

COUNTY OF GALVESTON

On this the 31st day of March 2025 the Commissioners' Court of Galveston County, Texas convened in a special meeting with the following members thereof present:

Mark Henry, County Judge;
Darrell Apffel, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1;
Joe Giusti, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2;
Hank Dugie, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3;
Robin Armstrong, MD, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; and Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk

when the following proceedings, among others, were had, to-wit:

Whereas, HB 5549 filed during the 89th Texas Legislature would roll back previous progress made in expanding OSSFs in Galveston County; and

Whereas, HB 4087 passed during the 88th Texas Legislature amended 30 Texas Administrative Code 285.4 and allowed for the use of an On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) for property under ½ acre in certain counties in the State of Texas; and

Whereas, Representative Terri Leo Wilson and State Senator Mayes Middleton worked diligently during the 88th Texas Legislature to expand allowances for OSSF in Galveston County, particularly on the Bolivar Peninsula; and

Whereas, HB 5549 would remove the section of Administrative Code that allows for the expanded allowance of OSSF in Galveston County and represent a step backward, potentially reintroducing the various issues that were resolved with the passage of HB 4087 in 2023; and

Whereas, HB 5549 would reduce the number of alternative wastewater options available to residents of the Bolivar Peninsula,

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Commissioners' Court of Galveston County, Texas hereby acknowledges the following:

- 1. The Galveston County Commissioners Court expresses its opposition for HB 5549; and
- The Galveston County Commissioners Court respectfully requests that the Texas Legislature not pass HB 5549 during the 89th Legislative Session.

Be it Further Resolved that a copy of this Resolution is spread upon the minutes of this Court.

Upon Motion Duly Made and Seconded, the above Resolution passed this 31st day of March 2025.

Attest:

Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk

Darrell Apffel, Comm., Pct. #1

Joe Giusti, Comm., Pct. #2

County of Galveston, Texas

By:

Mark A. Henry, County Judge

Hank Dugle, Comm., Pct. #3

Robin Armstrong, MD, Comm., Pct. #4