

MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on October 14, 2024, Commissioners Court of Galveston County, Texas, met at a regular meeting with the following present:

Mark Henry, County Judge

Darrell A. Apffel, Commissioner Precinct 1

Joe Giusti, Commissioner Precinct 2

Stephen D. Holmes, Commissioner Precinct 3

Robin Armstrong, MD, Commissioner Precinct 4

Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk by Brandy Chapman, Chief Deputy

CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order by Judge Henry at 9:30 A.M. at the Galveston County Courthouse.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Armstrong led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Holmes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Simon Urbanic addressed the Court.

CONSENT AGENDA

Submitted by the Auditor's Office:

- *1. Approval of the accounts payable checks dated 10/7/2024 and 10/14/2024

Attachments: [1\(1\).pdf](#)
[1\(2\).pdf](#)
[1\(3\).pdf](#)
[1\(4\).pdf](#)

- *2. Order for payroll ending 10/9/2024 bi-weekly #21

Attachments: [2.pdf](#)

- *3. Order for supplemental payroll period ending 10/9/2024 bi-weekly #21

- *4. Internal audit report of the District Attorney's Office Change Funds with response letter from Honorable Jack Roady, dated 9/26/2024

Attachments: [CC packet 10-14-2024 FY2024 DA Change Fund](#)

- *5. Internal audit report of the County Engineering Department Audit for period of 7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024 with response letter from Michael C. Shannon, County Engineer, dated 9/13/2024
Attachments: [CC Packet 10-14-2024 Engineer's Office Audit Revised Report](#)
- *6. Quarterly audit report for the Sheriff's Office Tax Sale Division for period of 7/1/2024 - 9/30/2024
Attachments: [CC Agenda Packet 10.14.2024](#)
- *7. Receive and file refund check list from Odyssey submitted by the District Clerk
Attachments: [Batch10064](#)
[2862-2860](#)
- *8. Receive and file September 2024 Personal Bond/Collections Monthly Report submitted by Personal Bond/Collections
Attachments: [GC Personal Bond September 2024 Data Review](#)
- *9. Receive and file Order of Appointment of the Galveston County Purchasing Agent for a two-year term ending September 28, 2026, Oath of Office & Statement of Officer for Rufus G. Crowder submitted by the District Clerk
Attachments: [Set 26, 2024 Rufus Crowder Order Appointing Purchasing Agent](#)
[Sept 26, 2024 Oath of Office Rufus Crowder](#)
[Sept 26, 2024 Statement of Officer Rufus Crowder](#)
- *10. Receive and file 2024 Tax Assessor Collector Certifications submitted by the Tax Assessor Collector
Attachments: [2024 Tax Assessor Collector Certifications by the Tax Assessor Collector](#)

Motion to defer by County Judge Henry, seconded by Commissioner Giusti. to the Commissioners Court.

Passed: 5-0

Aye: County Judge Henry, Commissioner Apffel, Commissioner Giusti, Commissioner Holmes, Commissioner Armstrong

Nay: None

- *11. Consideration of approval of nominations and resolution for the Galveston Central Appraisal District Board of Directors for Galveston County and Galveston County Road & Flood submitted by the County Judge

Attachments: [11.pdf](#)

Motion to approve consent agenda item 11 only by County Judge Henry, seconded by Commissioner Giusti.

Passed: 5-0

Aye: County Judge Henry, Commissioner Apffel, Commissioner Giusti, Commissioner Holmes, Commissioner Armstrong

Nay: None

- *12. Consideration of approval of appointment of a Local Health Authority for Galveston County submitted by the County Judge

Attachments: [12.pdf](#)

(Filed in Real Property Records of County Clerk's Office, having instrument File Nos. 2024046460 and 2024046461.)

- *13. Consideration of a Resolution designating October 6-12, 2024 as 4-H Week in Galveston County submitted by Commissioner Pct. 2

Attachments: [4H 2024](#)

- *14. Consideration of approval for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the U.S. Army for operational training at Fort Travis Seashore Park submitted by the Parks Department

Attachments: [14.pdf](#)

- *15. Consideration of approval of a contract between Galveston County and Infax, Inc. for public display of court scheduling submitted by County Clerk

Attachments: [15.pdf](#)

- *16. Consideration of approval of a renewal of maintenance and service agreement with 14 Oranges Software, Inc. for mobile elections app submitted by the County Clerk

Attachments: [14 Oranges](#)

- *17. Consideration of authorizing Grant Agreement with CenterPoint Energy Foundation to donate a Kohler Generator to be installed at Bayside Community Center submitted by Legal Services Manager

Attachments: [17.pdf](#)

Motion to approve consent agenda item 17 only by County Judge Henry, seconded by Commissioner Armstrong.

Passed: 5-0

Aye: County Judge Henry, Commissioner Apffel, Commissioner Giusti, Commissioner Holmes, Commissioner Armstrong

Nay: None

- *18. Consideration of approval of SIP trunk change for voice communication with Centurylink Communications LLC submitted by Information Technology

Attachments: [18.pdf](#)

- *19. Consideration of approval of jail access control system replacement with CML Security submitted by Information Technology

Attachments: [19.pdf](#)

- *20. Consideration of approval of Granicus GovAccess hosting, annual maintenance and support, and developer toolkits with Granicus LLC submitted by Information Technology

Attachments: [20.pdf](#)

- *21. Consideration of approval of Bonfire eProcurement and contract management renewal with EUNA Solutions submitted by Information Technology

Attachments: [21.pdf](#)

- *22. Consideration of approval of Cisco Smartnet service maintenance renewal with Datavox submitted by Information Technology

Attachments: [SMARTNET BACKUP](#)

- *23. Consideration for authorization to cancel RFP 24-012 Galveston County Jail Facility Kitchen Floor Replacement and re-solicit for this project on behalf of the Grants Department submitted by the Purchasing Agent

Attachments: [jail floor](#)

- *24. Consideration for authorization to cancel ITB #B231032, California Avenue Improvement Project (FM 517 to 20th St) and re-solicit for this project on behalf of the Engineering Department submitted by the Purchasing Agent

Attachments: [california](#)

- *25. Consideration for authorization to utilize cooperative purchasing agreement in lieu of competitive bidding requirements to purchase a chip spreader on behalf of the Road & Bridge Department submitted by the Purchasing Agent

Attachments: [AGENDA ITEM.pdf](#)
[RB](#)

- *26. Consideration for authorization to accept a 2014 Chevrolet Silverado - forfeited property into the Galveston County Sheriff's Office inventory submitted by the Purchasing Agent

Attachments: [silverado](#)

- *27. Consideration for authorization to dispose of salvage or surplus property submitted by the Purchasing Agent

Attachments: [20241014-surp-salvg](#)

- *28. Consideration for authorization to utilize cooperative purchasing agreement in lieu of competitive bidding requirements to purchase a Grader Blade on behalf of the Road & Bridge department submitted by the Purchasing Agent.

Attachments: [28.pdf](#)

- *29. Consideration for authorization to utilize cooperative purchasing agreement in lieu of competitive bidding requirement to purchase a Dozer Blade on behalf of the Road & Bridge department submitted by the Purchasing Agent.

Attachments: [29.pdf](#)

- *30. Consideration of approval of warranty deed between Galveston County and Galveston County Drainage District No. 1 for a 30' unimproved right of way called 1st Street in the Eureka Orchard Subdivision in Santa Fe area of Galveston County submitted by Platting & Right-of-Way

Attachments: [30.pdf](#)

(Filed in Real Property Records of County Clerk's Office, having instrument File No. 2024046465.)

- *31. Consideration of approval of application from Kara Newmann & David Newmann for a partial replat Bayside Subdivision submitted by Platting & Right-of-Way

Attachments: [31.pdf](#)

- *32. Consideration of approval of a renewal contract between the Galveston County Tax Office and Data Business Equipment for annual (software) for CM#24015 maintenance agreement submitted by the Tax Assessor/Collector

Attachments: [DBE 3767-02](#)

- *33. Consideration of approval of a renewal contract between the Galveston County Tax Office and Data Business Equipment for annual software maintenance agreement for CM#24017 submitted by the Tax Assessor/Collector

Attachments: [DBE 2485-01](#)

- *34. Consideration of approval of a renewal contract between the Galveston County Tax Office and Data Business Equipment for annual maintenance agreement CM#24032 submitted by the Tax Assessor/Collector

Attachments: [DBE 2480-02](#)

- *35. Consideration of approval of a renewal contract between the Galveston County Tax Office and Data Business Equipment for annual (software) maintenance agreement CM#24016 submitted by the Tax Assessor/Collector

Attachments: [DBE 1528-02](#)

- *36. Consideration of request of tax refunds in excess of \$2,500.00 submitted by the Tax Assessor/Collector

Attachments: [Tax Refunds in Excess of \\$2,500.00](#)

- *37. Consideration of approval of contract renewal for Leads Online, a Total Track Investigations System submitted by Sheriff's Office

Attachments: [Renewal Invoice- Renewal FY25.pdf](#)

- *38. Consideration of approval for contract renewal for Magnet Forensics for GrayKey license for criminal investigations submitted by Sheriff's Office

Attachments: [38.pdf](#)

- *39. Consideration of renewal with VitalCore Health Strategies for inmate healthcare submitted by

the Sheriff's Office

Attachments: [VitalCore](#)

- *40. Consideration of approval of amendment to Interlocal Agreement with City of Hitchcock Police Department for Emergency 911 Dispatch Services to adopt FY25 Sheriff's compensation schedule submitted by Sheriff's Office

Attachments: [40.pdf](#)

- *41. Consideration of approval of an Order designating that all monies that otherwise would be deposited in an Officers' Salary Fund be deposited in Galveston County's General Fund submitted by Legal Services Manager

Attachments: [41.pdf](#)

- *42. Consideration for authorization for County Judge to sign grant funded contract with Flock Safety under the FY 2024 Catalytic Converter task force grant from the Texas Motor Vehicle Crimes Prevention Authority as submitted by Auto Crimes Task Force

Attachments: [42.pdf](#)

- *43. Consideration of approval for County Judge to sign grant funded contract with Vigilant Solutions under the FY 2024 Auto Crimes Task Force Catalytic Converter grant from the Texas Motor Vehicle Crimes Prevention Authority as submitted by Auto Crimes Task Force

Attachments: [43.pdf](#)

- *44. Consideration of authorization for County Judge to sign FY 2025 grant-funded vendor contract renewal with Appriss Insights, LLC as submitted by Sheriff's office

Attachments: [44.pdf](#)

- *45. Consideration of authorization for County Judge to sign required documents for the 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for submission to the U.S. Department of Justice as submitted by Professional Services

Attachments: [45.pdf](#)

- *46. Consideration of authorization for County Judge to sign required documents for the FY 2025 Senior Nutrition and Transportation Services grant award from the Houston-Galveston Area Council as submitted by Professional Services

Attachments: [46.pdf](#)

- *47. Consideration of authorization for County Judge to sign supporting resolution for submission of the FY 2025 Formula Grant application to the Texas Indigent Defense Commission as submitted by Professional Services

Attachments: [47.pdf](#)

- *48. Consideration of acceptance of FY 2024 Bulletproof Vest Grant Program denial from the U.S. Department of Justice as submitted by Professional Services

Attachments: [FY 2024 BVP Denial](#)

- *49. Consideration of authorization for County Judge to sign grant-funded construction contract for the MUD12 Generator project through Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding from the Texas Division of Emergency Management

Attachments: [49.pdf](#)

- *50. Consideration of agreement with Gulf Coast Transit District for public transportation services submitted by Legal Services Manager

Attachments: [50.pdf](#)

- * Consideration of approval of the following budget amendments submitted by Professional Services:

- *51. 24-185-1014-A
Sheriff's Office - Request transfer from General Fund - Budgeted Reserves to Sheriff - Corrections Division - Food Services Contract to fund additional invoice

Attachments: [51.pdf](#)

- *52. 24-186-1014-B
Information Technology- Request transfer from General Fund - Budgeted Reserves to Information Technology - Telephone Expense to fund additional end of the year expenses

Attachments: [52.pdf](#)

- *53. 24-187-1014-C
Justice Court Precinct 4- Request transfer from General Fund - Budgeted Reserves to Justice Court Precinct 4 - Administrative Supplies to fund additional P-Card transactions for the remainder of FY24

Attachments: [53.pdf](#)

- *54. 24-188-1014-D
Professional Services- Request transfer from General Fund - Budgeted Reserves to Sheriff - Criminal Investigation Division - Mobile Phone Expense to fund mobile phone invoices

Attachments: [54.pdf](#)

- *55. 24-189-1014-E
Professional Services- Request transfer from General Fund - Budgeted Reserves to the Health District - Other Contract Services to fund 4th quarter county invoices

Attachments: [55.pdf](#)

- *56. 25-09-1014-A
Professional Services- Request transfer from General Fund - Budgeted Reserves to Road and Bridge Facility - CIP Buildings to fund the Disincentive Permit Fee expense

Attachments: [56.pdf](#)

- *57. 25-10-1014-B
Professional Services- Request transfer from General Fund - Budgeted Reserves to Sheriff - Criminal Investigation Division - Other Contract Services to fund mobile phone invoices

Attachments: [57.pdf](#)

- *58. 25-11-1014-C
Information Technology- Request transfer from General Fund - Budgeted Reserves to Various Line Items to fund Roll Forward for FY2025

Attachments: [58.pdf](#)

- *59. 25-12-1014-D
Professional Services- Request transfer from Grant Administration to General Fund - Budgeted Reserves to fund personnel adjustment

Attachments: [59.pdf](#)

- *60. 25-13-1014-E
Sheriff's Office - Request transfer from General Fund - Budgeted Reserves to Sheriff - Communications Division - Software Licensing and Maintenance to fund dispatch program Roll Forward for FY25

Attachments: [60.pdf](#)

- *61. 25-14-1014-F
Professional Services- Request transfer from General Fund - Budgeted Reserves to Sheriff - Identification Division - Buildings to fund mobile building Roll Forward for FY25

Attachments: [61.pdf](#)

- *62. 25-15-1014-G
Professional Services- Request transfer from General Fund - Budgeted Reserves to Grant Administration - Various Benefits to fund new position

Attachments: [62.pdf](#)

- *63. 25-16-1014-H
County Clerk- Request transfer from General Fund - Budgeted Reserves to County Clerk - Various Benefits for the funding of one new position

Attachments: [63.pdf](#)

Motion to approve consent agenda items 1-63 by County Judge Henry, seconded by Commissioner Giusti with the exception of item(s): 10, 11, 17. (Agenda items 10, 11 and 17 voted on separately.)

Passed: 5-0

Aye: County Judge Henry, Commissioner Apffel, Commissioner Giusti, Commissioner Holmes, Commissioner Armstrong

Nay: None

ACTION AGENDA

Engineering

64. Receive public comments on dune mitigation permit for 652 Villa Drive, Crystal Beach

Attachments: [Notice of hearing for Dune Mitigation](#)

Public Hearing was opened at 9:44 A.M.

Public Hearing held.

No public comments.

Public Hearing was closed at 9:44 A.M.

65. Consideration of approval of dune mitigation permit for 652 Villa Drive, Crystal Beach

Attachments: [Notice of hearing for Dune Mitigation](#)

Motion to approve by County Judge Henry, seconded by Commissioner Giusti that the above action be taken by the Court.

Passed: 5-0

Aye: County Judge Henry, Commissioner Apffel, Commissioner Giusti, Commissioner Holmes, Commissioner Armstrong

Nay: None

Professional Services

66. Consideration of renewal of annual policy premiums for Commercial Property, Wind and Flood Policies with subjectivities from GIA Insurance submitted by Legal Services Manager

Attachments: [66.pdf](#)

Motion to approve by Commissioner Giusti, seconded by County Judge Henry that the above action be taken by the Court.

Passed: 5-0

Aye: County Judge Henry, Commissioner Apffel, Commissioner Giusti, Commissioner Holmes, Commissioner Armstrong

Nay: None

Purchasing

67. Consideration of awarding ITB #24-013 Vehicle Collision and Body Repairs and authorize County Judge to execute resultant contract with Marty's City Auto Inc. submitted by Fleet

Attachments: [67.pdf](#)

Motion to approve by County Judge Henry, seconded by Commissioner Giusti that contract be awarded to Marty City Auto, as recommended.

Passed: 5-0

Aye: County Judge Henry, Commissioner Apffel, Commissioner Giusti, Commissioner Holmes, Commissioner Armstrong

Nay: None

Tax Assessor Collector

68. Consideration of approval of request of tax waiver/refund by the taxpayer

Motion to defer by County Judge Henry, seconded by Commissioner Appfel. to the Commissioners Court.

Passed: 5-0

Aye: County Judge Henry, Commissioner Appfel, Commissioner Giusti, Commissioner Holmes, Commissioner Armstrong

Nay: None

General Counsel

a. BREAK INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Break into Executive Session at 9:47 A.M.

b. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney: the Commissioners Court will enter into an executive session as permitted under the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Government Code to seek the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the County under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas- clearly conflicts with the Open Meetings Act relating to each of the following items:

b.69. Cause No. 3:21-CV-00256; Jaryd Peters, et al vs. Galveston County et al, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Galveston Division

b.70. Cause No. 24-NSC02-0179; Chad Gillingwater vs. Galveston County Sheriff's Office in JP 2 Galveston County

b.71. Right-of-Way Instrument to Entergy Texas, Inc. for the placement of utility lines along Highway 87 on the Bolivar Peninsula

c. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Texas Government Code Section 551.074, Personnel Matters: the Commissioners Court will enter into executive session as permitted under the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, Personnel Matters: to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee:

c.72. Director of Grants

d. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR MEETING

Reconvene into Regular Meeting at 10:23 A.M.

d.73. Consideration of approval of creation of the Director of Grants position in Grants Administration

Motion to approve by County Judge Henry, seconded by Commissioner Giusti that the above action be taken by the Court.

Passed: 5-0

Aye: County Judge Henry, Commissioner Apffel, Commissioner Giusti, Commissioner Holmes, Commissioner Armstrong

Nay: None

d.74. Consider authorizing the County Judge to execute a Right-of-Way Instrument to Entergy Texas, Inc. for the placement of utility lines along Highway 87 on the Bolivar Peninsula submitted by Legal Services Manager

Attachments: [d74.pdf](#)

(Filed in Real Property Records of County Clerk's Office, having instrument File No. 2024047024.)

Motion to approve by County Judge Henry, seconded by Commissioner Giusti that the above action be taken by the Court.

Passed: 5-0

Aye: County Judge Henry, Commissioner Apffel, Commissioner Giusti, Commissioner Holmes, Commissioner Armstrong

Nay: None

ADJOURN

Commissioners Court adjourned at 10:24 A.M. on Monday, October 14, 2024.