

On this the 10th day of August, 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
Billy Combs	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Heather H. Hawthorne	County Clerk

With the following members absent, to-wit:

Tommy Hammond	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
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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 9:40 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.

The Court began with a citizen's comment from Andrew Lowe regarding maintenance of new subdivision easements. Mr. Lowe told the Court that the County should be responsible for maintaining these easements. He said since there always seems to be money for new development and new roads, there should be funds to maintain the many easements springing up from the rapid growth and development.

21-08-201 Motion made by Sylvia and seconded by Combs to approve a resolution declaring Aug. 9-13, 2021, as "Health Center Week" in Chambers County. Comments by Chambers Health representatives William Kiefer, Kaley Smith, Stacey Brown and Lolly Park.

Passed; Insert.

21-08-202 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Combs to thank Talen Yield Coalition, Inc (Marcelous-Williams Resource Center). Comments by Eddie Williams, Ramonia Williams and Tammy Guidry. Also present from Talen Yield Coalition, Inc. was Diane Walters.

Passed; Insert.

21-08-203 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Gore to set a public hearing on Aug. 24, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the Proposed 2022 County Budget.

Passed.

The Court then turned to Agenda Item 1.4, discuss and consider presentation from Susan Dodd, Chair of the Cedar Bayou Navigation District-Cedar Bayou Channel Improvements Project status. No action taken.

Following Ms. Dodd's presentation, the Court took up Agenda Item 5.1, discuss and consider Resolution adopting Civil Rights & Fair Housing policies in connection with the County's participation in federally funded projects associated with the American Rescue Plan Act – Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (ARPA-CLFRF).

21-08-204 Motion by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the Resolution adopting Civil Rights & Fair Housing policies in connection with the County's participation in federally funded projects associated with the American Rescue Plan Act – Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (ARPA-CLFRF). Comments by Director of Economic Development and Grant Administrator Samantha Humphrey.

Passed; Insert.

21-08-205 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve a resolution authorizing the acceptance of American Rescue Plan Act-Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARAP-CLFRF) and authorizing the County Judge to act as the County's Chief Executive Officer and Authorized Representative in all matters pertaining to implementation. Comments by Director of Economic Development and Grant Administrator Samantha Humphrey.

Passed; Insert.

Agenda Item 5.3, discuss and consider Chambers County Recovery Plan associated with the American Rescue Plan Act-Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery and Agenda Item 5.4, discuss and consider Resolution authorizing the approval of the Chambers County Recovery Plan were both tabled.

21-08-206 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to approve the Avera-P8/CPL 1 Propco, LLC-Tax Abatement Agreement Amendment. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed; Insert.

21-08-207 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Gore to approve the amendment to Hunt Southwest-Cedar Port I, LLC-Tax Abatement Agreement, to include a \$50,000,000.00 inventory covenant. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed; Insert.

21-08-208 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to approve TGSCP 6363, LLC-Tax Abatement Application. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed; Insert.

21-08-209 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to set a public hearing date of Aug. 24, 2021, at 10 a.m. regarding the TGSCP 6363, LLC-Reinvestment Zone application. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed; Insert.

Agenda Item 6.1, discuss and consider the Winnie-Stowell Positive Action Committee's application to paint an Art Mural in Gregory Memorial Park, located in Stowell, Texas, was tabled as the drawing had not yet been received.

At 10:24 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 11:04 a.m. No action was taken.

21-08-210 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Gore to award Brookstone Construction Phase 2 of the Chambers County Westside Complex project in the amount of \$10,870,000.00. Comments by Chambers County Project Manager Mike Lessley and Jeff Chapman of PBK.

Passed; Insert.

21-08-211 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Gore to not rescind approval of Agenda Item 7.1 from July 27, 2021, Commissioners' Court, which was to discuss and consider revising the BKP Design Group contract

to incorporate the changes for the new Tax Office in Mont Belvieu in the amount of \$180,000.00. Commissioner Combs argued for a long-term plan before more buildings were built. Combs voted nay, but the motion passed. Comments by Health Services Director Mary Beth Bess, Chambers County Project Manager Mike Lessley, Commissioners Tice, Gore and Combs, and County Clerk Heather Hawthorne.

Passed.

21-08-212 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Gore to approve an independent auditor for the audit of The Old River Volunteer Fire Department in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00. Comments by EMS Director Ron Nichols and County Purchasing Agent George Barrera.

Passed.

21-08-213 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$40,395.00 and to hire three full-time paramedics in response to COVID-19 surge and staffing. Comments by Director Ron Nichols, Deputy Emergency Manager Bill Vola.

Passed; Insert.

Prior to the vote on Motion 21-08-213, but after the motion was made, Health Services Director Mary Beth Bess gave an update on the COVID-19 pandemic. Bess told the Court that there was a huge rise in cases over the last two and half weeks, with 632 active cases in Chambers County. Chambers County was second in the state for most cases in a 7 day average of new cases per 100,000 population.

21-08-214 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$720,000.00 and the purchase of two new 2021 Horton F-550 Ambulances from Southern Emergency & Rescue Vehicle Sales. Comments by EMS Director Ron Nichols.

Passed; Insert.

21-08-215 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to reinstate employee benefits of Peggy Rowland. Comments by County Clerk Heather Hawthorne.

Passed; Insert.

21-08-216 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety.

Passed; Insert.

At 12:08 p.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 1:36 p.m.

No action was taken on Agenda Item 20.1, discuss and consider personnel issues; Agenda Item 20.2, discuss and consider engineering and contractual matters on the Kilgore Regional Drainage Project; or Agenda Item 20.3, discuss and consider the sale of real property.

There being no further business, Court adjourned at 1:37 p.m.



Heather H. Hawthorne, County Clerk

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jimmy Sylvia", is written over a horizontal line.

Jimmy Sylvia, County Judge

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES
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