

On this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, A. D., 2019, the Commissioners' Court of Chambers County, with the following members present, to-wit:

Jimmy Gore	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
Mark Tice	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Gary Nelson	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Jimmy Sylvia	County Judge

With the following members absent, to-wit:

Billy Combs	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Heather H. Hawthorne	County Clerk

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 9:30 a.m. into Open Session. Cory Taylor, offered prayer and then Judge Sylvia led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and to the Texas flag. Judge Sylvia began with an update from Cory Taylor on current road conditions in Chambers County affected by Tropical Storm Imelda and Sheriff Brian Hawthorne stated that there were approximately 300 water rescues and 21 arrests made. Judge Sylvia went to agenda item 1.7 under Administration.

19-09-378 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve extension of County Judge's Disaster Declaration and Emergency Curfew relating to Tropical Storm Imelda.

Passed; Insert.

Citizen's Comments:

Julie Hall-updated the court on the shelter that was set up as a result of Tropical Storm Imelda at White's Park and thanked the County for all their support.

Judge Sylvia went to agenda item 14.3 under Health & Welfare.

19-09-379 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Nelson to approve Nationwide's guaranteed minimum interest rate of the Fixed Annuity Contract. Comment by Eric Burson, Nationwide.

Passed; Insert.

At this time, Court recessed at 10:06 a.m. out of Open Session into a Public Hearing to discuss agenda item 1.4. Comment by Scott Peal, County

Attorney. Court adjourned at 10:10 a.m. out of Public Hearing and back into Regular Session. Judge Sylvia went to agenda items 1.5.

Agenda item 1.5-Discuss and consider hiring the Chaffin & Homan Law Firm under a Contingent Fee Contract pursuant to Government Code 2254.1036.

**Tabled.**

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

Agenda item 5.1-Discuss and consider changes to Property Tax Abatement Act, Tax Code Chapter 312. Comment by B. J. Simon, Baytown EDF.

**No Action.**

19-09-380 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Gore to set a public hearing to amend Chambers County Chapter 312 Policy and Guidelines for November 12, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. Comment by B. J. Simon, Baytown EDF.

Passed; Insert.

19-09-381 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by Tice to approve amendment to Vinmar Properties, LTD Tax Abatement Agreement with the corrected effective date of the Agreement to start in January 2019. Comment by B. J. Simon, Baytown EDF.

Passed; Insert.

19-09-382 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to approve notice of amendment to Vinmar Properties, LTD Tax Abatement Agreement. Comment by B. J. Simon, Baytown EDF.

Passed.

19-09-383 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by Tice to approve notice of amendment to Chambers County Logistics Terminal Economic Development Agreement. Comment by B. J. Simon, Baytown EDF.

Passed.

Judge Sylvia went to agenda item 4.3 under Engineering/Project Management.

Agenda item 4.3-Discuss and consider request to donate Cedar Hill Drive to the City of Mont Belvieu.

**Pulled.**

At this time, Judge Sylvia went to several agenda items under Health & Welfare.

19-09-384 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool (TAC HEBP) 2019-2020 medical and dental insurance renewal.

Passed; Insert.

19-09-385 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Gore to approve Dearbon National 2019-2020 life insurance renewal.

Passed; Insert.

Agenda item 14.4-Discuss and consider approving the TAC (Texas Association of Counties) HEBP (Health Employee Benefits Package) Health Care Plan for 2020.

**Pulled.**

Judge Sylvia went to agenda item 1.6 under Administration.

19-09-386 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Nelson to approve the amendment and/or extension of the current KOFILE contract for records management and imaging pending County Attorney and Purchasing Agent approval. Comment by Scott Peal, County Attorney.

Passed; Insert.

Judge Sylvia went to several agenda items under Engineering/Project Management.

Agenda item 4.2-Discuss and consider agreement with LJA Engineering and/or Trinity Bay Conservation District (TBCD) for the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funded Hankamer Wastewater Project. Comment by Scott Peal, County Attorney.

**No Action.**

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to have a patrol car there for safety. Comment by Cory Taylor, County Engineer.

Passed; Insert.

19-09-388 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Nelson to accept into record the executed pipeline easement with Lone Star NGL.

Passed; Insert.

Agenda item 4.4-Discuss and consider acquisition of real property for official County use and improvement.

**No Action.**

At this time, Judge Sylvia went to agenda item 10.1 & 10.2 under Safety/Emergency Management.

19-09-389 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by Tice to approve the SwiftReach annual renewal contract for mass public notification services in the amount of \$13,395.00. Comment by Bill Vola, Emergency Management.

Passed; Insert.

19-09-390 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Nelson to approve reimbursement to Mont Belvieu EMS for Stryker power loaders in the amount of \$124,227.04. Comment by Bill Vola, Emergency Management.

Passed; Insert.

Judge Sylvia went to several agenda items under Maintenance & Buildings.

19-09-391 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Nelson to approve Arnold Construction Company, Inc., to make changes to improve security at Cedar Bayou Annex Court and offices in the amount of \$10,711.00. Comment by Mike Lessley, Project Manager.

Passed; Insert.

19-09-392 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve Generator Power Systems to install an emergency generator at White Park Arena in the amount of \$49,816.35.

Passed; Insert.



19-09-393 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Nelson to approve R.A. Weaver Electric, Inc. to install an emergency generator at Smith Point Volunteer Fire Department and Community Building in the amount of \$41,906.00.

Passed; Insert.

19-09-394 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Nelson to approve Tippet Construction to install two (2) 25ft. light poles with lights at the West Annex in the amount of \$9,600.00.

Passed; Insert.

Judge Sylvia went to several agenda items under Administration.

19-09-395 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve resale offer submitted by Jarvis Mayes in the amount of \$2,010.00, Parcel 13780, East Chambers County vs. Roy Ricks, Jr., et al (CV27729).

Passed; Insert.

19-09-396 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Nelson to adopt the FY2020 annual Chambers County budget. Comment by Aaron Thomas, County Judges' Office.

Passed; Insert.

19-09-397 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to adopt the FY2019 Chambers County property tax rate as presented. Comment by Aaron Thomas, County Judges' Office.

Passed; Insert.

Agenda item 1.8-Discuss and consider Resolution honoring the Texas Rice Festival for the celebration of its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Tabled.**

Agenda item 1.9-Discuss and consider nomination of Board of Directors for the Chambers County Appraisal District.

**Tabled.**

At this time, Judge Sylvia went to agenda item 2.1 under Financial.

19-09-398 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Nelson to authorize Request for Proposals for Chambers County's Annual Independent Audit and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for fiscal years 2019 and 2020. Comment by Tony Sims, Auditor.

Passed; Insert.

Judge Sylvia went to agenda item 14.4 under Health & Welfare.

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**Pulled.**

Judge Sylvia went to agenda item 17.1 under Law Enforcement.

19-09-399 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Nelson to approve Interlocal Agreement with the City of Anahuac regarding the Sheriff's Office management and imaging.

Passed; Insert.

At this time, Judge Sylvia went to agenda items 18.1 & 18.2 under Personnel.

19-09-400 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve new job descriptions for 2020 as follows: Human Resources Director, Safety Coordinator, Director of Economic Development & Grant Management, Special Projects Coordinator & Graphic Artist/Economic Development.

Passed; Insert.

19-09-401 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve payroll changes as presented except Randy Lathan, he declined the job offer.

Passed; Insert.

Judge Sylvia went to the Consent Agenda.

19-09-402 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Nelson to approve the Consent agenda as presented except item 19.8 that is pulled.

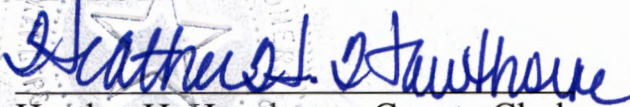
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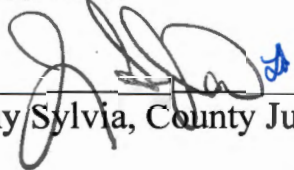
The following visitors, department, agency, or business they represent were present in Court today:

Kris Hampton	County Clerk's Office
Lauren Van Deventer	County Judge's Office
Mike Lessley	Chambers Co. Project Manager
Nikki Whittington	Chambers County Treasurer
Scott Peal	County Attorney
Brian Hawthorne	Sheriff
Cory Taylor	Engineer
George Barrera	Purchasing
Tony Sims	Auditor
Lyndsey Davis	Auditor's Office
Haley Moreno	Auditor's Office
Valerie Jensen	Library
Natalie Lopez	Road & Bridge
Jami Navarre	BH ISD
B. J. Simon	Baytown, EDF
Ron Nichols	Winnie-Stowell EMS
Ryan Caruso	Rep. Mayes Middleton
Sue Hawthorne	Anahuac Progress
Gloria Roemer	Seabreeze Beacon
Wade Thibodeaux	Hometown Press
Julia Hall	AISD
Julia Barber	Citizen
Macie Schubert	WCCCC
Eric Burson	Nationwide
Bobbi Jo Chapman	Citizen

There being no further business, Court adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

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ATTEST:  
  
Heather H. Hawthorne, County Clerk

APPROVED:  
  
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COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES  
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