



COUNTY OF GALVESTON

On this the 14th day of April 2025 the **Commissioners' Court of Galveston County, Texas** convened in a regular 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, Galveston County has engaged in a long-term methodical data-driven process to identify mental health system improvements and establish a coordinated emergency response continuum of care; and

Whereas, Galveston County created the Judicial Criminal Justice Coordinating Advisory Council in 2018 and started working with Meadows Mental Health Institute on effective pretrial practices and improvements to mental health response; and

Whereas, the **Gulf Coast Center** is a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic and the local mental health authority for Galveston County and Brazoria County; and

Whereas, the Galveston County Commissioners Court has allocated \$13 million to the construction of a new mental health crisis center that will be operated by the **Gulf Coast Center**; and

Whereas, construction of this new mental health wellness center will be completed during the Fall of 2025; and

Whereas, the State of Texas has allocated \$8 million for the operations of the new mental health facility; and

Whereas, the new mental health wellness center will have 10 beds for extended observation and 10 beds for respite. It will provide Galveston County and the **Gulf Coast Center** the ability to assist people experiencing mental health crises that need stabilization and a connection to a network of services. Law enforcement personnel will also be able to quickly return to the field by more efficiently transporting a person in crisis to the center as opposed to the current system of having to transport a person in a mental health crisis to the County Jail or a facility in another county; and

Whereas, the **Gulf Coast Center** is submitting a Community Project Funding Request to Congressman Randy Weber (TX-14) for \$3 million for continuum of care and operations in Galveston County and Brazoria County; and

Whereas, the **Gulf Coast Center** Community Project Funding Request would fund \$1 million for operations at the Galveston County mental health wellness center and \$2 million for mental health diversion beds in Brazoria County.

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

1. The Galveston County Commissioners' Court expresses its full support for the **Gulf Coast Center's** Community Project Funding Request submitted to Congressman Randy Weber (TX-14)

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 on this the 14th day of April, 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 Dugie, Comm., Pct. #3

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

