

On this the 22nd day of June, A. D., 2021, 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 9:32 a.m. into Open Session. Judge Sylvia offered prayer and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag.

Citizen Darlene McPherson addressed the Court during Citizens' Comments. She informed the Court of the success of several All Star softball and baseball teams from Anahuac. She said of the 10 All Star teams, seven were district finalists. She encouraged the Court to let volunteers be involved in the design of the new ballfields.

Following Ms. McPherson's comments, the Court moved to Agenda Item 2.1, discuss and consider an Order authorizing the issuance of "Chambers County, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2021;" authorizing the sale thereof; and enacting provisions incident and related to the issuance of said certificates.

At this point, Rachal Hisler gave a citizen's comment. Ms. Hisler informed the Court that she collected 488 signatures of individuals who wanted the Court to hold an election rather than fund the ballpark project by a combination of tax and revenue certificates of obligation. She said many people she spoke with supported the park and roadway improvements but did not like how the project was funded.

21-06-155 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve an Order authorizing the issuance of "Chambers County, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2021;" authorizing the sale thereof; and enacting provisions incident and related to the issuance of

said certificates. Comments by James Gilley, Jr., of U.S. Capital Advisors LLC and Chambers County's bond counsel Gregory Miller.

Passed.

The Court then moved to Agenda Item 7.1, discuss and consider awarding bid for Fort Anahuac Park baseball fields pending Certificates of Obligations, Series 2021 approval.

21-06-156 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to award the bid for Fort Anahuac Park baseball fields to NNT Construction out of Beaumont and to allow Jeff Chapman with PBK and Director of Building Maintenance and Construction Mike Lessley to value engineer the fields. Comments by Jeff Chapman with PBK, County Purchasing Agent George Barrera and County Auditor Tony Sims.

Passed; Insert.

At 9:57 a.m. the Court took a break. The Court reconvened into Regular Session at 10:19 a.m.

The Court then turned to Agenda Item 1.1, discuss and consider Department update (Human Resources). Comments by Interim Human Resources Director Aaron Thomas and County Clerk Heather Hawthorne.

The Court then took up Agenda Item 1.3, discuss and consider offering Norton LifeLock for current and former employees and their families for a one-year period (Employee - \$5.49; Family - \$10.98 per month).

21-06-157 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve offering Norton LifeLock for current and former employees and their families for a one-year period (Employee - \$5.49; Family - \$10.98 per month). Comments by Interim Human Resources Director Aaron Thomas.

Passed; Insert.

The Court then took up Agenda Item 18.1, discuss and consider approval of extension of paid leave to employees exposed or quarantined due to COVID-19.

21-06-158 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Hammond to approve extension of paid leave to employees who test positive for COVID-19. Comments by Interim Human Resources Director Aaron Thomas.

Passed; Insert.

At 10:39 a.m., the Court recessed out of Regular Session and into a public hearing regarding the Niagara Bottling, LLC-2021 Reinvestment Zone. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation. As there were no public comments, the Court adjourned from the public hearing and returned to Regular Session at 10:40 a.m.

21-06-159 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Combs to approve the Order designating the Niagara Bottling, LLC-2021 Reinvestment Zone. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation and Jason Vangalis, economic development manager at Niagara Bottling LLC.

Passed; Insert.

21-06-160 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Gore to set a public hearing for July 13, 2021, at 10 a.m. regarding the TX Baytown Grand Parkway, LLC-Reinvestment Zone application. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed; Insert.

The Court moved to Agenda Item 1.4, discuss and consider approving nominations to various H-GAC advisory committees (Aging and Disability, Regional Flood Management, Natural Resources, Houston-Galveston Area Local Development Corporation and Solid Waste Management).

21-06-161 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve nominees Samantha Humphrey, Ira Jeane Echols, Brad Wilber, Luciano Palacios, George "Pudge" Willcox, Eddie Gallaway and Susan Folsom to the H-GAC advisory committees.

Passed; Insert.

The Court then heard a legislative update (Agenda Item 1.5) from Dawn Pilcher of LGA Engineering. Ms. Pilcher advised that Gov. Greg Abbott signed into law the Gulf Coast Protection District legislation, thus creating

the Gulf Coast Protection District. The GCPD will be the non-Federal sponsor for projects related to coastal protection.

Following the update, District Clerk Patti Henry spoke on Agenda Item 1.2, discuss and consider funding the District Clerk's preservation project of historic case records.

The Agenda Item was tabled. It was decided to discuss the matter with Grant Administrator Samantha Humphrey, in order to seek grant funds for the project.

Mrs. Henry continued to brief the Court on her items on the Consent Agenda, which were items 19.18, accept the District Clerk's report on the local effects of Senate Bill 41, and 19.6, approve payroll changes regarding additional personnel at the District Clerk's Office at the West Side Annex.

Larry Marr with Dannenbaum Engineering Corp. then addressed the Court on Consent Agenda Items 19.33, approve change order no. 9 from Texas Sterling for FM 1409, cost savings in the amount of \$23,185.75, and 19.34, approve change order no. 10 from Texas Sterling for FM 1409 in the amount of \$19,860.43.

21-06-162 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Combs to approve the Consent Agenda, with the exception of the portion of Item 19.6 (approve payroll changes) concerning the District Clerk's request for funds to hire a full-time clerk for the West Side annex.

Passed; Insert.

At 11:26 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.

The Court returned to Open Session at 12:59 p.m. Let the record reflect that at this point, Commissioner Combs was absent.

21-06-163 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve \$10,000 for personnel grievance representation.

There being no further business, Court adjourned at 1:00 p.m.



Heather H. Hawthorne

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APPROVED:

Jimmy Sylvia

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COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES
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