

On this the 8th day of September, 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 9:40 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. At this time Mary Beth Bess, Chambers County Health Services Director gave a COVID update.

Citizens Comments:

- Lorena Herrera- Against 8% tax increase.
- Robert and Kaye Reichle- Against the TGS Cedar Port Partners, LP Memorandum of Understanding regarding Fisher Road development.
- Carol Pickering- Against the TGS Cedar Port Partners, LP Memorandum of Understanding regarding Fisher Road development.
- Robert Pickering- Against the TGS Cedar Port Partners, LP Memorandum of Understanding regarding Fisher Road development.
- Gloria Roemer- Kudos to the Public Information Department for their response to information requests during Hurricane Laura.
- Kevin and Karen Wilson-Requests waiving retention pond requirements for their small business.

Judge Sylvia went to agenda items 2.1 and 3.1.

20-09-218 Motion by Combs and seconded by Tice approve Indigent Health Care-BVCAP (Brazos Valley Community Action Programs) Grant 2019. Comment made by Tony Sims, County Auditor

Passed; Insert.

20-09-219 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Chambers County and Chambers County Improvement District #1 markup provided by Nathan Brandimarte.

Passed; Insert.

At this time, Court recessed at 10:07 a.m. out of Open Session into a Public Hearing to discuss agenda item 1.5 Public comments made by Marcia Hodge and Josue Mata. Court adjourned at 10:17 a.m. out of Public Hearing and back into Regular Session. Judge Sylvia allowed additional public comments to be made.

Public Comment:

Darlene McPherson-Pagels-Requests more information for cost of agenda item 7.1.

Rachal Hisler-Against 8% tax rate increase, agenda item 1.4.

Judge Sylvia continued with agenda item 1.6

20-09-220 Motion by Combs and seconded by Tice to approve the court finding the creation of the Chambers County Drainage District No. 1 feasible and practicable and is needed, and would be conducive to public health and would be a public benefit or a public utility. Comments made by Scott Peal, County Attorney, and Cory Taylor, County Engineer.

Passed; Insert.

The court took a short recess at 11:08 a.m. and reconvened at 11:21 a.m. Judge Sylvia went to agenda item 7.1.

Agenda item 7.1 Discuss and consider change order to add an air conditioner to the Animal Control Facility from Arnold Construction in the amount of \$113,869.90. Comment made by Mike Lessley, Chambers County Project Manager.

Tabled.

At this time, Court recessed at 11:26 a.m. out of Open Session into a Public Hearing to discuss agenda item 1.1. No Public Comment. Comment by Aaron Thomas, County Judges Office. Court adjourned at 11:29 a.m. out of Public Hearing and back into Regular Session.

Agenda item 1.2 Discuss and consider setting the 2020 tax rate at the no-new-revenue rate of 0.539490/100.

Tabled.

Court recessed at 11:29 a.m. out of Open Session into a Public Hearing to discuss agenda item 1.3. No Public Comment. Comments made by Aaron Thomas, County Judges Office, and Cory Taylor, County Engineer. Court adjourned at 11:48 a.m. out of Public Hearing and back into Regular Session. Judge Sylvia went to agenda item 1.4, 1.8, and 17.1.

20-09-221 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Nelson to rescind the Resolution directing the voter-approval tax rate at 8% in the manner provided for special taxing entity (previously approved on July 28, 2020).

Passed; Insert.

20-09-222 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Combs to approve amending and approving the Interlocal Agreement with Liberty County for the funding of the Liberty-Chambers Community Supervision Corrections Department (LC-CSCD) employee used to create the Chambers County Community Supervisions Corrections Department to-wit: amending reimbursement levels. Comment by Scott Peal, County Attorney.

Passed; Insert.

20-09-223 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Gore to approve an Interlocal Agreement with the Jefferson County Crime Lab for the provision of crime laboratory testing and services for criminal investigations. Comment by Scott Peal, County Attorney.

Passed; Insert.

Judge Sylvia went to the Consent Agenda. Items 19.6, 19.15, 19.16, 19.28, 19.33 were pulled for discussion.

Agenda item 19.12 Approve the participation in the 2021 Airport RAMP Grant for the Anahuac and Winnie Airport in the amount of \$50,000 each (\$25,000 State, \$25,000, County); and designating Samantha Humphrey as the authorized representative for the county for the 2021 Airport RAMP Grant for both Anahuac and Winnie airports.

Tabled.

Agenda item 19.23 Approve Rain Tree Subdivision Section 1 Plat.

Tabled.

Agenda item 19.24 Approve Cypress Point Subdivision Section 3 Plat.

Tabled.

20-09-224 Motion by Tice and seconded by Nelson to approve the consent agenda, excluding agenda items 19.12, 19.23, and 19.24.

Passed; Insert.

Court recessed at 12:19 p.m. out of Open Session and into Executive Session, Consultation with Attorney, Section 551.071, Gov. Code, V.T.C.S.; Purchase of Property, Section 551.072, Gov. Code, V.T.C.S. to discuss items 1.7 and 20.1. Court reconvened at 12:41 p.m. back into Open Session.

Agenda item 1.7 Discuss and consider request by HHSC (Health and Human Services Commission) to enter into a ten year Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Chambers County owned building at 204 N. Texas Avenue in Anahuac.

Tabled.

20-09-225 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Combs to provide restitution for property damage up to \$4,470.75 for reimbursement and disposition of civilian claim.

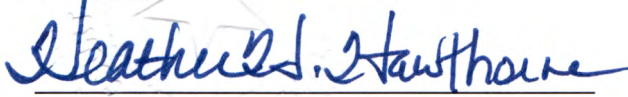
Passed.

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

Lauren Van Deventer	County Judge's Office
Aaron Thomas	County Judge's Office
Scott Peal	County Attorney
Cory Taylor	Engineer
Austin Dubose	Information Technology
Marcia Hodge	Citizen
Josue Mata	Citizen
Darlene McPherson-Pagels	Citizen
Rachal Hisler	Citizen

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

ATTEST:



Heather H. Hawthorne, County Clerk

APPROVED:



Jimmy Sylvia, County Judge

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