

On this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, A. D., 2017, the Commissioners' Court of Chambers County, with the following members present, to-wit:

Jimmy Gore	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

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

And the following members absent, to-wit:

Heather H. Hawthorne	County Clerk
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Judge Sylvia, according to law, opened Court at 9:30 a.m. into Open Session. Bobby Hall, offered prayer and then Judge Sylvia led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and to the Texas flag.

Agenda item 1.1-Citizen's comments:

Gene Ricks-expressed his concerns as a property owner, that he was not properly notified about land acquisition by the county for proposed Jail and Justice Center.

Dave Wilcox-Wanted to commend the Commissioners decision to keep the proposed Jail and Justice Center in Anahuac and encouraged commissioners to vote Yes for agenda item 1.9 and he is going to donate his property to the county.

Fay Till-Parigi-expressed her concerns as a property owner, that she was not properly notified about the land acquisition for the proposed Jail and Justice  
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Center and she asked that a speedy decision be made because this affects her business and as well as her tenants.

Nikki Ezer-She would like to see more facts on the proposed Jail and Justice Center and she is against the location because the property belongs to her father, Mike Ezer.

Zack Ezer-He spoke on information relating to the tax burden of the citizens of Chambers County and problems with Certificates of Obligation. He also stated that he believes there should be a public vote.

Mike Ezer-He is strongly opposed to the location of the proposed new Jail and Justice Center as a property owner and he feels there is ample land in this county that could be purchased. He has concerns about imminent domain that could be imposed on his property.

Judge Sylvia started with agenda item 11.1 under Administration.

17-01-34 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Senac to approve request from Chambers County Emergency Services District #1 for Chambers County to convey ownership of property in Winnie, Texas, identified by property ID as parcels 26523, 18972, and 16714 with a reversionary clause that states if it ceases to be a fire department, the land and all improvements will revert back to Chambers County. Amended motion to include authority for the Judge to sign the contract once approved by Scott Peal, the County Attorney.

Passed; Insert.

Judge Sylvia then skipped to several agenda items under Economic Development & Tourism.

17-01-35 Motion made by Senac and seconded by George to approve amendment to Contract No. DRS220024/13-388-000-7785 for Hurricane Ike Disaster Recovery Round 2.2. Patrick Wiltshire with Public Management, said this would eliminate pump station project and reallocate the 2.4 million to a new project in the Round 2.1 contract.

Passed; Insert.

17-01-36 Motion made by Senac and seconded by George to approve the Resolution authorizing the submission of a new project under Contract No. DRS210024-12-286-5634 for water improvements associated to the County's disaster recovery efforts.

Passed; Insert.

17-01-37 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by Gore to accept the amendment to Contract No. DRS210024-12-286-5634 for Hurricane Ike Disaster Recovery Round 2.1 as well as the transfer of the 2.4 million into contract 2.1.

Passed; Insert.

At this time, Judge Sylvia covered agenda item 1.9 under Administration.

Agenda item 1.9-Discuss and consider approving a Resolution and Order decreeing the acquisition of property to be a public necessity and authorizing the acquisition and payment of compensation for the new proposed Chambers County Jail and Justice Center.

**Tabled.**

Court recessed at 10:18 a.m. out of Open Session and into Executive Session, Personnel, under Section 551.074, Gov. Code, V.T.C.S.; Consultation with Attorney, Section 551.071, Gov. Code, V.T.C.S.; Purchase of Property, Section 551.072, Gov. Code, V.T.C.S. Court reconvened at 11:01 a.m. into Open Session.

17-01-38 Motion made by George and seconded by Gore to approve tax payment refund pursuant to Section 31.11 of the Texas Property Tax Code.

Passed; Insert.

Judge Sylvia moved to agenda item 6.4 under Maintenance & Buildings.

17-01-39 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson to approve the purchase and installation of a rear exit door for the Tax Office at the East Annex-Winnie, Texas in the amount of \$8,500.00.

Passed; Insert.

At this time, Judge Sylvia moved to agenda item 13.1 under Health & Welfare.

17-01-40 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson to approve the acceptance of the WIC “Improve the Client Experience” Grant in the amount of \$3,000.00.

Passed; Insert.

At this time, the court moved to agenda item 10.2 under Communications/Technology.

17-01-41 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by Gore to approve the renewal of RVI Software and mugshots with NetData in the amount of \$8,100.00.

Passed; Insert.

Judge Sylvia skipped to agenda item 15.1 under Library & Historical.

17-01-42 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson to approve selecting Heather Puppa as a new candidate for the Library Advisory Board.

Passed; Insert.

At this time, Judge Sylvia covered several agenda items under Parks & Recreation.

Agenda item 5.1-Discuss and consider options for collection of delinquent 2016 Youth Project Show buyer invoices in the amount of \$17,798.00 and best practices for 2017 billing. Grant Smith stated that all invoices had been paid for 2016.

No action.

17-01-43 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by Senac to approve request from GHD Services for an additional ground monitoring well in McLeod Park.

Passed; Insert.

Judge Sylvia skipped to agenda item 1.7 under Administration.

17-01-44 Motion made by George and seconded by Nelson to approve purchase of a 2017 Ford Expedition in the amount of \$31,081.75 for the Extension Office.

Passed; Insert.

Judge Sylvia moved to several agenda items under Maintenance & Buildings

17-01-45 Motion made by George and seconded by Gore to approve the purchase and installation of lighting at the David “Bubba” Abernathy Memorial Field at Fort Anahuac Park in the amount of \$98,363.00.

Passed; Insert.

17-01-46 Motion made by George and seconded by Nelson to approve the purchase of two (2) Scag lawn mowers from Scooter’s Lawn Mower in Beaumont, Texas, in the amount of \$22,741.96.

Passed; Insert.

17-01-47 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson to approve contract between Chambers County and BGK Architects for West Annex North Wing renovations in the amount of \$44,780.00 with the suggested Chambers County Commissioners Court

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amendments limiting the counties financial exposure suggested by Scott Peal, County Attorney and Mike Lessley to fine tune the agreement as well as authorize the Judge to execute the contract.

Passed; Insert.

Judge Sylvia moved along to several agenda items under Mosquito Control.

17-01-48 Motion made by George and seconded by Gore to approve the purchase of a 2017 Ford F-150 from Silsbee Ford in the amount of \$34,228.45.

Passed; Insert.

17-01-49 Motion made by Senac and seconded by George to authorize bids for Insecticides, Contractual Aerial Services and Contractual Pilot Services.

Passed; Insert.

At this time, Judge Sylvia covered agenda items under Road & Bridge.

17-01-50 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by Senac to approve update and rights of way acquisition for FM 1409 to include: parcel 12 in the amount of \$15,000.00 plus closing; parcel 14 in the amount of \$20,000.00 plus closing; parcel 14E in the amount of \$30,000.00 plus closing.

Passed.

17-01-51 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by George to approve update and rights of way acquisition for Kilgore Parkway Drainage to  
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include the Henderson Tract in the amount of \$17,500.00 per acre plus a 3% commission and closing cost.

Passed.

17-01-52 Motion made by George seconded by Gore to accept the Winfree Bayou Estates Section-One plat for recording in the County Clerk's Map Records.

Passed.

17-01-53 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by George to approve application request from Texas Windstream, LLC for utility construction in Chambers County right-of-way at the northeast corner of Belton Lane, in Anahuac, Chambers County, Texas.

Passed; Insert.

17-01-54 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by Senac to approve proposed road program for 2017.

Passed; Insert.

Judge Sylvia moved to several agenda items under Administration.

Agenda item 1.2-Receive into record Monthly reports-Certificate of completion for Rex Tunze & Noemi Valencia-Basic Code Enforcement; Certificate of completion for Melinda Rhame & Robin Edmonds-



Acknowledgment of Paternity; Certificate of completion for Jimmy E. Gore-Open Meetings Act & Public Information Act.

17-01-55 Motion made by Senac and seconded by George to approve Minutes of December 27, 2016, Regular Meeting.

Passed.

17-01-56 Motion made by Senac and seconded by George to approve the 2017-2018 Chambers County Commissioner/Department Head Liaisons as presented.

Passed; Insert.

17-01-57 Motion made by George and seconded by Senac to approve the 2017 Performance Evaluation Committee as presented.

Passed; Insert.

17-01-58 Motion made by Senac and seconded by George to approve 2017 Public Officials Liability invoice renewal with Texas Association of Counties (TAC) as presented.

Passed;Insert.

17-01-59 Motion made by George and seconded by Nelson to approve resale offer CV27725; Anahuac ISD vs. Humphrey, Willie et al; parcel 8201

subject to other tax entities approval.

Passed; Insert.

Judge Sylvia then moved along to several agenda items under Financial.

17-01-60 Motion made by George and seconded by Senac to approve the claim docket as presented.

Passed; Insert.

17-01-61 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Gore to approve travel reimbursements and miscellaneous expenditures in the amount of \$1,791.38.

Passed; Insert.

17-01-62 Motion made by Senac and seconded by George to approve budget amendments/transfers as presented.

Passed; Insert.

17-01-63 Motion made by George and seconded by Gore to approve Treasurer's report for month ending December 31, 2016 as presented.

Passed; Insert.

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

17-01-64 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson to approve frozen sick leave of 80 hours for retiree, Jose R. Chavez.

Passed; Insert.

The Court moved to agenda item 10.1 under Communications/Technology.

17-01-65 Motion made by Senac and seconded by George to approve MSC Systems to install new sound system in County Courtroom in the amount of \$18,499.80.

Passed; Insert.

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

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

17-01-66 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by George to approve payroll changes as presented.

Passed; Insert.

17-01-67 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson to approve 40 hours of vacation carryover for Rex Tunze.

Passed; Insert.

Agenda item 17.4-Discuss and consider extended medical leave-**none**.

Judge Silvia moved along to agenda items under Law Enforcement.

Agenda item 16.1-Discuss and consider vehicle rental rate agreement with EAN Services, LLC-“Enterprise”-Sheriff’s Office.

**Pulled.**

17-01-68 Motion made by George and seconded by Nelson to approve purchase of 2017 Chevy Tahoe in the amount of \$43,315.00 for K-9 unit.

Passed; Insert.

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

Kris Hampton	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
Bobby Hall	County Engineer
Brian Hawthorne	Chambers County Sheriff
Scott Peal	County Attorney
Sarah Cerrone	Economic Development
Rex Tunze	Environmental Protection
Michael Manders	Auditor’s Office
Aaron Thomas	County Judge’s Office
Angela Kear	WIC
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Tammy Yarter	IT Director
Denise Hutter	Tax Assessor Collector
Bess Woody	Auditor's Office
Lyndsey Davis	Auditor's Office
Denise Hutter	Tax Assessor-Collector
Grant Smith	Parks & Recreation
Lawrence Lewis	Mosquito Control
Melissa Thomas	District Attorney's Office
Valerie Jenson	County Librarian
Annie Vass	Library
Lindy Pitre	Chambers County Extension
Tyler Fitzgerald	Chambers County
Patrick Wiltshire	Public Management, Inc.
Wade Thibodeaux	Hometown Press
Sue Hawthorne	Anahuac Progress
Gloria Roemer	Seabreeze Beacon
Bill Stults	AMDD
David Kadjar	Kilgore Park LLC
Nathan Brandimarte	Orgain Bell & Tucker
Sean Williams	Ravago
Jerry Shadden	Trinity Bay Conservation District
Toby Davis	LJA Engineering
Paul Lippke	Lippke, Cartwright, & Roberts
Dave Wilcox	Citizen
Joe Parigi	Citizen
Hazel Meaux	Citizen
Fay Till Parigi	Citizen
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Zack Ezer	Citizen
Nikki Ezer	Citizen
Mike Ezer	Citizen
Kim Shoemaker	Citizen
Stephanie Welch	Citizen
Michael Winzer	Trinity Bay Conservation District
Ignacio Ramirez	City of Baytown
Bonnie McLaughlin	Citizen
David Murrell	Chambers County Emergency Services District #1
Wayne Wilber	Chambers County Emergency Services District #1

There being no further business, Court adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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ATTEST:

  
 Heather H. Hawthorne, County Clerk



APPROVED:

  
 Jimmy Sylvia, County Judge

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