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# PEDC aims high w/\$600K for airport hangars

BY BRANDI GARCIA WEST  
Palacios Beacon

Palacios' City Council will be deciding upon two airport projects which were approved by the majority of the Palacios Economic Development Corporation at last Wednesday's monthly meeting.

Most significantly, the PEDC approved the development of four T-hanger units at the Palacios Airport with a total project budget not to exceed \$600,000, also approved a project funding the match for the City of Palacios TxDOT Airport Layout Plan Grant in the amount of \$18,750 for a \$350,000 grant.

The sole PEDC Director in opposition to the first project of four T-hanger units was Jim Meyn as he questioned the airport's position on the list of PEDC's priorities.

The PEDC entertained a request by Developer Stuart Lynn for consulting services related to the financial feasibility of including a new 18-hole golf course in the proposed Beachside development.

"You are now seeking a golf industry expert to help evaluate the golf course's long-term economic potential and help the developers better understand the ideal property configuration and mix of amenities that would maximize its benefit to the new community project," stated the National Golf Foundation Consulting proposal. Lynn requested this \$26,500 proposal to be placed on the upcoming meeting's agenda.

Brandi G. West, Executive Director of the Palacios Chamber of Commerce, presented a

Deluxe Inn Business Retention, Tourism and Property Revitalization Project during the citizens forum on behalf of CofC member, The Deluxe Inn owner Gilish Bakta. The project would assist an existing Palacios business in remaining operational, attractive and competitive while positively economically impacting at least five additional local Palacios businesses and creating one front desk position. West also requested this \$122,700 to be placed on the upcoming meeting's agenda.

**Approved Items**

The board approved the following: bills to be paid as presented and the fiscal year 2026-27 budget by new Finance Manager, Jackie Miller as well as the July 1 minutes. The board unanimously decided against funding the previous request by Palacios Preservation

Association to assist with operational funds.

**Palacios Downtown Association**

Director JoAnne Linden presented on the Palacios Downtown Association (PDA) meeting held on August 4 with 12 attendees and discussed several upcoming community events, downtown improvements, tourism initiatives, and partnerships.

Chamber's Pedal Palacios – October 24: Planning continues for sponsorships, registration, volunteer recruitment, hospitality stations, and baked goods. A new charitable team-building opportunity is being developed in which sponsors or teams can assemble children's bicycles. The goal is to provide 10 bicycles to the Palacios Area Fund's Operation Santa Claus.

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**Gator patrol on South Bay...**

A host of citizens joined with Texas Parks & Wildlife Game Wardens, members of the Palacios Police Dept. and Palacios Volunteer Fire Dept. in attempting to extract an alligator from a storm drain pipe at the end of 5th St. and South Bay. Despite their best attempts, the gator managed to elude capture. (Beacon Photo by Ryan West)

## Crisis Center's 'Safety Starts with You' campaign at CofC

BY RYAN WEST  
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Brittany Matthews, deputy director and certified forensic interviewer for the Crisis Center, which serves Matagorda and Wharton counties, was the featured speaker at last week's meeting of the Palacios Chamber of Commerce.

With over 800 interviews under her belt in her 10 years at the Crisis Center, Matthews firmly believes that healing is possible for adult and child survivors of abuse with the 'right services and the right people in your corner.'

For the last five months, the Crisis Center has begun to shift its focus.

While the Crisis Center is known for a multitude of reasons, Matthews noted the Crisis Center has advocates that are specially trained to provide crisis intervention, whether for domestic violence, sexual assault, harassment, or some type of child abuse.

Forensic interviews are a big service that we provide," Matthews said. "It sounds like a fancy word, but really, at its core, is a conversation with either a child or an adult who has experienced abuse.

Decades ago, the approach to interviewing could see the victim have to recount the assault upwards of six times.

"Today, it's best practice to have this interview done one time," Matthews noted. "It's

recorded and then the recording is given to the appropriate agency, whether law enforcement, and adult or child protective services."

**No longer is it 'Stranger Danger'**

"The reality of child sexual abuse," Matthews said, "is approximately 90 percent of the time, child sexual abuse is committed by someone the child knows and trusts."

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PCMC's Tran featured at In the Know

PALACIOS Community Medical Center's Huyen Tran was guest speaker at the monthly *In the Know*, held at *The Cove*. (Beacon Photo by Ryan West)

## Eggemeyer & Hafernack file for MCND#1

BY RYAN WEST  
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There are two candidates who have filed for two seats up for grabs on the Matagorda Co. Navigation District board of commissioners in the November 3 general election.

On the ballot will be the six year-terms for Pos. 3 and Pos. 4, currently held by Commissioners Jimmy Neely and Victor Eggemeyer, respectively.

Eggemeyer has submitted

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## Palacios ISD students head back to class

Palacios ISD students are returning to the classroom this Wednesday, August 12, for the 2026-2027 school year. Change is in the air, from new top administration to the renewed excitement of the 4-day school schedule; and having most Fridays off starting mid-September. Students will have a total of 57 Fridays off fall/winter semester and winter/spring semester

PISD has welcomed many new faces among the staff, including new Palacios ISD Superintendent Jason Valen-

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