



GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS
COMMISSIONERS COURT
SPECIAL MEETING
AGENDA

722 Moody
County Courthouse
Galveston, TX 77550
(409) 766-2244

Mark Henry
County Judge

Darrell Apffel
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Joe Giusti
Commissioner, Precinct 2

Hank Dugie
Commissioner, Precinct 3

Robin Armstrong, MD
Commissioner, Precinct 4

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

3:00 PM

CALDER MEETING LOCATION

174 Calder Rd., Room 100
League City, Texas 77573
SPECIAL MEETING

CONSENT AGENDA: ALL ITEMS MARKED WITH A SINGLE ASTERISK (*) ARE PART OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AND REQUIRE NO DELIBERATION BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT. ANY COMMISSIONERS COURT MEMBER MAY REMOVE AN ITEM FROM THIS AGENDA TO BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

In accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons in need of a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall, within three (3) days prior to any proceeding contact the County Judge's office at 722 Moody, Galveston, Texas 77550 (409) 766-2244.

Call to Order

Public Comment

Consent Agenda

Submitted by the Auditor's Office:

- *1. Approval of the accounts payable checks dated 1/28/2025
- *2. Consideration of authorization to create a One America Employee/Employer Contributions bank account
- *3. Receive and file Galveston County District Courts Administrative Judge Order submitted by District Court Administration
- *4. Receive and file the 2025 Eminent Domain Report with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts as required by Government Code 2206.154 submitted by Legal Services Manager

Adjourn

Workshop Agenda

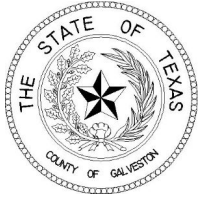
- 5. Discuss 2025 Bond Issue submitted by the County Judge

Appearances before Commissioners Court

A speaker whose subject matter as submitted relates to an identifiable item of business on this agenda will be requested by the County Judge or other presiding court members to come to the podium where they will be limited to three minutes (3). A speaker whose subject matter as submitted does not relate to an identifiable item of business on this agenda will be limited to three minutes (3) and will be allowed to speak before the meeting is adjourned. Please arrive prior to the meeting and sign in with the County Clerk.

Executive Sessions

The Galveston County Commissioners Court may recess into closed meeting (Executive Session) on any item listed on this agenda if the Executive Session is authorized under the Open Meetings Act pursuant to one or more the following exceptions: Tex. Gov't Code §§ 551.071 (consultation with attorney), 551.072 (deliberation regarding real property), 551.073 (deliberation regarding a prospective gift or donation), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.0745 (personnel matters affecting County advisory body), 551.076 (deliberation regarding security devices or security audits), and/or 551.087 (deliberations regarding economic development negotiations). The Presiding Officer of the Commissioners Court shall announce the basis for the Executive Session prior to recessing into Executive Session. However, the Commissioners Court may only enter into the Executive Session on any agenda item for which a separate Executive Session has not been separately posted if, prior to conducting the Executive Session, a majority of the Commissioners Court votes to go into Executive Session. This motion requirement does not apply to any agenda item that has been previously noticed to constitute or include an Executive Session.



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***1.**

Approval of the accounts payable checks dated 1/28/2025

Approval History

Seq #	Approver	Action	Action Date
1	Dianna Martinez	Approve	1/22/25 4:42 pm



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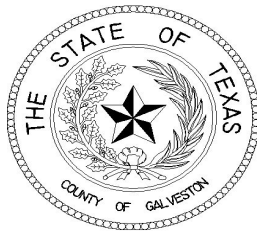
***2.**

Consideration of authorization to create a One America Employee/Employer Contributions bank account

Approval History

Seq #	Approver	Action	Action Date
1	Dianna Martinez	Approve	1/24/25 1:21 pm

GALVESTON COUNTY



Office of County Auditor

Randall Rice CPA CISA CIO, County Auditor
Madeline Walker CPA CFE, First Assistant County Auditor

P.O. Box 1418, Galveston, Texas 77553

(409) 770-5304

722 Moody Ave 4th Floor, Galveston, TX 77550

January 15, 2025

County Judge Mark Henry and Members of Commissioners Court
Galveston, TX 77550

Re: Request to create a "One America Employee/Employer Contributions" bank account

This request is to meet the terms of the One America contract regarding timely funding of the employer and employee contributions for the AUL plan after each biweekly payroll.

The contract requires the County to allow One America to draft a Galveston County bank account for the purposes of transferring the employer and employee AUL contributions to the company. In my opinion, it would be poor internal control to allow One America to draft our primary bank account. Opening a new separate account will permit the County to meet its obligations for depositing the contributions with One America in a timely fashion and allow the county to replenish periodically with new contributions.

The basis for the amount needed to pay the contributions will be the biweekly report submitted to One America by the County and audited by my office. The account will be funded and replenished by a transfer of money from the primary bank account of the County.

The Commissioners Court is permitted to transfer the funds to this new bank account based on Local Government Code 113.004 (d), which states "The commissioners court by order may transfer money on hand from one fund to another as it considers necessary but amounts that belong to the first class of funds may not be transferred from the payment of claims registered in that class unless there is an excess amount in that class."

This transfer of cash from one account to establish another does not require a budget amendment. The bi-weekly amount contributed by the County and the employee is an average of \$425,000; however, with the retirements and changes this first payout will be for \$542,489.14. My recommendation and request is that we fund the account at \$550,000 to allow for a cushion as needed. This amount will be transferred from the primary bank account to this new account set up at the bank and funded every two weeks based on the payroll for that period.

Thank you for your consideration.

Randall Rice CPA

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County Auditor



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***3.**

Receive and file Galveston County District Courts Administrative Judge Order submitted by District Court Administration

Approval History

Seq #	Approver	Action	Action Date
1	Dianna Martinez	Approve	1/16/25 3:27 pm

History of Legislative File

Ver.	Acting Body	Date	Action	Sent To	Due Date	Return Date	Result
1	Commissioners Court Special Meeting	01/23/2025	deferred	Commissioners Court			

Action Text: This matter was deferred.

Passed: 4-0



FILED
2025 JAN 16 PM 2:10
John D. [Signature]
DIST CLERK
GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS

ORDER

Pursuant to the action of the District Court Judges of Galveston County concerning election of a Local Administrative Judge, and in accordance with Section 74.091 of the Texas Government Code and Local Rule 2.10, the following was approved:

Honorable **Judge Jared Robinson**, 405th Judicial District Court, was elected Local Administrative Judge of the District Courts of Galveston County for a two-year term ending December 31, 2026. The election was held on Thursday, January 16, 2025, in Room 4100, Galveston County Courts Building.

Executed this 16th day of January, 2025.

Judge, 10th Judicial District Court
Rebecca Millo

Judge, 122nd District Court
Jeth Jones

Judge, 212th District Court
Patricia Grady

Judge, 56th District Court
Lonnie Cox

Judge, 306th District Court
Emily Fisher

Judge, 405th District Court
Jared Robinson



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***4.**

Receive and file the 2025 Eminent Domain Report with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts as required by Government Code 2206.154 submitted by Legal Services Manager

Approval History

Seq #	Approver	Action	Action Date
1	Dianna Martinez	Approve	1/23/25 1:33 pm



COUNTY of GALVESTON
COUNTY COURTHOUSE

722 MOODY AVENUE 2nd FLOOR GALVESTON, TEXAS 77550
Phone: 409-770-5562 Fax: 409-770-5560

January 28, 2025

Hon. Mark Henry
Hon. County Commissioners' Court
Galveston County Courthouse
Galveston, Texas 77550

Re: 2025 Filing of Eminent Domain Report with Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

Gentlemen:

On January 23, 2025, the County of Galveston filed its Report on Eminent Domain Authority with the Office of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. This report is required by Government Code § 2206.154 and must be filed no later than February 1 of each year.

The report requires the County to identify all legal provisions granting the County eminent domain authority. Attached is a summary of the report filed with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Veronica Van Horn
Legal Services Manager

01/23/2025 01:04:44 PM

User Identification
vvanhorn Van Horn, Veronica veronica.vanhorn@co.galveston.tx.us 409-770-5562

Summary

Entity Information

Report Year : 2025
 Entity Texas Taxpayer ID : 17460009081
 Entity Name : Galveston County
 Entity Phone Number : (409) 770-5562
 Entity Website : <https://www.galvestoncountytexas.gov/>
 Primary Entity Contact Name : Veronica Van Horn
 Primary Entity Contact Title : Legal Services Manager
 Entity Contact Phone Number : (409) 770-5562
 Primary Contact E-mail Address : veronica.vanhorn@co.galveston.tx.us
 Entity Type : GOVERNMENTAL - County
 Other entity type : N/A
 Earliest year in which the entity had eminent domain authority : 1876
 Earliest month in which the entity had eminent domain authority : Unknown
 Condemnation Petition Filed : NO
 Email Reminder : N/A
 Parent Company Name : N/A

Entity Mailing Address

Address : Galveston County 722 Moody Ave, 2nd Floor
 Galveston TX 77550-2318

Physical Address

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 Galveston TX 77550-2318

Provisions Selected

Government Code, Section 1474.151
Government Code, Section 1475.002
Government Code, Section 1475.052
Government Code, Section 1477.071
Government Code, Section 1477.120
Government Code, Section 1477.121
Government Code, Section 1505.114
Government Code, Section 1506.060
Government Code, Section 2206.001
Government Code, Section 2206.002
Government Code, Section 2206.003
Government Code, Section 2206.004
Government Code, Section 2206.005
Government Code, Section 2206.006
Government Code, Section 2206.007
Government Code, Section 2206.008
Government Code, Section 2206.009
Government Code, Section 2206.010
Government Code, Section 2206.011
Government Code, Section 2206.012
Government Code, Section 2206.013
Government Code, Section 2206.051
Government Code, Section 2206.052
Government Code, Section 2206.053
Government Code, Section 2206.101
Government Code, Section 2267.061
Government Code, Section 2267.062
Government Code, Section 2267.063
Health and Safety Code, Section 263.022
Health and Safety Code, Section 264.028
Health and Safety Code, Section 265.052
Health and Safety Code, Section 281.054
Health and Safety Code, Section 364.014
Human Services Code, Section 63.017
Human Services Code, Section 63.018
Local Government Code, Section 241.903
Local Government Code, Section 261.001
Local Government Code, Section 263.201
Local Government Code, Section 273.001
Local Government Code, Section 273.002
Local Government Code, Section 273.003
Local Government Code, Section 280.001
Local Government Code, Section 280.003
Local Government Code, Section 293.026
Local Government Code, Section 325.037
Local Government Code, Section 331.001
Local Government Code, Section 331.003
Local Government Code, Section 335.071

- Local Government Code, Section 351.136
- Local Government Code, Section 383.063
- Local Government Code, Section 392.061
- Local Government Code, Section 507.103
- Local Government Code, Section 561.001
- Local Government Code, Section 562.016
- Local Government Code, Section 571.004
- Local Government Code, Section 572.012
- Local Government Code, Section 572.013
- Natural Resources Code, Section 183.057
- Natural Resources Code, Section 221.021
 - Property Code, Section 21.001
 - Property Code, Section 21.002
 - Property Code, Section 21.003
 - Property Code, Section 21.011
 - Property Code, Section 21.012
 - Property Code, Section 21.013
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 - Property Code, Section 21.065
 - Property Code, Section 21.101
 - Property Code, Section 21.102
 - Property Code, Section 21.103
 - Tax Code, Section 311.008

Transportation Code, Section 022.011

- Transportation Code, Section 172.159
- Transportation Code, Section 173.160
- Transportation Code, Section 174.158
- Transportation Code, Section 203.065
- Transportation Code, Section 224.002
- Transportation Code, Section 224.003
- Transportation Code, Section 251.006
- Transportation Code, Section 251.051
- Transportation Code, Section 251.101
- Transportation Code, Section 254.005
- Transportation Code, Section 280.001
- Transportation Code, Section 281.002
- Transportation Code, Section 282.011
- Transportation Code, Section 283.003
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- Transportation Code, Section 284.061
- Transportation Code, Section 284.066
- Transportation Code, Section 284.067
- Transportation Code, Section 364.022
- Transportation Code, Section 457.106
- Transportation Code, Section 460.107
- Texas Constitution, Article 1, Section 17
- Texas Constitution, Article 3, Section 52 (j)
- Utilities Code, Section 163.013
- Utilities Code, Section 163.014
- Water Code, Section 11.033
- Water Code, Section 49.066
- Water Code, Section 49.222
- Water Code, Section 49.224
- Water Code, Section 57.019
- Water Code, Section 57.269

Vernon's Civil Statute , Article 6812b Section 13

Projects Selected

- Airports or landing fields
- Animal treatment facilities
- Hospitals or other health care facilities
- Incinerators or garbage disposal plants
- Jail or other law enforcement detention facility, including juvenile delinquency facilities
- Other County Buildings Seawalls Levees

Parks or playgrounds

Streets, boulevards, alleys, or other public ways

Once you click submit, you will be given a confirmation page that you may also print for your records.

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User Identification
vvanhorn Van Horn, Veronica veronica.vanhorn@co.galveston.t 409-770-5562

Eminent Domain Report Confirmation

Eminent Domain Report Confirmation

Your 2025 report has been updated for Eminent Domain ID

734379

Thank you for your submission. Please print this page for your records. The information you have provided will be posted to the public search site.

You may update your reported information at any time. Displayed above is the entity's identification number. Please save this number, as you will need it to log back into the system to make updates in the future.

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5.

Discuss 2025 Bond Issue submitted by the County Judge

Approval History

Seq #	Approver	Action	Action Date
1	Dianna Martinez	Approve	1/22/25 4:43 pm