

On this the 13th day of July, 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 9:35 a.m. into Open Session. Commissioner Tice offered prayer. Judge Sylvia led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag.

The Court started with Agenda Item 1.4, discuss and consider Resolution recognizing the Barbers Hill High School Baseball team and the Barbers Hill High School Softball team and coaches on their State Championship win.

21-07-164 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve the Resolution recognizing the Barbers Hill High School Baseball team and the Barbers Hill High School Softball team and coaches on their State Championship win. The Court congratulated both teams on their history-making wins.

Passed; Insert.

The Court then turned to Agenda Item 16.1, discuss and consider accepting the 2020 Distinguished Service Award for the Chambers County Historical Commission.

21-07-165 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Tice to accept the 2020 Distinguished Service Award for the Chambers County Historical Commission. Comments by Historical Board President Sheryl Shaw.

Passed; Insert.

The Court then took up Agenda Item 2.1, discuss and consider presentation of the Chambers County 2020 Annual Comprehensive Report (ACFR) and Single Audit Report by Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP, Certified Public Accountants.

21-07-166 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Gore to approve the Chambers County 2020 Annual Comprehensive Report (ACFR) and Single Audit Report by Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP, Certified Public Accountants. Comments by County Auditor Tony Sims and John Manning of Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP.

Passed; Insert.

21-07-167 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to accept the Auditor's Report on Constable Tax Sales (FY 2020). Comments by County Auditor Tony Sims.

Passed; Insert.

Following the vote, the Court turned to Agenda Item 5.3, discuss and consider approving request for \$5,000.00 in HOT (Hotel Occupancy Tax) Funds for the Old River-Winfree Founders Day (Oct. 8-10, 2021).

21-07-168 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Combs to approving request for \$5,000.00 in HOT (Hotel Occupancy Tax) Funds for the Old River-Winfree Founders Day. Comments by Director of Economic Development and Grant Administrator Samantha Humphrey and Linda Murphy and Old River Mayor Joe Landry.

Passed; Insert.

The Court then turned to Agenda Item 5.1, discuss and consider authorization to execute a contract with Chambers County and the Texas Water Development Board Contract for the Flood Infrastructure Fund.

21-07-169 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to authorize the execution of a contract with Chambers County and the Texas Water Development Board Contract for the Flood Infrastructure Fund, pending an updated map. Comments by Director of Director of Economic Development and Grant Administrator Samantha Humphrey.

Passed; Insert.

21-07-170 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to authorize the execution of the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Liberty for the Texas Water Development Board Flood Infrastructure Fund. Comments by Director of Director of Economic Development and Grant Administrator Samantha Humphrey and County Attorney Ashley Cain Land.

Passed; Insert.

The Court then considered Agenda Item 5.4, discuss and consider approving Temporary Park Use Agreement for Old River-Winfree Founders Day (Oct. 8-10, 2021).

21-07-171 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Combs to approve the Temporary Park Use Agreement for Old River-Winfree Founders Day (Oct. 8-10, 2021).

Passed; Insert.

21-07-172 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the request for \$25,000.00 in HOT (Hotel Occupancy Tax) Funds for Texas Rice Festival. Comments by Director of Director of Economic Development and Grant Administrator Samantha Humphrey.

Passed; Insert.

21-07-173 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve a Temporary Park Use Agreement for 2021 Texas Rice Festival (Sept. 7-Oct. 18, 2021).

Passed; Insert.

The Court then turned to Agenda Item 19.18 from the Consent Agenda, approve mass gathering permit for Texas Gatorfest 2021; approve mass gathering permit for Texas Rice Festival 2021.

21-07-174 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve mass gathering permits for Texas Gatorfest 2021 and the Texas Rice Festival 2021.

Passed; Insert.

At 10:20 a.m., the Court recessed from Regular Session into a public hearing regarding the Tosaf, Inc.-Tax Abatement Agreement. Comments by B.J.

Simon, Economic Development Foundation. As there were no public comments, the Court recessed out of public hearing and back into Regular Session at 10:20 a.m.

21-07-175 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Gore to approve the Tosaf, Inc.-Tax Abatement Agreement at 50 percent for seven years. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed; Insert.

At 10:21 a.m., the Court recessed from Regular Session into a public hearing regarding the TX Baytown Grand Parkway, LLC-2021 Reinvestment Zone. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation. As there were no public comments, the Court recessed out of public hearing and back into Regular Session at 10:22 a.m.

21-07-176 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Hammond to approve Order designating the TX Baytown Grand Parkway, LLC-2021 Reinvestment Zone. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed; Insert.

21-07-177 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Hammond to set a public hearing for August 24, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. regarding the TX Baytown Grand Parkways, LLC-2021 Tax Abatement Agreement.

Passed; Insert.

21-07-178 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to approve the TGSCP 6363, LLC-Tax Abatement application. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed; Insert.

The Court then took up Agenda Item 6.1, discuss and consider approving Public Art Mural Policy.

21-07-179 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve a Public Art Mural Policy. Comments by County Attorney Ashley Cain Land.

Passed; Insert.

21-07-179 Amended motion pending the correction of the wording from “applicant” to “applicant and/or grantee.” Hammond voted nay. Motion passed. Comments by Christy Ridgeway and Marilyn Green and County Attorney Ashley Cain Land.

Passed.

At 10:30 a.m., the Court adjourned from Regular Session for a break. The Court returned to Regular Session at 10:45 a.m.

Following this discussion, Sheriff Brian Hawthorne took the podium to give the Court a legislative update. Before he updated the Court, he asked that a moment of silence be observed for the late Sheriff’s Deputy Shane Detwiler, who was killed in action on July 13, 2009.

Sheriff Hawthorne then briefed the Court on various legislative items including border security, cyber security, permit less carry, mandatory blood specimens on boating while intoxicated cases and election machines.

After the update, the Court turned to Agenda Item 1.2, discuss and consider adopting a Resolution to allow a golf cart to be operated on a public highway or street in unincorporated Chambers County with a speed limit of 35 mph or less.

21-07-180 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to adopt the Resolution to allow a golf cart to be operated on a public highway or street in unincorporated Chambers County with a speed limit of 35 mph or less. Comments by Sheriff Hawthorne and Commissioner Combs.

Passed; Insert.

21-07-181 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to add Bay Area Turning Point as a charity option on the county’s juror donation forms. Comments by County Clerk Heather Hawthorne and County Attorney Ashley Cain Land.

Passed; Insert.

The Court then took up Agenda Item 1.5, appoint a Chambers County representative to the Gulf Coast Protection District Board of Directors.

21-07-182 Motion made by Judge Sylvia and seconded by Gore to appoint Commissioner Combs as Chambers County's representative to the Gulf Coast Protection District Board of Directors.

Passed.

The Court then took up Agenda Item 7.1, discuss and consider selecting turf or grass infields for all sixteen proposed Chambers County Baseball fields.

21-07-183 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Hammond to have grass infields for all sixteen proposed Chambers County Baseball fields. Comments by Chambers County Project Manager Mike Lessley.

Passed; Insert.

21-07-184 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Tice to approve package one of Phase 2 of the West Side Complex that was offered by Brookstone Construction. Comments by Chambers County Project Manager Mike Lessley and County Auditor Tony Sims.

Passed; Insert.

Agenda Item 10.1, discuss and consider utilizing an independent auditor for the audit of Volunteer Fire Departments was tabled following comments from County Attorney Ashley Cain Land, County Auditor Tony Sims and County Purchasing Agent George Barrera.

The Court then decided to move Agenda Item 18.1, discuss and consider the Road Administrator open position, into executive session.

21-07-185 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Gore to adopt a new vacation plan for County employees to take effect Jan. 1, 2022. Vacation time would start over January 1 of each year instead of on the employee's hire on date. Comments by Commissioner Gore and County Clerk Heather Hawthorne.

Passed; Insert.

Following the vote, the Court turned to the Consent Agenda. Item 19.6, approve payroll changes, was moved to executive session.

21-07-186 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Agenda Item 19.6, 19.18, which was already voted on, and pending the correction of Rain Tree to River Farm on Agenda Item 19.20.

Passed; Insert.

At 11: 51 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.

At 2:36 p.m., the Court reconvened into Regular Session.

The Court took no action on Agenda Item 18.1, discuss and consider the Road Administrator open position.

21-07-187 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Hammond to approve payroll changes as outlined in Agenda Item 19.6 with the exception of the District Attorney's Office.

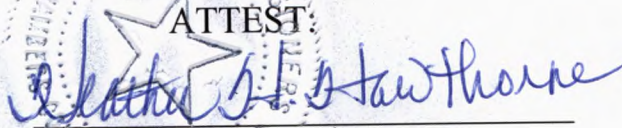
Passed; Insert.

21-07-188 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Gore to approve \$10,000 in personal grievance representation of a county employee.

Passed.

No action taken on Agenda Item 20.2, discuss and consider engineering and contractual matters on the Kilgore Regional Drainage Project.

There being no further business, Court adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

 ATTEST:

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APPROVED:

Jimmy Sylvia, County Judge

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