

On this the 13th day of April, A. D., 2021, 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
Tommy Hammond	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 9:35 a.m. into Open Session, and offered prayer. Judge Sylvia led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and to the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag.

The Court began with Agenda Item 1.2, discuss and consider legislative update. Comments by Dawn Pilcher, of LJA Engineering. Ms. Pilcher updated the Court on legislation on the proposed Gulf Coast Protection District, which includes Chambers County.

No action.

21-04-63 The Court then went to Agenda Item 1.8, discuss and consider engaging engineering firm to seek advice pertaining to the Gulf Coast Protection District Legislation. Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to hire LJA Engineering for 20 hours not to exceed \$5,000.00 to advise the County pertaining to the Gulf Coast Protection District Legislation.

Passed; Insert.

At this time, the Court turned to citizens' comments. Lauren VanDeventer, assistant to County Judge, read the comments. The first was from Robert Reichle of Point Barrow Road. Mr. Reichle asked the Court to consider regulating dumping at County dump sites by the cubic yard instead of by the length of the trailer.

Citizen Matthew Faulkner's comments touched on the same topic. His comments were also read by Lauren VanDeventer. Mr. Faulkner told the Court the current requirements regarding dump sites were "monumentally

unfair” to residents. He suggested altering the price of dump stickers to accommodate residents with trailers. Judge Sylvia suggested putting the subject on future Commissioners’ Court agenda.

The court proceeded with Agenda Item 1.1, discuss and consider Public Health Department and Emergency Management update presented by Mary Beth Bess, Chambers County Health Services Director. Bess gave an overview of the County’s vaccination efforts. She stated that 15 percent of Chambers County residents are fully vaccinated, compared to 16 percent statewide.

No action.

The Court then returned to Agenda Item 1.2, legislative update. County Clerk Heather Hawthorne gave an update on the 380 election bills that have been filed. She noted most focused on “election integrity.” Mrs. Hawthorne expressed her concern that many of the bills would include unfunded mandates to the County.

Sheriff Brian Hawthorne then gave a legislative update. Hawthorne told the Court he was monitoring many proposed social justice bills. He echoed concerns about unfunded mandates. Hawthorne expressed concerns about pending legislation to drastically alter the role of state-sponsored lobbyists. Hawthorne told the Commissioners that if this legislation was passed, it would be more difficult for small counties to stay abreast of legislative issues.

No action.

At 10:32 a.m., the Court recessed out of regular session into a public hearing for the abandonment/vacating of the County right-of-way being the westerly portion of Fisher Road. Comments by County Engineer Cory Taylor. At 10:34 a.m., the Court adjourned out of public hearing and into Regular Session.

21-04-64 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Gore to approve abandoning/vacating the County right-of-way being the westerly portion of Fisher Road. Comments by County Attorney Ashley Cain Land.

Passed; Insert.

The Court then took up Agenda Item 1.4, discuss and consider presentation from the Arboretum Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center of Winnie and take action on the enrollment in the Quality Incentive Payment Program Year 5. Comments by Johnny Thompson of the Arboretum and Nathan Brandimarte with Orgain, Bell & Tucker.

21-04-65 Motion made Gore and seconded by Hammond to enroll in the Quality Incentive Payment Program Year 5 with the Arboretum Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center of Winnie.

Passed; Insert.

The Court took a break at 10:57 a.m. At 11:05 a.m. the Court reconvened into regular session.

21-04-66 Motion made by Commissioners' Court and seconded by Commissioners' Court to accept the Proclamation recognizing April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month in Chambers County. Comments by Paula Torres, executive director of Bridgehaven Children's Advocacy Center.

Passed; Insert.

At 11:09 a.m., the Court recessed out of Regular Session into Executive Session, Consultation with Attorney, Section 551.071, Gov. Code to consider Agenda Item 20.2, discuss and consider update on School Equalization Tax. The Court reconvened into regular session at 11:32 a.m.

No action.

The Court then took up Agenda Item 1.5, discuss and consider new hire process. Comments by Aaron Thomas, acting human resource director, and County Attorney Ashley Cain Land.

Tabled.

21-04-67 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Combs to appoint Celia Devillier to the position of Chambers County Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1, following the death of her husband Judge Yale Devillier, who held the position for many years prior to his death. Comments by Celia Devillier.

Passed.

21-04-68 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to hire Pattillo, Brown & Hill to conduct an outside audit of the Human Resource Department. Comments by Aaron Thomas, acting human resource director, and County Attorney Ashley Cain Land.

Passed; Insert.

At 11:54 a.m. the Court recessed out of Regular Session and into a public hearing regarding the Plastic Express Tax Abatement Agreement. Although there were comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation, there were no public comments. At 11:55 a.m., the Court adjourned from the public hearing and entered into Regular Session.

21-04-69 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Gore to approve the Plastic Express Tax Abatement Agreement. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed; Insert.

21-04-70 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Gore to set a public hearing on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, for the Blackline Cold Storage reinvestment zone application. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed; Insert.

21-04-71 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to approve the Tax Abatement application from Tosaf, Inc. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed; Insert.

21-04-72 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to approve a Chapter 381 Agreement amendment request from JSW Steele (USA) Inc. The Court noted that it is agreeable to an amendment, however, the formal agreement will need to come back before the Court for approval. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed; Insert.

21-04-73 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Gore to approve to set a public hearing date of May 25, 2021, at 10 a.m. regarding the Talke

USA, Inc. Tax Abatement Agreement. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed.

21-04-74 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to approve the 2021 contract with Baytown/West Chambers County Economic Development Foundation. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed; Insert.

21-04-75 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to approve the Baytown/West Chambers County Economic Development Foundation Chapter 381 Economic Development Program Administration Fee. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed; Insert.

The court took a break at 12:57 p.m. a.m. and reconvened back into Regular Session at 1:06 p.m.

At this time the Court turned to Agenda Item 7.1, discuss and consider awarding bid on West Side Complex Project. Comments by Chambers County Director of Maintenance Mike Lessley, Jeff Chapman of PBK; and County Engineer Cory Taylor.

After a presentation outlining the proposed project by Jeff Chapman of PBK, the Court took up Agenda Item 7.2, discuss and consider issuance of a Certificate of Obligation for the West Side Infrastructure Projects. Comments by Aaron Thomas, assistant budget officer. After some discussion, the agenda item was tabled. A Special Called Meeting for Friday, April 16, 2021, was decided on to revisit agenda items 7.1 and 7.2.

At 1:46 p.m., the Court took a break. At 1:53 p.m. the Court reconvened into Executive Session, Personnel Section 551.074, Gov. Code, V.T.C.S., to take up Agenda Item 2.1, discuss and consider personnel issues. The Court reconvened into Regular Session at 3:16 p.m. No action was taken.

21-04-76 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Tice to approve a Resolution authorizing the County Grant-Texas Department of Agriculture Texans Feeding Texans Home Delivered Meal Grant Program Year 21. The

grant is in the amount of \$16,630.00 and benefits the Senior Citizen Project. Comments by Director of Economic Development and Grant Management Samantha Humphrey.

Passed; Insert.

21-04-77 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Combs to authorize the Department of Economic Development to begin procurement for Grant Management Firm for the American Rescue Act, a federal government grant designed to assist state and local governments in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic. Chambers County's estimated allocation of funds is \$8,501,916.00. Comments by Director of Economic Development and Grant Management Samantha Humphrey.

Passed; Insert.

21-04-78 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Tice to approve the Resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Community Development Fund. Comments by Director of Economic Development and Grant Management Samantha Humphrey.

Passed; Insert.

The Court then turned to Agenda Item 2.1, discuss and consider Chambers County Fund Balance Policy and Chambers County Investment Policy for the year ending December 31, 2021.

21-04-79 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Combs to approve the Chambers County Fund Balance Policy and Chambers County Investment Policy for the year ending December 31, 2021.

Passed; Insert.

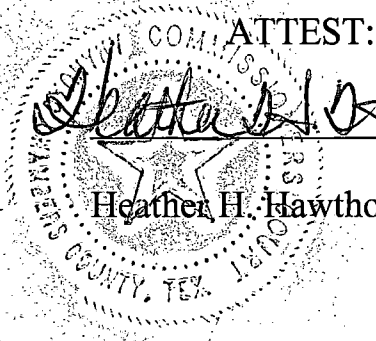
21-04-80 Motion made by Commissioners' Court and seconded by Commissioners' Court to accept the Proclamation declaring April 11-17, 2021, as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week.

Passed; Insert.

21-04-81 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Gore to approve all items on the consent agenda.

Passed; Insert.

There being no further business, Court adjourned at 3:40 p.m.



ATTEST:

Heather H. Hawthorne

Heather H. Hawthorne, County Clerk

APPROVED:

Jimmy Sylvia

Jimmy Sylvia, County Judge

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
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