

On this the 11th day of October, A. D., 2016, the Commissioners’
Court of Chambers County, with the following members present, to-wit:

Mark Huddleston	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
Larry G. George	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Gary Nelson	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
A. R. “Rusty” Senac	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Jimmy Sylvia	County Judge
Heather H. Hawthorne	County Clerk

and the following members absent, to-wit:

met in a REGULAR MEETING at which time the following items were
discussed, considered, passed or adopted, to-wit:

Judge Sylvia, according to law, opened Court at 9:42 a.m. into Open
Session.

Katelynn Hyde with West Chambers 4-H club offered prayer and then
Isaac Parham with Barbers Hill 4-H club led the audience in the Pledge of
Allegiance to the American flag and to the Texas flag.

Judge Sylvia started with agenda items under Administration.

16-09-523 Motion made by George and seconded by Huddleston to adopt the Proclamation recognizing October 2-8, 2016, as “National 4-H Week”.

Insert.

Passed.

Agenda item 1.1- Citizens comments-

Mark Huddleston- Commissioner Huddleston invited everyone to the upcoming 2016 Texas Rice Festival, and announced that the Saint Louis Catholic Church in Winnie made 12,303 rice balls for the event.

Larry Barron- Thanked Judge Sylvia, Commissioners, and County employees for all they do for Chambers County, and thanked the Commissioners for their consideration for agenda item 5.1, a new splash pad for Winnie-Stowell Park.

16-09-524 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson to approve the TopSail Energy application to establish Reinvestment Zone.

Public comment made by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation, and Derrick Bockius, TopSail Energy.

Insert.

Passed.

Agenda item 1.13- Discuss and consider Drilmec Business Retention & Expansion Request.

Tabled.

16-09-525 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Huddleston to approve a 10 year, 70/30 tax abatement offer for Project Golden Steel to consider.

Insert.

Passed.

Judge Sylvia then moved to agenda item 2.6 under Financial.

16-09-526 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson to adopt an Order authorizing the issuance of \$9,370,000.00 “Chambers County, Texas Tax Notes, Series 2016”; levying a continuing direct annual ad valorem tax on all taxable property within the county to pay the principal of and interest on said note and to create a sinking fund for the redemption thereof and the assessment and collection of such taxes; authorizing the sale thereof to Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc.; enacting provisions incident and related to the issuance of said note. The note will cover the following projects: West Winfree Street, Highway 146, Bayer Road, Courthouse A/C, Road and Bridge Capital, Election Equipment, FM 565 ROW, land purchase, Tax Office Parking Lot, Winnie Library, West Annex Restoration, Jail Repair, Winnie-Stowell covered arena, Kilgore Drainage II, Kilgore Extension, and Mosquito Control Office.

Public comment made by Jim Gilley, US Capital Advisors, and David Mendez, Bickerstaff.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Court recessed at 10:10 a.m. out of Regular Session into a Public Hearing to discuss agenda item 2.8, 3.1, and 3.3.

Public comment by Merlene Blanchard on agenda item 3.3, speaking on behalf of her son who lives in Spindletop Manor.

Public hearing adjourned at 10:12 a.m. and went back into Regular Session.

16-09-527 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to install “No Truck Parking” signs in the Spindletop Manor Subdivision in Winnie, Texas.

Insert.

Passed.

16-09-528 Motion made by Senac and seconded by George to set speed limit in the east curve from State Highway 99 North to TopSail Energy’s property at 35mph, and to set speed limit at 45mph on West Bay Road from State Highway 99 North and East to Bayer Road.

Insert.

Passed.

Let the record reflect, Commissioner Huddleston left court at 10:15 a.m. Judge Sylvia continued with agenda items under Road & Bridge.

16-09-529 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson to approve the Plat “Sellers Station Section Two Subdivision” situated in the Benjamin Winfree Survey Abstract No. 28, Chambers County, Texas for recording in the County Clerk’s Map Records.

**Plat filed in the Plat Records of the County Clerk’s Office.

Commissioner Huddleston not present for the vote.

Passed.

16-09-530 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson to approve the Plat “Autozone Baytown Minor Plat” for filing in the County Clerk’s Map Records.

**Plat filed in the Plat Records of the County Clerk’s Office.

Commissioner Huddleston not present for the vote.

Passed.

At this time, Judge Sylvia went to agenda item 2.9 and 2.7 under financial. Commissioner Huddleston returned to court at 10:21 a.m.

16-09-531 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson to adopt the 2017 Chambers County Budget.

Public comment made by Aaron Thomas, County Judge's Office.

Insert.

Passed.

16-09-532 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Senac to set the 2016 Tax Rate, set at \$.552689.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, court recessed for a short break at 10:25 a.m. Court reconvened at 10:39 a.m., starting with agenda items under Maintenance and Buildings.

16-09-533 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Huddleston to approve Climatec to install direct digital controls for the A/C-Heating System at the Law Enforcement Center, in the amount of \$58,950.00.

Insert.

Passed.

16-09-534 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Huddleston to award contract to B.K. Mechanical Services, Inc. for the installation of the Chamber County Courthouse HVAC, Anahuac, Texas, in the amount of \$630,000.00.

Insert.

Passed.

Judge Sylvia then moved to agenda items under Safety/Emergency Management.

16-09-535 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Nelson to approve the Development Review Committee to hire an engineer to design fire alarm system, then go out for competitive sealed bids for Fire suppression system at the Courthouse, Anahuac, Texas. Motion amended by Huddleston and seconded by Nelson to approve the Development Review Committee to hire an engineer to design fire alarm system, then go out for competitive sealed bids for fire suppression and fire detection system at the Courthouse, Anahuac, Texas.

Public comment made by Don Dickens, Kim Turner, Bobby Hall, and Mike Lessley.

Passed.

Agenda item 9.2- Discuss and consider update from Anahuac EMS.

Insert.

16-09-536 Motion made by George and seconded by Huddleston to approve October funding for Anahuac EMS, and to go back to quarterly funding for Anahuac EMS.

Insert.

Passed.

16-09-537 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to accept Request for Proposal from AMR (American Medical Response) for contract ambulance service.

****Motion pulled and tabled.**

Tabled.

At this time, Judge Sylvia moved to agenda item 4.1 under Economic Development & Tourism. Commissioner Huddleston left court at 11:13 a.m.

16-09-538 Motion made by George and seconded by Nelson to change Chambers County Day, 2017 to Wednesday, February 22, 2017.

Commissioner Huddleston not present for the vote.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Judge Sylvia covered agenda item 5.1 under Parks & Recreation.

Agenda item 5.1- Discuss and consider the purchase and installation of the New Splash Park in Winnie/Stowell Park.

Hold, will come back to later in court.

Judge Sylvia then went to several agenda items under Health & Welfare.

16-09-539 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by Senac to approve the agreement with Indigent Healthcare Solutions to continue the professional services for the indigent health care program.

Commissioner Huddleston not present for the vote.

Insert.

Passed.

16-09-540 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by George to approve the 2017 United Healthcare Retiree Medical Benefits renewal.

Commissioner Huddleston not present for the vote.

Insert.

Passed.

Agenda item 13.1- Discuss and consider contract approval with Daniels Building & Construction, Inc. for the Chambers County Health Services building.

Tabled.

The court then moved to agenda item 10.1 under Communications/Technology. Commissioner Huddleston returned to court at 11:19 a.m.

16-09-541 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by Senac to approve overtime for Information Technology Assistant, Austin DuBose, due to Tyler Technologies conversion, up to \$3,000.00.

Insert.

Passed.

Judge Sylvia then covered several items under Administration.

Agenda item 1.2- Receive into record Monthly reports- Letter from FEMA regarding road name corrections; Texas Division of Emergency Management Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2) Tony Sims, Caroline Turner, Michael Manders, Bess Woody, Haley Avriett, Lyndsey Davis; HGAC Change Order #1 Environmental Officer; County & District Clerks' Association of Texas, Certificate of Completion for completing the 20 Hours of Continuing Education for 2015, Heather H. Hawthorne.

Insert.

16-09-542 Motion made by George and seconded by Huddleston to approve the minutes from the August 29, 2016, Special Called Meeting, and September 13, 2016, Regular Meeting.

Passed.

16-09-543 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by Huddleston to approve the Official Bond and Oath of County Surveyor, Michael Chandler.

Insert.

Passed.

16-09-544 Motion made by George and seconded by Huddleston to approve the proposal from Kofile Technologies for archival digitization of Real Property Records in the County Clerk's Office.

Public comment made by Heather Hawthorne, County Clerk.

Insert.

Passed.

16-09-545 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to approve Addendum 2 to the Drug & Alcohol Detection and Deterrence Policy.

Insert.

Passed.

16-09-546 Motion made by Senac and seconded by George to approve the Rental Agreement with ES&S for a backup M100 for the November 8, 2016, Joint General Election.

Insert.

Passed.

Agenda item 1.9- Discuss and consider setting the pay rate for the Central Counting personnel for Chambers County.

Tabled.

16-09-547 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Senac to adopt the Resolution authorizing County Home Delivered Meal Grant Program.

Insert.

Passed.

16-09-548 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Huddleston to approve Texas Department of Motor Vehicles imposition of optional fees as presented for Calendar Year 2017.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Judge Sylvia covered several agenda items under Financial.

16-09-549 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to approve the claim docket as presented.

Insert.

Passed.

16-09-550 Motion made by George and seconded by Huddleston to approve the travel reimbursements and miscellaneous expenditures in the amount of \$2,493.37.

Insert.

Passed.

16-09-551 Motion made by George and seconded by Nelson to approve the budget amendments/transfers as presented.

Insert.

Passed.

16-09-552 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Nelson to accept the Treasurer's Report for month ending August 31, 2016.

Insert.

Passed.

Agenda item 2.5- Auditor's report- **none**.

Judge Sylvia then went back to agenda items under Parks & Recreation.

16-09-553 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to approve the purchase and installation of the New Splash Park in Winnie/Stowell Park.

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Passed.

16-09-554 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to add the Ranch Rodeo to the Youth Project Show schedule.

Insert.

Passed.

Agenda item 17.1- Discuss and consider job descriptions- **none**.

16-09-555 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Senac to approve the following payroll changes: Belinda Blue, Juvenile Probation, Unclassified \$43,840.74; Gloria Turner, Juvenile Probation, Unclassified \$83,523.96; Louise Rodriguez, Juvenile Probation, Unclassified \$32,948.10; Jasmine Selva, District Clerk Part-time, \$13.00/hr; Kellee Traylor, Library Part-time, \$12.17/hr; Lauren Hillyer, Secretary II Parks Dept/YPS, Pay-group 17-6; Patrick Thomas, Solid Waste, Pay-group 7-1; Terasa DeFusto, Sheriff's Office, Unclassified \$33,178.59.

Insert.

Passed.

The following visitors, department, agency, or business they represent were present in Court today:

Joanna Wilson	County Clerk's Office
Mike Lessley	Chambers Co. Project Manager
Nikki Whittington	Chambers County Treasurer
Lauren Van Deventer	County Judge's Office
George Barrera	Purchasing Agent
Sarah Cerrone	Economic Development
Bobby Hall	County Engineer
Lyndsey Davis	County Auditor's Office
Haley Avriett	County Auditor's Office
Brian Hawthorne	Chambers County Sheriff
Michael Manders	County Auditor's Office
Samantha Humphrey	CC Extension Office
Don Dickens	Emergency Management
B.J. Simon	EDF
Grant Smith	Parks Department
Ignacio Ramirez	City of Baytown
Valerie Jensen	CC Library System
Annie Vass	CC Library System
Wade Thibodeaux	Hometown Press
Sue Hawthorne	Anahuac Progress
Jimmy Gore	Wallisville

Hazel Meaux	Seabreeze Beacon
Nathan Brandimarte	Orgain Bell & Tucker
John Buras	Anahuac
Derrick Bockius	TopSail Energy
Larry Barrow	Larry's Old Time Trade Days
Allen Sims	LJA Engineering
Bill Stults	Anahuac
Zachary Booze	4-H
Colton Fant	4-H
Lindy Pitre	Extension Office
Robbie King	Anahuac Area Chamber of Commerce
Kim Turner	Emergency Management
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Steve Booze	
Jim Gilley	US Capital Advisors
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Jordan Semien	4-H
Tyler Fitzgerald	CC Extension Office
David Mindez	BHDA
Clint Moss	Building Maintenance
Jeff Chapman	PBK
Taylor Kay	B.K. Mechanical
Jessica Laskoskie	Indigent Healthcare

There being no further business, Court adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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