

On this the 8th day of September, A. D., 2015, the Commissioners' Court of Chambers County, with the following members present, to-wit:

Mark Huddleston	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
Larry G. George	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Gary Nelson	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
A. R. "Rusty" Senac	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Jimmy Sylvia	County Judge

and the following members absent, to-wit:

Heather H. Hawthorne	County Clerk
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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 9:30 a.m. into Open Session.

County Engineer Bobby Hall offered prayer and then Judge Sylvia led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and to the Texas flag.

Judge Sylvia then went to several agenda item 1.4 under Administration.

15-09-520 Motion made by Commissioner's Court and seconded by Commissioner's Court to adopt a Resolution recognizing Tammy Jenkins, Chief Clerk, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 6, as 2015 Clerk of the Year for the State of Texas, by the Texas Justice of the Peace and Constables Association.

Insert.

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15-09-522 Motion made by George and seconded by Huddleston to approve Judge Sylvia, Michael Manders, and Lauren VanDeventer as authorized signatories on the CDBG Round 2.2 Hurricane Ike Recovery Grant.

Insert.

Passed.

15-09-523 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson authorize to go out for bids for drainage improvements for Old River Ditch project.

Public comment made by David Baker.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Judge Sylvia went to several agenda items under Library & Historical.

15-09-524 Motion made by Senac and seconded by George to approve appointment of new member, Jackie Payne, to the Chambers County Historical Commission.

Public comment made by Sheryl Shaw.

Insert.

Passed.

15-09-525 Motion made by Senac and seconded by George to approve change of membership status for Gene Morgan, Yvonne Morgan, and Pat Dyer from voting membership to associate/non-voting membership status.

Public comment made by Sheryl Shaw.

Insert.

Passed.

15-09-526 Motion made by George and seconded by Nelson to approve the purchase of fencing from Bay Area Fence Company to protect the historic grave of the Republic of Texas citizen, Martin Dunman, not to exceed \$3,175.00.

Public comment made by Sheryl Shaw and Bobby Hall.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Judge Sylvia covered several items under Law Enforcement.

15-09-527 Motion made by George and seconded by Senac to approve overtime pay for jailers and dispatchers from this point forward until December 31, 2015, and to pay comp time accrued and owed up to this time. After discussion, Commissioner Senac withdrew his second. After more discussion, the motion was seconded by Huddleston to approve overtime pay

for jailers and dispatchers from this point forward until December 31, 2015, and to pay comp time accrued and owed up to this time.

Public comment made by Brian Hawthorne and Nikki Whittington.

Insert.

Passed.

15-09-528 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to approve new position for a Warrant Clerk along with job description.

Public comment made by Brian Hawthorne and Nikki Whittington.

Insert.

Passed.

15-09-529 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by Senac to approve part time positions for jailers and dispatchers that have received the proper training.

Public comment made by Brian Hawthorne.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Judge Sylva went to agenda item 17.3 under Personnel.

15-09-530 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by Huddleston to approve the extended medical leave of Yvonne Morgan.

Public comment by Brian Hawthorne, Nikki Whittington, and Tony Sims.

Insert.

Passed.

Judge Sylvia then went to agenda items under Administration.

15-09-531 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Nelson to approve the Lone Star NGL Frac 4 Chapter 381 Agreement.

Public comment made by BJ Hargraves.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Court recessed at 10:28 a.m. out of Open Session into a Public Hearing to discuss agenda item 1.5 under Administration. With there being no public comments, court adjourned at 10:29 a.m. out of the Public Hearing back into Regular Session to vote on agenda item 1.6.

15-09-532 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Huddleston approving the Mass Gathering Permit submitted by the Texas Rice Festival.

Insert.

Passed.

15-09-533 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to
appoint Mike Lessley as designee for inspections of Mass Gathering
Permits.

Insert.

Passed.

15-09-534 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson to approve the
implementation of Scofflaw in Chambers County.

Public comment made by Patti Henry, District Clerk; Patti Henry on
behalf of Denise Hutter, Chambers County Tax Assessor; Heather H.
Hawthorne, County Clerk; and Scott Peal, County Attorney.

Insert.

Passed.

15-09-535 Motion made by George and seconded by Huddleston to adopt
the Resolution recognizing September 7-13, 2015, as National Suicide
Prevention week.

Public comment made by Monique Sennette.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Judge Sylvia went to agenda item 13.1 under Health &
Welfare.

15-09-536 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Huddleston to approve
Amendment #2 to the WIC contract.

Public comment made by Angela Kear.

Insert.

Passed.

Agenda item 1.14- Administration- Discuss and consider status of the
Pelco lawsuit and appeal- **Executive session.**

Agenda item 17.1- Personnel- Discuss and consider payroll changes
and job descriptions, Annette Bergeron- **Executive session.**

Court recessed at 10:53 a.m. out of Open Session and into Executive
Session under Section 551.071, Government Code, and Section 551.074,
Government Code, to consult with attorney. Court reconvened at 12:05 p.m.
into Open Session.

15-09-537 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to
approve payroll change and job description for Annette Bergeron, Sheriff's
Office, pay group 13-11, and September 1 through September 9, 2015, as
paid leave.

Insert.

Passed.

Agenda item 1.14- Administration- Discuss and consider status of the Pelco lawsuit and appeal- **no action.**

Insert.

No action.

Agenda item 9.1- Safety/Emergency Management- Discuss and consider providing funding from the Health Services account to provide EMS standby emergency coverage at county festivals- **no action.**

No action.

Agenda item 3.2- Road & Bridge- Discuss and consider update from Dannenbaum on the FM 1409 project.- **no action.**

Public comment by Larry Marr.

Insert.

No action.

At this time, court recessed at 12:40 p.m. for a lunch break and reconvened at 1:56 p.m. into Open Session. Commissioner Senac not present at this time.

Judge Sylvia covered several items under Administration.

Agenda item 1.1- Citizen's comments- none.

Agenda item 1.2- Monthly reports- Order of appointment of George Barrera, Purchasing Agent and Tony Sims, County Auditor by Judge Chap B. Cain, III; Chambers County Golf Course Report for month of August 2015; Continuing education courses for Annie Vass, Chambers County Library System.

15-09-538 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to approve the Minutes of the August 25, 2015, Regular Meeting.

Passed.

Agenda item 1.9- Administration- Discuss and consider adopting a Resolution honoring the service of John Barton, P.E. Deputy Director of the Texas Department of Transportation.- **Tabled.**

Tabled.

Commissioner Senac returned to Court at 2:00 p.m.

15-09-539 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to approve the 2016 salaries of Elected Officials, as presented. After discussion, Huddleston pulled his motion.- **Tabled, will return to agenda item after budget workshop.**

Insert.

Tabled.

15-09-540 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by Huddleston to
approve Sheriff's and Constables' fees for 2016.

Insert.

Passed.

15-09-541 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Huddleston to approve
the Official Bond and Oath of Tony Sims and George Barrera.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Judge Sylvia went to agenda items under Financial.

15-09-542 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by Huddleston to
approve the claim docket beginning with check # 94428 and ending with
check # 94685 as presented.

Insert.

Passed.

15-09-543 Motion made by Senac and seconded by George to approve
travel reimbursements and miscellaneous expenditures as presented.

Insert.

Passed.

15-09-544 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to approve budget amendments as presented.

Insert.

Passed.

15-09-545 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Nelson to accept Treasurer's report for the month ending July 31, 2015.

Insert.

Passed.

Agenda item 2.5- Financial- Auditor's report- none.

15-09-546 Motion made by George and seconded by Huddleston to approve the TCG Advisors Agreement.

Insert.

Passed.

15-09-547 Motion made by George and seconded by Huddleston to approve the amended Investment Policy to add TCG to the authorized list of brokers.

Insert.

Passed.

Judge Sylvia then covered agenda items under Road & Bridge.

15-09-548 Motion made by George and seconded by Nelson to accept plat of Winfree Oaks Subdivision Section 2 and an expansion of Reserve B Section 1.

Public comment made by Bobby Hall.

*Clerk's Note- See Plat Map Cabinet.

Passed.

15-09-549 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by Senac to approve Lone Star NGL Pipeline LP request for crossing at Hatcherville Road.

Public comment made by Bobby Hall.

Insert.

Passed.

Judge Sylvia then skipped to agenda item 4.10 under Economic Development and Tourism.

15-09-550 Motion made by George and seconded by Huddleston to approve the HOT funding agreement for CHART/Chambers Wild for 2015.

Public comment made by Tony Sims.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Judge Sylvia covered agenda items under Parks & Recreation.

15-09-551 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Huddleston to approve employment of Bob Randall from Randall-Porterfield Architects to prepare plans, specifications and bid packages for White Park boat ramp, not to exceed \$8,500.00, out of Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds (HOT Funds).

Insert.

Passed.

15-09-552 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to approve installing a wash rack in the Winnie/Stowell Park, by Simon Construction pending receiving proper insurance per George Barerra, County Purchasing Agent.

Public comment made by Commissioner Huddleston and Bobby Hall.

Insert.

Passed.

15-09-553 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to accept a Grant from Samson Energy to cover playground equipment in Gregory Park in Stowell, TX.

Insert.

Passed.

Judge Sylvia then went to agenda item 6.1 under Maintenance and Buildings.

15-09-554 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George declaring bucket truck as surplus property from Maintenance Department.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Judge Sylvia skipped to agenda item 12.1 under Airports.

15-09-555 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George authorizing the 2016 grants for the Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP) for the Anahuac and Winnie Airports, up to \$50,000.00 for each airport.

Insert.

Passed.

Judge Sylvia then went to agenda items under Personnel.

15-09-556 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Senac to approve the following payroll changes: Roy K. Turner, Emergency Management, pay group 27-10; Hart Copeland, Solid Waste, part time pay group 12-1; George

Barrera, Chambers County Purchasing Agent, \$90,000.00 annually; Larry Walker, Solid Waste, pay group 16-5; Sabrina Galloway, Library System, part time pay group 11-1; Eric Carcerano, one-time payment Comptroller Judiciary Apportionment \$3,054.38; Dane Listi, one-time payment Comptroller Judiciary Apportionment \$3,054.38; Kathy Esquivel, one-time payment Comptroller Judiciary Apportionment \$3,054.38; Eric Carcerano, renewal of Training and Prosecution project \$24,498.69; Kathleen Esquivel, renewal of Training and Prosecution Project \$24,498.69; Dane Listi, renewal of Training and Prosecution Project \$24,498.69; Gloria Turner, Juvenile Probation, Unclassified \$82,323.96 – annual; Belinda Blue, Juvenile Probation, Unclassified \$42,640.74 – annual; Louise Rodriguez, Juvenile Probation, Unclassified \$31,748.10 – annual.

Agenda item 17.2- Personnel- Discuss and consider vacation carryover- **none**.

Court recessed at 2:58 p.m. out of Regular Session and into Budget Hearing set for 1:00 p.m. Court reconvened into Regular Session at 5:54 p.m.

15-09-557 Motion made by George and seconded by Huddleston to approve Elected Officials salaries, \$1,500 per elected official, less \$300 going towards health insurance. Cell phone allowance, longevity, and wellness remain the same as presented.

Insert.

Passed.

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

Joanna Wilson	County Clerk's Office
Nikki Whittington	County Treasurer's Office
Tony Sims	County Auditor
Bobby Hall	County Engineer
Scott Peal	County Attorney
Brian Hawthorne	Chambers County Sheriff
Patti Henry	District Clerk
Nathan Brandimarte	Orgain Bell & Tucker
Eric Carcerano	District Attorney's Office
Aaron Thomas	County Judge's Office
Lyndsey Davis	Auditor's Office
Mike Manders	Auditor's Office
Mike Lessley	Chambers Co. Project Manager

Kim Turner	Office of Emergency Management
George Barrera	Purchasing Agent
Annie Vass	Chambers Co. Library System
Matt Hollis	Baytown Sun
Ignacio Ramirez	City of Baytown
Sheryl Shaw	CC Historical Commission
Tammy Jenkins	Chambers Co. JP Pct 6
Larry Marr	Dannenbaum
Carolyn Jureczki	Citizen
Jacklyn Jordan	Volunteer
Roma Fechner	Chambers Co. JP Pct 5
Sandy Lendy	Chambers Co. JP Pct 6
Jimmy Gore	Citizen
Lisa Mueller	Citizen
Julene Losier	Chambers Co. JP Pct 6
Larry Cryer	CC Justice of the Peace, Pct 6
Kenneth Standley	CC Historical Commission
Kristee Hardison	Citizen
Dona L Whatley	Citizen
Jo Whatley	Citizen
Mike McClung	Klotz Associates
Angela Kear	WIC office
B.J. Simon	EDF

There being no further business, Court adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Heather H. Hawthorne, County Clerk

Jimmy Sylvia, County Judge

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES
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