

On this the 11th day of January, 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 9:30 a.m. into Open Session. Judge Sylvia offered prayer. Eagle Scout Gabriel White led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag.

22-01-01 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Combs to accept the new "American Flag Retirement Boxes" from Gabriel White, Eagle Scout. Comments by Gabriel White.

Passed.

22-01-02 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve the Chambers County Fund Balance Policy and Fraud, Waste and Abuse Policy for year ending December 31, 2022. Comments by County Auditor Aaron Thomas and Commissioner Tice.

Passed; Insert.

Following the vote, the Court turned to Agenda Item 4.1, discuss and consider options to simplify drainage design process from commercial and industrial developments. After some discussion from Fire Marshall/Emergency Management Coordinator Ryan Holzaepfel, Flood Plain Administrator Brad Wilber, Commissioner Gore and Engineering Graduate Natalie Lopez, no action was taken.

The Court then took up Agenda Item 6.1, discuss and consider the revised BuyBoard purchase of Ft. Anahuac Park Splash Pad from Kraftsman

Commercial Playground & Water Parks to include an additional \$84,717.28 for a total project amount of \$399,941.28.

22-01-03 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the revised BuyBoard purchase of Ft. Anahuac Park Splash Pad from Kraftsman Commercial Playground & Water Parks to include an additional \$84,717.28 for a total project amount of \$399,941.28. Comments by Purchasing Agent George Barrera, Parks Superintendent Kirk Sherman, Kenny Miller of the Anahuac Municipal Development District (AMDD) and AMDD Secretary Annette Abernathy.

Passed; Insert.

The Court then moved to Agenda Item 5.1, discuss and consider authorizing payment of \$20,900.00 to the US Army Corps of Engineers for administrative fees associated with the proposed Old River Boat Ramp.

22-01-04 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Tice to authorize payment of \$20,900.00 to the US Army Corps of Engineers for administrative fees associated with the proposed Old River Boat Ramp. Comments by Director of Economic Development and Grant Administrator Samantha Humphrey.

Passed; Insert.

After the vote, the Court turned to Agenda Item 18.1, discuss and consider approval of extension of paid leave to employees exposed or quarantined due to COVID-19 (January 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022).

22-01-05 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the extension of paid leave to employees who test positive (with a verifiable test) for COVID-19 (January 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022). Combs voted nay. Judge Sylvia declared the motion passed. Comments by Commissioners Combs, Tice and Gore, Judge Sylvia, County Clerk Heather Hawthorne and Project Manager Mike Gafford.

Passed; Insert.

The Court then took up the Consent Agenda. Agenda Item 19.5, approve job descriptions, and Agenda Item 19.6, approve payroll changes were removed from the Consent Agenda to be taken into Executive Session.

22-01-06 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve the Consent Agenda, with the exception of Agenda Items 19.5 and 19.6.

Passed; Insert.

The Court then turned to the Supplemental Agenda.

22-01-07 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve the purchase of a 2021 Ford Explorer for the District Attorney Investigator (Forfeiture Funds) from Silsbee Ford in the amount of \$29,968.25 pending a budget adjustment. Comments by Purchasing Agenda George Barrera and Auditor Aaron Thomas.

Passed; Insert.

The Court recessed at 10:12 a.m. and returned to Open Session at 10:35 a.m.

County Clerk Heather Hawthorne then gave a Citizen's Comment. She informed the Court that her office was awarded the successful status by the Secretary of State's Office regarding the Countywide Polling Place Program.

EMS Director Ron Nichols also gave a Citizen's Comment. He thanked the Court for the cooperation shown recently when 77 percent of the EMS staff contracted COVID-19.

At 10:38 a.m. the Court adjourned from Regular Session and entered into a public hearing regarding the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for a Community Resiliency Program application (CRP) associated with the Community Development Block Grant Cares Act Program (CDBG-CV).

Patrick Wiltshire with Public Management, Inc. discussed the grant. Director of Economic Development and Grant Administrator Samantha Humphrey told the Court it was a "brick and mortar" grant. Gloria Roemer asked if the grant was open to special districts.

At 10:47 a.m. the Court adjourned out of the public hearing and returned to Open Session.

22-01-08 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to adopt the Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for the

Community Resiliency Program (CRP). Comments by Director of Economic Development and Grant Administrator Samantha Humphrey, Patrick Wiltshire of Public Management, Inc., Commissioner Combs and Judge Sylvia.

Passed.

At 10:57 a.m. the Court entered into Executive Session, Consultation with Attorney, Section 551.071, Gov. Code, V.T.C.S.; Deliberation Regarding Real Property – Section 551.072, Gov. Code, V.T.C.S; Personnel Section 551.074, Gov. Code, V.T.C.S.; Deliberation regarding security devices or security audits.

Court returned to Regular Session at 12:28 p.m.

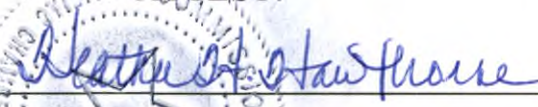
22-01-09 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Combs to approve the job descriptions presented in Agenda Item 19.5.


Passed; Insert.

22-01-10 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Combs to approve the payroll changes as presented in Agenda Item 19.6, with the exception of Mary Beth Bess, Kevin Crump, Angela Kear and Ashli Fletcher.

Passed; Insert.

There being no further business, Court adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

ATTEST:

Heather H. Hawthorne, County Clerk



APPROVED:

Jimmy Sylvia, County Judge

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