

On this the 25th day of August, A. D., 2020, the Commissioners' Court of Chambers County, with the following members present, to-wit:

Jimmy Sylvia	County Judge
Jimmy Gore	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
Mark Tice	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Gary Nelson	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Billy Combs	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Heather H. Hawthorne	County Clerk

With the following members absent, to-wit:

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

Judge Sylvia, according to law, opened Court at 9:38 a.m. into Open Session. Cory Taylor, County Engineer, offered prayer and Judge Sylvia led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and to the Texas flag. Judge Sylvia started with a Tropical Storm Marco and Tropical Storm Laura update and the agenda items under Road & Bridge.

20-08-208 Motion by Combs and seconded by Tice to approve in principal the Memorandum of Understanding between Chambers County and TGS Cedar Port Partners LP regarding operation procedures for the future development of Fisher Road and permitting inside Cedar Port Industrial Park and to move forward after clarification for final approval on the next Commissioner's Court. Public comments made by Michael Garrie, Terri Denton, Charles Robertson, Neil Ligertwood, Sharlene Nelson, Mike and Phyllis Bricker against item 3.3.

Subsidiary motion to withdraw motion and table request to allow for clarification before final approval at the next Commissioner's Court.

Tabled.

Judge Sylvia allowed the Citizens Comments submitted to be read aloud.
Commissioner Gore- Comment on 8% Tax Resolution passed on July 28,
2020 Court.

Rachal Jackson-Hisler and Darlene McPherson-Pagles- Against 8% tax
increase

Victoria Reyes-Against 8% tax increase

Jocelyn Durant- Against 8% tax increase

Rick Harlow-Against 8% tax increase

Ralph Oler- Against 8% tax increase

Ann McDonald- Against 8% tax increase

Rachal Jackson-Hisler and Darlene McPherson-Pagles- Not on agenda, bring
back in person Commissioners' Court meetings

Rachal Jackson-Hisler and Darlene McPherson-Pagles-Against COVID-19
flu report

Jennifer Arredondo-Wanting improved drainage in Chambers County

At this time, Court recessed at 10:18 a.m. out of Open Session into a Public
Hearing to discuss agenda item 3.1. Public comment made by Ryan Lovell,
Ameriport Industrial Park. Court adjourned at 10:23 a.m. out of Public
Hearing and back into Regular Session. Judge Sylvia went to agenda item
3.2 under Road and Bridge.

20-08-209 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Nelson to ratify the
previous approval regarding relocation and abandonment of right-of-way
with NPH Market Street, LLC, to exchange real property and right-of-way
for a proposed road and drainage re-alignment near the Ameriport
development and SH99 (EW-4). Comment by Cory Taylor, County
Engineer.

Passed; Insert.

Let the record reflect Judge Sylvia left the court to attend a 10:30 a.m.
Hurricane Laura meeting. Judge Pro Tem Nelson took over for the
remainder of the court and continued with agenda item 3.4.

Agenda item 3.4 discuss and consider whether to dispose of the 1.4 acres of county property located at 1210 E. Winfree Avenue, said property including the old courthouse/narcotics task force building, and which method of disposition to use under Local Government Code 263 (public auction, sealed bid, broker, or property exchange). Comment by Scott Peal, County Attorney.

Tabled.

Judge Pro Tem Nelson moved to the beginning of the agenda starting with item 1.1.

20-08-210 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to set a public hearing for the proposed tax rate at the no-new-revenue rate on September 8, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. Comment made by Aaron Thomas, County Judges Office.

Passed; Insert.

Agenda Item 1.2 Discuss and consider update on the 2021 county budget. Comments made by Scott Peal, County Attorney, and Aaron Thomas, County Judges Office.

No Action.

20-08-211 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Combs to reschedule the public hearing on the 2021 county budget to September 8, 2020, at 10:00 a. m.

Passed; Insert.

20-08-212 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Gore to approve Commissioner, Precinct 2 Solid Waste Permits Audit Report.

Passed; Insert.

20-08-213 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Combs to approve A&R Logistics, INC. (Plantgistix) FTZ (Foreign Trade Zone) Non-Objection letter. Comment by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed; Insert.

20-08-214 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the contract with Brainfuse, Inc. for the provision of online educational services and content designed to assist students with Mathematics, English, Social Studies and Science homework. Comment made by Scott Peal, County Attorney. The vote of the Commissioners on this matter was as follows: Commissioners Tice, and Gore voting aye
Commissioner Combs voting nay
Judge Pro Tem Nelson declared the motion passed.

Passed; Insert.

Agenda Item 17.1 Discuss and consider approving an Interlocal Agreement with the Jefferson County Crime Lab for the provision of crime laboratory testing and services for criminal investigations. Comment made by Scott Peal, County Attorney.

Tabled.

At this time Judge Pro Tem Nelson went to the Consent Agenda. Items 19.1, 19.5, 19.6, 19.7, 19.11, 19.20, 19.21, 19.22, 19.27 were pulled for discussion. The court took a short recess at 11:25 a.m. and reconvened at 11:35 a.m. and went to agenda item 19.27.

20-08-215 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to authorize the County Judge and County Attorney to negotiate with Windstream VPLS and PRI on the price from \$5,100.00 to \$3,925.00 and County Judge to sign once agreeable terms have been reached.

Passed.

Court recessed at 11:46 a.m. out of Open Session and into Executive Session, Personnel, Section 551.074, Gov. Code, V.T.C.S to discuss items 19.6. Court reconvened at 12:06 p.m. back into Open Session.

20-08-216 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Combs to deny payroll changes and job descriptions listed on pages 246, 260, and 239 through 243.

Passed; Insert.

Agenda Item 19.17 Approve amendments to the Fire Code Fee Schedule.

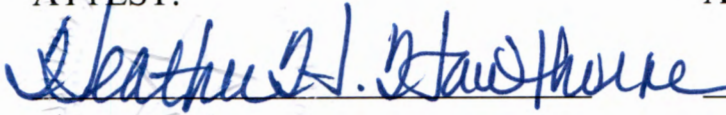
Tabled.

20-08-217 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Combs to approve consent agenda as presented excluding pages 246, 260, and 239 through 243 on item 19.6.

Passed; Insert.

There being no further business, Court adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

ATTEST:



Heather H. Hawthorne, County Clerk

APPROVED:



Jimmy Sylvia, County Judge

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
August 25, 2020

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