

MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on March 17, 2025, Commissioners Court of Galveston County, Texas, met at a special meeting with the following present:

Mark Henry, County Judge

Darrell A. Apffel, Commissioner Precinct 1

Joe Giusti, Commissioner Precinct 2

Hank Dugie, Commissioner Precinct 3

Robin Armstrong, MD, Commissioner Precinct 4

Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order by Judge Henry at 9:30 A.M. at the Calder Annex.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Giusti led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Apffel.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Submitted by the Auditor's Office:

- *1. Approval of the accounts payable checks dated 3/17/2025
Attachments: [1\(1\)](#)
- *2. Order for payroll ending 3/12/2025 bi-weekly #6
Attachments: [2](#)
- *3. Order for supplemental payroll period ending 3/12/2025 bi-weekly #6
- *4. Early check release dated 3/3/2025 to McCoy Rockford check number AP00479067
Attachments: [4](#)
- *5. Internal audit report for the Tax Office's Cash Counts with response letter from Honorable Cheryl E. Johnson, dated 2/28/2025

Attachments: [CC Agenda Packet 03.17.2025](#)

- *6. Internal audit report of the Sheriff's Office Bond Division for period of 11/1/2023 - 10/31/2024 with response letter from Sheriff Fullen, dated 3/4/2025

Attachments: [SO Bond Division CC Agenda Packet 03.17.2025](#)

- *7. Receive and file correspondence and instruction from Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority regarding a wrecked vehicle under Auto Crimes Task Force grant

Attachments: [ACTF Receive and File - CC 3.17.25 \(002\)](#)

- *8. Receive and file restitution check list from Odyssey submitted by Personal Bond/Collections

Attachments: [SR-81 Demand to Ody Collections 312692-312717.pdf](#)
[SR-88 Demand to Ody Collections 312718-312748.pdf](#)

- *9. Receive and file Summary of Bi-weekly Personnel Movements pay period #04, January 30 - February 12, 2025 submitted by Human Resources

Attachments: [PP 04 Movement 01.30.2025 - 02.12.2025](#)
[PP 04 New Hire 01.30.2025 - 02.12.2025](#)
[PP 04 Termed 01.30.2025 - 02.12.2025](#)

- *10. Receive and file Summary of Bi-weekly Personnel Movements pay period #05, February 13 - February 26, 2025 submitted by Human Resources

Attachments: [PP 05 New Hire 02.13.2025 - 02.26.2025](#)
[PP 05 Personnel Changes 02.13.2025 - 02.26.2025](#)
[PP 05 Termed 02.13.2025 - 02.26.2025](#)

- *11. Receive and file February 2025 Personal Bond/Collections Monthly Report submitted by Personal Bond/Collections

Attachments: [GC Personal Bond February 2025 Data Review.pdf](#)

- *12. Consideration of approval of appointments of Galveston County Constable Deputies submitted by Constable, Pct. 2

Attachments: [12](#)

- *13. Consideration of a resolution honoring the retirement of Brandy Chapman from the County Clerk's Office submitted by Commissioner, Pct. 1

Attachments: [13](#)

- *14. Consideration of a resolution acknowledging Abundant Life Christian Center for 40 years of ministry and contributions to Galveston County submitted by Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attachments: [14](#)

- *15. Consideration of a resolution supporting S.B. No. 1813 allowing for the temporary appointment of the duties of the Galveston County Judge, initiated by the elected County Judge, especially in case of disaster submitted by County Judge

Attachments: [15](#)

- *16. Consideration of a resolution supporting S.B. No. 19 banning the practice of taxpayer-funded lobbying during the 89th Legislative Session (assigned new S.B no.; previously approved as S.B. 239 on February 3, 2025) submitted by County Judge
Attachments: [16](#)
- *17. Consideration of approval of appointment to the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District submitted by the County Judge
Attachments: [Harris-GalvSubDistrictMARCH2025.pdf](#)
[John Bowen_Redacted.pdf](#)
- *18. Consideration of adoption of an order with respect to Waste Management, Inc., Project and authorizing the County Judge to execute certificates approving the order and public hearing submitted by Legal Services Manager
Attachments: [18](#)
- *19. Consideration for approval to purchase new software and hardware required for new poll pads due to no updates available for existing poll pads submitted by County Clerk Elections
Attachments: [19](#)
- *20. Consideration of approval of Palo Alto Internal Firewall renewal with Layer 3 Communications submitted by Information Technology
Attachments: [PALO BACKUP](#)
[DIR-CPO-4864-Contract.pdf](#)
[DIR-CPO-4864-Appendix-A-Standard-Terms-and-Conditions.pdf](#)
- *21. Consideration of approval of Dispatcher Phoenix Paragon renewal with Konica Minolta submitted by Information Technology
Attachments: [PARAGON BACKUP](#)
[DIR-CPO-4439-Contract.pdf](#)
[DIR-CPO-4439-Appendix-A-Standard-Terms-and-Conditions.pdf](#)
- *22. Consideration of approval of Boomi reassignment letter moving the ownership from Dell to Carahsoft submitted by Information Technology
Attachments: [22](#)
- *23. Consideration of approval of Zero True Up with Microsoft submitted by Information Technology
Attachments: [23](#)
- *24. Consideration for authorization to utilize cooperative purchasing agreement in lieu of competitive bidding requirements to procure HVAC system for the Road & Bridge Facility on behalf of Purchasing Agent submitted by the Facilities Department
Attachments: [24](#)
- *25. Consideration for authorization to utilize a discretionary exemption in lieu of competitive bidding requirements for the purpose of dire repairs needed to repair HVAC system at the

Emergency Management Building on behalf of the Galveston County Facilities Department submitted by the Purchasing Agent

Attachments: [condensers](#)

- *26. Consideration for authorization to re-solicit for weed & brush control chemicals on behalf of the Galveston County Road & Bridge Department submitted by the Purchasing Agent

Attachments: [weed and brush](#)

- *27. Consideration for authorization to re-solicit for Altosid Liquid Larvicide 5% & 20% on behalf of the Mosquito Control Department submitted by the Purchasing Agent

Attachments: [altosid](#)

- *28. Consideration for authorization to re-solicit for heavy equipment rental on behalf of the Road & Bridge Department submitted by the Purchasing Agent

Attachments: [HEAVY EQUIPMENT](#)

- *29. Consideration for authorization to re-solicit for road signs & materials on behalf of the Road & Bridge Department submitted by the Purchasing Agent

Attachments: [road signs](#)

- *30. Consideration for authorization to extend the contract for RFP #B242015, Generator Maintenance on behalf of the Facilities Department submitted by the Purchasing Agent

Attachments: [generator](#)

- *31. Consideration for authorization to extend the contract for ITB #B232013, Electrical Services for Galveston County on behalf of the Facilities Department submitted by the Purchasing Agent

Attachments: [electrical \(002\)](#)

- *32. Consideration for authorization to extend the contract for ITB #B242014, Roadway Traffic Safety Services on behalf of the Road & Bridge Department submitted by the Purchasing Agent

Attachments: [Roadway](#)

- *33. Consideration for authorization to extend the contract for ITB #B232014A, Lightweight Aggregate Road Materials on behalf of the Road & Bridge Department submitted by the Purchasing Agent

Attachments: [aggregate](#)

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

Attachments: [surp-salvg-2025-03-17](#)

- *35. Consideration of accepting an offer and authorizing Possession and Use Agreement from TxDOT for a property purchase of 0.1132 acres associated with the SH 146 project (W of SH 146, N of FM 646, Parcel 347) submitted by Platting & Right-of-Way

Attachments: [35](#)

- *36. Consideration of approval of application from Bunny Meyer and Lazy Pelican RV Park, LLC for a partial replat of Pelican Way Replat No. 1 submitted by Platting & Right-of-Way
Attachments: [36](#)
- *37. 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](#)
- *38. Consideration of renewal of fire protection services contract between Galveston County and San Leon Volunteer Fire Department submitted by Legal Services Manager
Attachments: [38](#)
- *39. Consideration of authorization for County Judge to sign 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Interlocal Agreement with the City of Galveston as submitted by Professional Services
Attachments: [39](#)
- *40. Consideration for ratification of the 2024 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities grant application submission to the Texas Division of Emergency Management for the Bacliff Drainage Improvement Project as submitted by Professional Services
Attachments: [40](#)
- * Consideration of approval of the following budget amendments submitted by Professional Services:
 - *41. 25-96-0317-A
Sheriff's Office - Request transfer from General Fund - Budgeted Reserves to Corrections - Other Contract Services to fund monthly on-site electrical work
Attachments: [BA 25-96-0317-A](#)
 - *42. 25-97-0317-B
Facilities- Request transfer from General Fund - Budgeted Reserves to Facilities - Maintenance & Repair - Buildings to fund the replacement of two Liebert Condensers for county emergency operations center
Attachments: [BA 25-97-0317-B](#)
 - *43. 25-98-0317-C
Constable Precinct 2- Request transfer from General Fund - Budgeted Reserves to Constable Precinct #2 - Operating Supplies to fund purchase of body armor vest
Attachments: [BA 25-98-0317-C](#)
 - *44. 25-99-0317-D
Sheriff's Office - Request transfer from General Fund - Budgeted Reserves to Identification Division - Building Improvements to fund the evidence room expansion
Attachments: [BA 25-99-0317-D](#)

- *45. 25-100-0317-E
Sheriff's Office - Request transfer from General Fund - Budgeted Reserves to Sheriff's Office - Machinery and Equipment to fund fuming chamber

Attachments: [BA 25-101-0317-E](#)

- *46. 25-101-0317-F
Road & Bridge Department- Request Budget Transfer from General Fund - Budgeted Reserves to Road and Bridge Facility - Building Improvements to fund HVAC system

Attachments: [BA 25-101-0317-F.pdf](#)

Motion to approve consent agenda items 1-46 by County Judge Henry, seconded by Commissioner Dugie.

Passed: 5-0

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

Nay: None

ACTION AGENDA

Commissioner, Precinct 2

47. Consideration of approval of appointment to the Galveston County Emergency Services District #1

Attachments: [GCESDNo1MARCH2025.pdf](#)
[Samuel Helton CV Resume-2025_Redacted.pdf](#)

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

Passed: 5-0

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

Nay: None

48. Consideration of approval of (re)appointment to the Galveston County Emergency Services District #2

Attachments: [ESD2_MARCH31_2025.pdf](#)
[20241207094837992.pdf](#)

Motion to defer by County Judge Henry, seconded by Commissioner Apffel.

Passed: 5-0

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

Nay: None

Purchasing

49. Consideration of awarding RFQ 25-034, Engineering Services for Bolivar Beach Pocket Park on behalf of the Parks & Cultural Services Department

Attachments: [bolivar \(003\)](#)

Motion to approve by County Judge Henry, seconded by Commissioner Dugie that contract be awarded to Huitt-Zollars, Inc., as requested.

Passed: 5-0

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

Nay: None

General Counsel

a. **BREAK INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Break into Executive Session at 9:39 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.50. Cause No. CV-0086487; Galveston County, Texas vs. The Estate of Sarah Smith Stumpp, Deceased, et al County Court at Law No. 1 in Galveston County

b.51. Cause No. CI68355; Blaze Allen vs. John Paul Blackwell, et al County Court at Law No. 4 in Brazoria County

c. **RECONVENE INTO SPECIAL MEETING**

Reconvene into Special Meeting at 9:47 A.M.

ADJOURN

Commissioners Court adjourned at 9:47 A.M. on Monday, March 17, 2025.