

On this the 13th day of January, 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
Heather H. Hawthorne	County Clerk

and 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.

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.

Agenda item 1.1-Citizen’s Comments-Patti Henry updating the court on the District Clerk’s I-plow collection software.

Insert.

15-01-01 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Huddleston to adopt the Resolution supporting legislation allowing Chambers County to provide an auxiliary court facility at a location in the county within ten (10) miles of the boundaries of the county seat.

Insert.

Passed.

Agenda item 1.1-Citizen’s Comments-Rick Davis addressing the court on behalf of the Chambers County Officer’s Association regarding the pay increases that were given to the District Court staff.

Insert.

Agenda item 1.1-Citizen’s Comments-Hazel Meaux regarding the court of her opinion of the Winnie-Stowell Hospital District No. 1 and the “CHOW” Change of Ownership with the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services for nursing facilities in Chambers and Harris County.

Insert.

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

15-01-02 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson to approve the contract between University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) and Chambers County.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Judge Sylvia went to agenda item 1.2 and 1.3 under Administration.

Agenda item 1.2-Senior Citizen's Project for December 2014; District Clerk, Patti Henry earning 40 Annual Education Hours and the District Clerk Collection Software update.

Insert.

15-01-03 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Nelson to approve the minutes of November 25, 2014, Called Meeting, December 9, 2014, Regular Meeting and December 23, 2014, Called Meeting with the following correction to the December 23, 2014, Called Meeting:

14-12-602 "Nursing Home Upper Payment ~~Lending~~ Limit Program"

Passed.

Agenda item 1.1-presentation from Samson Energy with a \$2,000.00 donation to the Chambers County Officer's Association for the purchase of a "Bite Suit".

Public comment was made by Sheriff, Brian Hawthorne, Rick Davis and Cory Sitton.

At this time, Judge Sylvia went to agenda item 3.2 under Road & Bridge.

15-01-04 Motion made Huddleston and seconded by George to approve the application from Trinity Bay Conservation District (TBCD) for utility construction in the county right-of-way.

At this time, Judge Sylvia went to agenda item 4.1 under Economic Development & Tourism.

15-01-05 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Senac to award the bid to Seabreeze Culvert, Inc. in the amount of \$882,000.00 for CDBG Hurricane Ike Recovery Round 2.2, Trinity Bay Conservation District (TBCD) Salt Water Barrier Structures project.

Public comment was made by Jerry Shadden with Trinity Bay Conservation District.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Judge Sylvia went to agenda item 5.1 under Parks & Recreation.

15-01-06 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to accept the proposal from Snyder Septic & Excavation, Inc. for the installation of an aerobic septic system at Hugo Point for a security trailer.

Insert.

Passed.

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

15-01-07 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson to adopt the Resolution supporting Chambers County Day on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 in Austin, TX.

Insert.

Passed.

15-01-08 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Nelson to approve the updated Chambers County application for employment with the proposed changes:

Have you ever been sentenced for a felony or other crime? ___yes___no

If yes, please confirm the date and count of the sentence, and the nature of the offense_____.

Per County Attorney, Scott R. Peal.

Insert.

Passed.

15-01-09 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Huddleston accept the recommendation of the Performance Evaluation Committee (PEC) to extend the deadline for employee evaluations from the approved January 31, 2015 date to a one time extension until February 27, 2015.

Insert.

Passed.

15-01-10 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by George to approve the transfer of ownership for a county purchased 2014 Ford Expedition from Chambers County to the Anahuac EMS.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Judge Sylvia went to agenda item 16.1 under Law Enforcement.

15-01-11 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Nelson to approve the three-year annual contract with Integrity Steel Works for annual lock repair and maintenance on the jail doors in the amount of \$7,093.36.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Court recessed at 10:28 a.m. and reconvened at 10:46 a.m.

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

15-01-12 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson to approve the claim docket beginning with check # 89115 and ending with check # 89451.

Insert.

Passed.

15-01-13 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to approve the travel reimbursements and miscellaneous expenditures in the amount of \$2,518.57.

Insert.

Passed.

15-01-14 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Nelson to approve the budget amendments as presented.

Insert.

Passed.

15-01-15 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson to approve the Treasurer's report in the amount of \$53,845,936.87 for the month ending November 30, 2014.

Insert.

Passed.

Agenda item 2.5- Auditor's report-none.

15-01-16 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson to approve the Chambers County Fund Balance Policy.

Insert.

Passed.

15-01-17 Motion made by George and seconded by Huddleston to approve the Chambers County Investment Policy for 2015.

Insert.

Passed.

15-01-18 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to approve the 2015 mileage rate of 57.5 cents per mile.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Judge Sylvia went to several agenda items under Road & Bridge.

15-01-19 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by Senac to accept CHC Investments Baytown minor re-plat for recording.

(Clerk's note: see map cabinet)

Insert.

Passed.

15-01-20 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by Senac to approve the purchase of two new Volvo G930C motor graders and to trade in two Volvo G930C motor graders for the Road & Bridge Department for a total cost of \$259,652.00.

Insert.

Passed.

15-01-21 Motion made Huddleston and seconded by George to approve the purchase of one (1) Gradall Model 4100 for the Road & Bridge department in the amount of \$342,762.00.

Insert.

Passed.

Agenda item 3.5-discuss and consider Road & Repair Program-**table.**

Tabled.

Agenda item 10.1-discuss and consider new phone system numbers-
pull.

Pulled.

At this time, Judge Sylvia went to agenda items 17.1 and 17.2 under
Personnel.

15-01-22 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson to approve the following payroll changes: John Garner (R&B), Kegan Hall (IT), Shelby Fielding (Library), Leslie Childress (District Attorney's Office), Tommy Jackson (Solid Waste), Open Position (Solid Waste) and Open Position (Solid Waste).

Insert.

Passed.

15-01-23 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Huddleston to approve the individual merit recommendations and payroll changes effective January 18, 2015 as presented.

Insert.

Passed.

15-01-24 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Senac to approve the 56 hour vacation carryover for Brian Orlando.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Judge Sylvia went to agenda item 1.6 under Administration.

Agenda item 1.6-discuss and consider approving Resolution authorizing the County Judge to execute Change of Ownership “CHOW” with the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services for nursing facilities in Chambers and Harris County-**Executive Session**.

Public comment was made by Byron Burris, Hubert Oxford III and Lee Hughes.

Court recessed at 11:52 a.m. into Executive Session under Section 551.071, Government Code, V.T.C.S. to consult with attorney regarding Change of Ownership with the Texas Department of Aging and Disability

Services for nursing facilities in Chambers and Harris County. Court reconvened at 12:44 p.m. into open session.

15-01-25 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Nelson to approve the Resolution authorizing the County Judge to execute the Change of Ownership (“CHOW”) with the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services for nursing facilities in Chambers and Harris County.

Those in favor: Commissioner Huddleston.

Those against: Commissioner’s George, Nelson & Senac

Motion dies due to lack of votes.

Insert.

Failed.

The following visitors attended Court today:

Nikki Whittington	County Treasurer
Geri Weaver	County Judge’s Office
Lauren Van Deventer	County Clerk’s Office
Bess Woody	County Clerk’s Office
Jill Pitts	County Clerk’s Office
Brian Hawthorne	Sheriff
Scott R. Peal	County Attorney
Carlton A. Carrington	CCSO
Patti Henry	District Clerk

David Hoyt	Trinity Bay Conservation District
Jerry Shadden	Trinity Bay Conservation District
Larry S. Marr	Dannenbaum
Ignacio Ramirez	City of Baytown
Hazel Meaux	Stowell, TX
Gerry Campbell	Stowell, TX
Eric Carcerano	Assistant District Attorney
Byron Burris	Liaho, Inc.
Jessica Laskoskie	Indigent Health Care
Heather Lanferman	District Clerk's Office
Matt Hollis	Baytown Sun
Tony King	CCSO
Brent Abernathy	CCSO
Brian C. Hawthorne	Sheriff
Tanya Lowrance	County Auditor's Office
Robbie King	Anahuac Area Chamber
Hubert Oxford	Benckenstein & Oxford, L.L.P.
Susan Roshto	Beach City, TX
Michael Roshto	Beach City, TX
Dana Evans	Emergency Management
Ryan Holzaepfel	Emergency Management Coordinator
Valerie Jensen	Chambers County Library
Annie Vass	Chambers County Library
Lawrence Lewis	Mosquito Control
James Gibson	Winnie, TX

Mary Beth Bess
Nathan Brandimarte
Geri Weaver
Eddie Taylor
Korey Sitton
Randy McDonald
Chap Cain

Wellness Center
Orgain, Bell & Tucker, L.L.P.
County Judge's Office
Samson Energy
Samson Energy
344th District Judge
253rd District Judge

There being no further business, Court adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Heather H. Hawthorne, County Clerk

Jimmy Sylvia, County Judge

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