On this the 12th day of January, A. D., 2016, 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 Pro Tem, Mark Huddleston, according to law, opened Court at 9:30 a.m. into Open Session.

Commissioner Rusty Senac offered prayer and then Judge Pro Tem, Mark Huddleston, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and to the Texas flag.

At this time, Judge Sylvia returned to Court, and started with agenda items under Economic Development & Tourism.

Agenda item 4.1- Discuss and consider ranking prospective Chambers County Road and Infrastructure Projects for Restore Act Grant request.- **tabled.**

Public comment made by Commissioner Rusty Senac, Commissioner Gary Nelson, Bobby Hall, County Engineer, and Sarah Cerrone, Economic Development.

Tabled until after break.

Tabled.

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

Agenda item 1.1- Citizen's comments- none.

16-01-01 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Nelson to approve the minutes of the December 22, 2015, Regular Meeting.

Passed.

16-01-02 Motion made by George and seconded by Huddleston to approve the following reports for the Tax Assessor/Collectors Office: Delinquent Tax Roll for Tax Year 2014; Errors in Assessment Roll for Tax Year 2014; Approve Collections for Tax Year 2014; Approve Tax Roll for Tax Year 2015.

Public comment made by Denise Hutter, Tax Assessor/Collector.

Insert.

Passed.

16-01-03 Motion made by George and seconded by Nelson to authorize tax payments refunds due to overpayment or erroneous payment.

Public comment made by Denise Hutter, Tax Assessor/Collector.

Insert.

Passed.

16-01-04 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Huddleston to adopt Resolution in support of the 2016 Capital Murder Prosecution Project.

Public comment made by Eric Carcerano, Assistant District Attorney.

Insert.

Passed.

16-01-05 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to adopt the Resolution in support of the 2017 Training and Prosecution Project.

Public comment made by Eric Carcerano, Assistant District Attorney.

Insert.

Passed.

16-01-06 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Nelson to approve proposal keeping Dave Wilcox reappointed to Chambers-Liberty Navigation District and no appointment of joint position at this time, with the understanding of written agreement between Chambers County and Liberty County to allow Chambers County the next joint representative for the District.

Insert.

Passed.

16-01-07 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by Huddleston to reappoint Brad Crone as Position 2 and Kenneth Thibodeaux as Position 5 to the Chambers County Emergency Services District No. 1.

Insert.

Passed.

Agenda item 1.2- Receive into record Monthly Reports- Results of 2016-2017 Board of Directors Election for Chambers County Appraisal District: Henry Adair, Joe Crumpler, David Murrell, Alecia Turner, Everett (Tan) Williams; Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Chambers County for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014; Award of Financial Reporting Achievement to Tony Sims, County Auditor; Order After Notice and Hearing – Setting Salaries for County Auditor, Assistants, and Official Court Reporters for fiscal year 2016; Senior Citizens Project of Chambers County, Inc. for December 2015; Texas Public Funds Investment Conference Certificate – Lyndsey Davis; Introduction to Technical Services and Catalog Records – Shelby Fielding; Evaluating Reference Sources – Shelby Fielding; 93rd Annual County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas Conference – Larry G. George.

Insert.

Judge Sylvia then went back to agenda item 3.4 under Road & Bridge.

16-01-08 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to approve Trinity Bay Conservation District's application for utility construction in the county right of way of Eagle Road and Box Site Road.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Judge Sylvia covered agenda items under Safety/Emergency Management.

16-01-09 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson to approve payments to Tritech for DispatchNOW CAD system for Chambers County Sheriff's Office dispatch, for $45,000.00 total for 9 months ($5,000.00 a month for 9 months), until Sheriff's Office switches over to Tyler Technologies.

Insert.

Passed.

16-01-10 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Senac not to extend funds to Hankamer, Wallisville, Oak Island-Double Bayou Volunteer Fire Departments until in compliance with filing 501(c)(3).

Public comment made by Raymond Anders, Oak Island-Double Bayou Volunteer Fire Department, Commissioner Senac, Kim Turner, Emergency Management, and Tony Sims, County Auditor.

Insert.

Passed.

Agenda item 16.1- Discuss and consider 2015 excess fund balance carryover for ongoing project.- **no action.**

Insert.

No action.

At this time, Judge Sylvia covered agenda items under Economic Development & Tourism.

16-01-11 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to authorize payment of agenda items 4.2-4.4. Parcel 2 in the amount of $2,766.00 (Richard L. LaSater); Parcel 4 in the amount of $1,806.00 (Richard L. LaSater); Parcel 7 in the amount of $9,731.00 (Kayla Miller) for the Lake Anahuac East Levee project.

Public comment made by Patrick Wiltshire, Property Management, Inc.

Insert.

Passed.

Court recessed for a short break at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 11:03 a.m.

At this time, Judge Sylvia went to agenda item 14.1 under Mosquito Control.

16-01-12 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Huddleston to authorize going out for bids for Insecticides, Contractual Aerial Services and Contractual Pilot Services.

Insert.

Passed.

16-01-13 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Nelson to approve contracts between Chambers County and Michael D. Fahey, DDS., for dental care and Diane E. Gregory, DO., for vision care.

Public comment made by Jessica Laskowskie, Indigent Care.

Insert.

Passed.

Judge Sylvia then skipped over to agenda items under Road & Bridge.

16-01-14 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by Senac to approve Resolution and Order decreeing the acquisition of property to be a public necessity and authorizing the acquisition and payment of compensation for the FM 1409 project including the FM 1409 outfalls.

Insert.

Passed.

16-01-15 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to approve Windstream Communications request to install a fiber optic line from pedestal on Hayes Road, Stowell, TX, to service customers along Thomas Road.

Insert.

Passed.

16-01-16 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Huddleston to approve Windstream Communications request to install a fiber optic line and a pedestal in the right-of-way of Dugat Road in Winnie, TX.

Insert.

Passed.

16-01-17 Motion made by Senac and seconded by George to approve Comcast's application for utility construction in the county right-of-way for West Bay Road.

Insert.

Passed.

16-01-18 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to approve the purchase of a new GPS system for the Survey Department of the Engineering/Road & Bridge Department.

Insert.

Passed.

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

16-01-19 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson to approve the following ranking prospective for the Chambers County Road and Infrastructure Projects for Restore Act Grant request:

1) FM 565 Railroad Crossing Overpass – Construct a grade separation (overpass) at the FM 565 railroad crossing immediately east of FM 1405. Reconfigure FM 565 from FM 1405 to FM 2354.
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7) Fisher Road from State Highway 99 to intersection of FM 2354. Rebuild road to Heavy Haul Road – 12 inch concrete road.

Insert.

Passed.

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

16-01-20 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Nelson to authorize the purchase of a new 2016 Bobcat Track Loader, not to exceed $22,282.20.

Insert.

Passed.

16-01-21 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Nelson to authorize the purchase of a new 2016 Bobcat Excavator in the amount of $49,738.76, to be split between the Parks Department and Maintenance Department, with each department paying $24,869.38.

Insert.

Passed.

16-01-22 Motion made Senac and seconded by Nelson to authorize the purchase of a new 2016 Ford Super Duty Crew Cab truck from Silsbee Ford, not to exceed $28,136.95.

Insert.

Passed.

Judge Sylvia then went to agenda item 8.1 under Environmental Protection.

16-01-23 Motion made by George and seconded by Nelson to approve purchase of two 2015 Ford trucks from Silsbee Ford for Environmental Health Department, not to exceed $56,361.90.

Insert.

Passed.

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

16-01-24 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to approve the claim docket beginning with check #96756 and ending with check #97076.

Insert.

Passed.

16-01-25 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to approve travel reimbursements and miscellaneous expenditures, in the amount of $2,383.40.

Insert.

Passed.

16-01-26 Motion made by George and seconded by Huddleston to approve the budget amendments/transfers as presented.

Insert.

Passed.

Agenda item 2.4- Treasurer's report- none.

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Insert.

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Insert.

Passed.

Agenda item 6.1- Maintenance & Buildings- Discuss and consider the approval to obtain bids to replace the existing A/C system equipment located at the main courthouse at 404 Washington Ave., Anahuac, TX.- **Tabled.**

Tabled, will bring back next Court.

At this time, Judge Sylvia covered agenda item 10.1 under Communications/Technology.

16-01-29 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Senac to approve paying annual maintenance fee to Harris County for county radio system, amount not to exceed $35,461.86.

Insert.

Passed.

Judge Sylvia then addressed agenda items under Personnel.

16-01-30 Motion made by George and seconded by Huddleston to approve the job descriptions as presented.

Insert.

Passed.

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Insert.

Passed.

16-01-32 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Huddleston to approve the 40 hour vacation carryover request from Rex Tunze.

Insert.

Passed.

Agenda item 17.4- Discuss and consider extended medical leave- none.

16-01-33 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Huddleston to approve amended 2016 Merit Raise allocations.

Insert.

Passed.

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

Joanna Wilson	County Clerk's Office
Bobby Hall	County Engineer
Brian Hawthorne	Chambers County Sheriff
Tony Sims	Chambers County Auditor
Nikki Whittington	Chambers County Treasurer

Denise Hutter	CC Tax Assessor/Collector
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Wade Thibodeaux	Hometown Press
Lisa Ponce	The Seabreeze Beacon
Grant Smith	Parks Director
Quinten Adams	Communications
Glenn Innerarity	Communications
Nathan Brandimarte	Orgain, Bell & Tucker
Matt Hollis	Baytown Sun
Lily Vargas	Tax Office
Derek Parish	Network Security Administrator
Wayne Dolcefino	Houston resident
David Thruston	Oak Island VFD
James Gibson	Winnie resident
Jerry Shadden	Trinity Bay Conservation Dist.
Raymond Anders	Oak Island-Double Bayou VFD
Eric Carcerano	District Attorney's Office
Steve Fitzgerald	

Annie Vass	CC Library System
Valerie Jensen	CC Library System
Kenneth Thibodeaux	County Clerk's Office
Patrick Wiltshire	Public Management
Larry Marr	Dannenbaum

There being no further business, Court adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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ATTEST:

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Heather H. Hawthorne, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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REGULAR MEETING

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