, the 28th day of July, 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

