

On this the 26th day of April, A. D., 2022, 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 MEETING, at which time the following items were discussed, considered, passed or adopted, to-wit:

Judge Sylvia, according to law, opened Court at 9:33 a.m. into Open Session. Bobby Hall offered prayer. Judge Sylvia led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag.

Court began with Citizens' Comments. Chris Williams and Robert Hennis addressed the Court on Agenda Item 6.3, discuss and consider "trolling motors only" from the bridge at I-10 to the Chambers County line on Turtle Bayou. Both expressed concern for the safety of boaters and kayakers on Turtle Bayou share the waterways with larger, faster watercraft.

The Court then turned to Agenda Item 3.5, discuss and consider approving \$3,800 for Dannenbaum Engineering subcontractor, C.J. Hensch & Associates, Inc. to collect traffic data at four intersections as part of signal warrant analysis on FM 1409 at FM 565 South, River Farms, Churchill Downs and Perry/Gill.

22-04-125 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve \$3,800 for Dannenbaum Engineering subcontractor, C.J. Hensch & Associates, Inc. to collect traffic data at four intersections as part of signal warrant analysis on FM 1409 at FM 565 South, River Farms, Churchill Downs and Perry/Gill. Comments by Larry Marr of Dannenbaum Engineering, County Engineer Cory Taylor, Contract Engineer Bobby Hall, Commissioner Gore and Judge Sylvia.

Passed; Insert.

Following the vote, the Court moved to Agenda Item 3.1, discuss and consider approving a supplemental Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Chambers County and Chambers County Improvement District No. 1 (CCID #1) related to a greenbelt buffer along FM 2354 and improvements to Fisher Road.

22-04-126 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to approve a supplemental Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Chambers County and Chambers County Improvement District No. 1 (CCID #1) related to a greenbelt buffer along FM 2354 and improvements to Fisher Road. Comments by Commissioner Combs and Beach City Mayor Ryan Dagley.

Passed; Insert.

The Court then returned to Agenda Item 6.3, discuss and consider ordinance requiring “trolling motors only” from the bridge at I-10 to the Chambers County line on Turtle Bayou.

A motion was made by Gore and seconded by Tice to require “trolling motors only” from the bridge at I-10 to the Chambers County line on Turtle Bayou.

However, after concern was raised by Commissioner Hammond and Sheriff Brian Hawthorne regarding enforcement of the ordinance and the burden placed on boat owners, the motion and second were withdrawn and the item tabled. It was decided that Sherriff Hawthorne, County Attorney Ashley Cain Land and Commissioner Gore would meet to discuss the issue further.

County Engineer Cory Taylor and Contract Engineer Bobby Hall gave an update on price increases in Road Material (Agenda Item 3.2, discuss and consider cost increases in Road Material). No action was taken.

22-04-127 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to request TxDot to designate a portion of FM 3180 right-of-way (Jug Handles South of I-10) as surplus to be provided back to the County. Comments by County Engineer Cory Taylor and Contract Engineer Bobby Hall.

Passed; Insert.

22-04-128 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Hammond to request TxDot to designate a portion of FM 565 right-of-way (S. Curve) as surplus

to be provided back to the County. Comments by County Engineer Cory Taylor, Contract Engineer Bobby Hall and Judge Sylvia.

Passed; Insert.

22-04-129 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve going out for RFQs for Geotechnical Services and Construction Lab Testing. Comments by County Engineer Cory Taylor.

Passed.

Following the vote, the Court moved to Agenda Item 1.1, discuss and consider Tax Collection Report submitted by Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins and Mott, LLP.

22-04-130 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Gore to accept the Tax Collection Report submitted by Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins and Mott, LLP. Comments by Michael Darlow of Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins and Mott, LLP and Commissioner Combs.

Passed; Insert.

22-04-131 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Combs to approve renewal contingent fee contract with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins and Mott, LLP pursuant to Section 6.30 of the Tax Code, said contract being for the collection of delinquent government receivables owed to Chambers County and notice of said contract is posted with the agenda in accordance with Section 2254 of the Government Code. Comments by Michael Darlow of Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins and Mott, LLP.

Passed; Insert.

The Court then moved to items under Economic Development & Tourism, beginning with Agenda Item 5.1, discuss and consider HOT (Hotel Occupancy Tax) Fund application in the amount of \$2,500 by the Winnie-Stowell Positive Action Committee to create a mural in Gregory Park.

22-04-132 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Combs to approve HOT (Hotel Occupancy Tax) Fund application in the amount of \$2,500 by the Winnie-Stowell Positive Action Committee to create a mural in Gregory Park. Comments by Commissioner Hammond, who voted nay. Judge Sylvia declared the motion passed.

Passed; Insert.

At 10:16 a.m. the Court recessed out of Regular Session into a Public Hearing regarding the proposed amendment and adoption of guidelines and criteria governing Ch. 312 Tax Abatement Agreements by Chambers County (Agenda Item 5.2). Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Gloria Roemer of the Seabreeze Beacon made a public comment. She asked the Court if the public hearing had anything to do with the good neighbor motion passed in the previous Commissioners' Court meeting and was told that it did.

At 10:19 a.m., the Court recessed out of the Public Hearing and back into Regular Session.

22-04-133 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to approve the Resolution adopting amended guidelines and criteria governing Ch. 312 Tax Abatement Agreements by Chambers County. Comments by Commissioners Hammond and Combs and B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed; Insert.

22-04-134 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to accept Baytown/ West Chambers County Economic Development Foundation Economic Development Program Report. An update was required by law, and was presented by B.J. Simon of the Economic Development Foundation.

Passed.

22-04-135 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Gore to table Agenda Item 6.1, discuss and consider purchasing CivicRec Management System for all building rentals, camping permits, and other park rentals in the amount of \$10,463.00 with an annual renewal of \$4,725.00.

Passed; Insert.

22-04-136 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve request for overtime pay for the Parks & Recreation Department for Youth Project Show.

Passed.

The Court agreed to table Agenda Item 9.1, discuss and consider nuisance abatement located at 416 Bertrand Street, Winnie, TX 77665 until the second court in May. Comments by property owner Ella Kramer, Judge Sylvia and Compliance and Enforcement Coordinator Victoria Figueroa.

Agenda Item 9.2, discuss and consider nuisance abatement located at 8031 FM 565 Cove, TX 77523, was pulled. Compliance and Enforcement Coordinator Victoria Figueroa said Parks Superintendent Kirk Sherman expressed concern about what could legally be taken from property once an abatement had been passed and also expressed concern for the safety of his staff when doing so.

It was decided that Parks Superintendent Kirk Sherman, Sheriff Brian Hawthorne, Compliance and Enforcement Coordinator Victoria Figueroa and County Attorney Ashley Cain Land would meet at a later date to discuss enforcement of the abatement.

22-04-137 Motion made by Commissioners' Court and seconded by Commissioners' Court to approve the Proclamation recognizing the week of May 1-7, 2022, as National Correctional Officers and Employees Week. Comments by Sheriff Brian Hawthorne.

Passed; Insert.

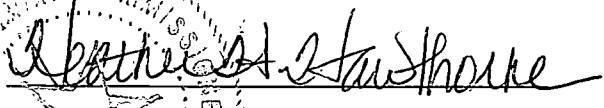
Following the vote, County Clerk Heather Hawthorne was asked to give an update on early voting. She told the Court early voting was underway for the May 7, 2022, Constitutional Amendment Election. She added that local races for school board and cities were also on the ballot and pointed out that Barbers Hill ISD did not partner with the County, and were carrying out their own election at a different location.

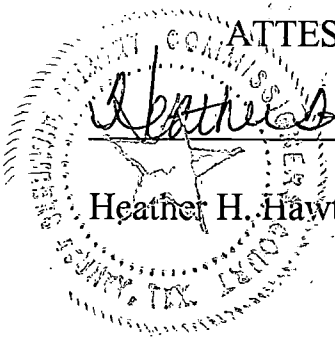
Following the update, the Court turned to the Consent Agenda. Agenda Item 19.18, approve the Mont Belvieu EMS funding agreement for 2022, was pulled.

22-04-138 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the Consent Agenda, with the exception of Agenda Item 19.18.

Passed; Insert.

There being no further business, Court adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

ATTEST:

Heather H. Hawthorne, County Clerk



APPROVED:

Jimmy Sylvia, County Judge

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES
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