



COUNTY OF GALVESTON

On this, the 6th day of July 2026, the **Commissioners' Court of Galveston County, Texas**, convened in a regularly scheduled meeting with the following members thereof present:

Mark A. Henry, County Judge;
Darrell A. 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, Rick Bailey was born in Long Island, New York, later moving to Houston at the age of five, where he attended Spring Woods High School and distinguished himself as a student-athlete in trumpet, baseball, and soccer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bailey graduated from **Texas A&M University** in 1993 with a degree in Military History, thereafter, beginning a diverse professional career in inside and outside sales, jewelry sales, and commercial real estate; and

WHEREAS, Rick met his wife, Jenny, while living in Dallas, and together they welcomed their son, Bryce, in 2001; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Bryce was diagnosed with autism, a life event that shaped **Rick's** enduring commitment to autism awareness and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Rick and Jenny welcomed their daughter, Cameron, in 2005, completing a family whose experiences would later inspire meaningful community impact; and

WHEREAS, from 2011 to 2020, Mr. Bailey founded and expanded a restoration company into **42 states**, ultimately selling the enterprise to private equity, and in 2016 launched a commercial development company that grew into **12 entities**, demonstrating exceptional entrepreneurial leadership; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Mr. Bailey purchased a college summer league wood-bat baseball team in Pineville, North Carolina, using the organization as a platform for autism awareness, where Bryce became an integral part of the team's culture and enriched the lives of players and families; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, Mr. Bailey expanded the league into Texas, Florida, South Carolina, and Tennessee, forming the **Galveston Sand Crabs** in the Cowboy Collegiate League and bringing back summertime, old-school collegiate baseball to Galveston County—complete with evening games, Gulf breezes, and the timeless sounds of real baseball; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bailey was instrumental in developing, with others, the **Cowboy Collegiate League**, a highly competitive wood-bat developmental league now consisting of nine teams, including five **Southern Division teams** from Conroe to the coast and four **Northern Division teams** from Waco to the state line; and

WHEREAS, two of these teams—the Galveston Sand Crabs and the Texas City Tall Boys—are located in Galveston County and have increased tourism, community engagement, and regional interest in America's pastime; and

WHEREAS, these teams are composed of talented young men from across Galveston County, the State of Texas, and beyond, including players from Galveston, Santa Fe, League City, Friendswood, and similarly diverse communities represented on the Texas City roster; and

WHEREAS, Rick continues to use baseball as a powerful platform for autism awareness and fundraising, finding deep personal reward in the positive impact this mission brings to players, families, and the broader community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **Galveston County Commissioners Court** hereby honors **Rick Bailey** for his exceptional contributions to collegiate baseball, his entrepreneurial leadership, and his unwavering commitment to autism awareness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Court recognizes the cultural, recreational, and economic benefits **Mr. Bailey** has brought to Galveston County through the Cowboy Collegiate League and expresses its sincere appreciation for his dedication to enriching the lives of young athletes and families throughout our region.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the above Resolution was unanimously passed on this 6th day of July 2026.

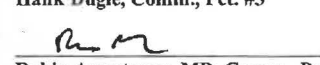
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County of Galveston, Texas

By:

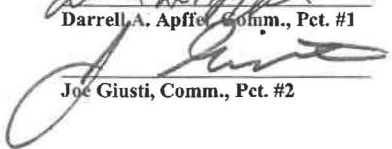

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