

On this the 10th day of January, A. D., 2023, 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
Heather H. Hawthorne	County Clerk

With the following members absent, to-wit:

Ryan Dagley	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
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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 9:32 a.m. into Open Session. Robert 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 several Citizens' Comments. Dr. Ira Jeane Echols thanked the Court for helping with meals and transportation for senior citizens. She also requested playground equipment at the Carver Park in Anahuac.

Justin Sanders spoke on Agenda Item 6.1, discuss and consider Memorandum of Understanding between Anahuac Youth Sports Organization and Chambers County for use of the Jim Silva Sports Complex at Fort Anahuac Park. Mr. Sanders asked that the Natural Select Baseball Team be included in the MOU so that the team could use the fields.

Commissioner Gore announced that he would be running for re-election.

No action was taken on Agenda Item 1.1, discuss and consider the appointment to fill the vacancy of the Chambers County Tax Assessor Collector (January 31, 2023). County Tax Assessor Collector Denise Hutter addressed the Court and announced that she would be resigning Jan. 31, 2023. Mrs. Hutter recommended current tax office employee Regina Castillo be appointed to finish her term.

The Court then turned to Agenda Item 6.1, discuss and consider Memorandum of Understanding between Anahuac Youth Sports

Organization and Chambers County for use of the Jim Silva Sports Complex at Fort Anahuac Park.

After some discussion, the item was tabled with the intent to bring it back on the next Court with the added language which would allow the Natural Select Baseball Team to use the fields.

23-01-01 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve the Resolution authorizing the City of Mont Belvieu to maintain a portion of green areas at the I-10 and FM 3180 intersection within Chambers County, Texas. Comments by City of Mont Belvieu Engineer Francisco Carrillo.

Passed; Insert.

23-01-02 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Tice to approve the 2023 Chambers County Financial Management Policy, 2023 Chambers County Fraud, Waste and Abuse Policy and the 2023 Chambers County Investment Policy. Comments by County Auditor Aaron Thomas.

Passed; Insert.

23-01-03 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Tice to set a public hearing on January 24, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. for the abandonment of a portion of Cedar Hill Drive beginning 725 feet west of North SH 146, then west approximately 1,660 feet.

Passed.

23-01-04 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to combine the proposed Anahuac EMS Station (TDCHA Grant-funded) with proposed Emergency Management/PHEP Warehouse project. Comments by Director of Economic Development and Grant Administrator Samantha Humphrey, Gore and Hammond.

Passed.

23-01-05 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Gore to authorize Purchasing to solicit RFQs for library generator design. Comments by Fire Marshall/Emergency Management Ryan Holzaepfel, Gore, Judge Sylvia, Hammond, County Clerk Heather Hawthorne and Project Manager Mike Lessley. Hammond voted nay. Judge Sylvia declared the motion passed.

Passed; Insert.

23-01-06 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Tice to approve reimbursement from an HGAG pass-through grant to reimburse Chambers County for COVID-19 response expenses. Comments by EMS Director Ron Nichols.

Passed; Insert.

23-01-07 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Gore to accept the 2022 Chambers County Sheriff's Office Annual Report. Comments by Sheriff Brian Hawthorne, Judge Sylvia, Hammond and Tice.

Passed; Insert.

23-01-08 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Gore to move forward with seeking grant funding for an overtime project funded by TxDot at 75 percent and Chambers County with a 25 percent match from the Texas Department of Transportation's Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) for the fiscal year 2024 (October 2023-September 2024).

Passed; Insert.

23-01-09 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve a payroll classification of Deputy-Cadet (Civilian). Comments by Sheriff Brian Hawthorne, Tice and Project Manager Mike Gafford.

Passed; Insert.

23-01-10 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to reinstate years of service, vacation and longevity for John Quinten Adams and Lori Peine. Comments by Judge Sylvia, County Auditor Aaron Thomas, EMS Director Ron Nichols and Gore. Hammond voted nay. Judge Sylvia declared the motion passed.

Passed; Insert.

23-01-11 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Gore to allow Purchasing to go out for RFIs (Request for Information) for an Insurance Consultant. Comments by HR Director Chelsie Crainer, Gore, County Clerk Heather Hawthorne and County Purchasing Agent George Barrera.

Passed; Insert.

23-01-12 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the Consent Agenda, with the exception of 19.5, approve job descriptions, and 19.6, approve payroll changes, which were moved to Executive Session.

Passed; Insert.

At 10:31 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 1:24 p.m.


23-01-13 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Gore to approve Agenda Items 19.5 and 19.6.

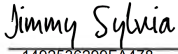
Passed; Insert.

23-01-14 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the FMLA extension request.

There being no further business, Court adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

 Heather H. Hawthorne, County Clerk



APPROVED:
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 Jimmy Sylvia, County Judge

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