

On this the 24th 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
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 VIRTUAL 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. Chambers County Consultant Bobby Hall offered prayer and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. Judge Sylvia led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag.

The Court opened with Agenda Item 1.1, Health Department/COVID-19 update. Health Services Director Mary Beth Bess told the Court there were 1,474 cases in the last five weeks in Chambers County. There have been 16 deaths in the last five weeks. EMS Director Ron Nichols said the average 9-1-1 call turnaround time is 5 hours and 20 minutes. Public Health officials are working with the State to set up a regional antibody infusion center.

At 10:04 a.m., the Court recessed from Regular Session into a public hearing on Agenda Item 1.2, discuss the proposed 2022 County Budget; Agenda Item 5.5, regarding the TX Baytown Grand Parkway, LLC Tax Abatement Agreement and Agenda Item 5.7, regarding the TGSCP 6363, LLC 2021 Reinvestment Zone.

Assistant Budget Officer Aaron Thomas gave the Court a rundown on the proposed 2022 Budget. Despite certified values being down, the proposed budget included a 3.5 percent raise for County employees.

As there were no comments from the public, the Court returned to Regular Session at 10:19 a.m. The Court took up Agenda Item 5.6, discuss and consider the TX Baytown Grand Parkway, LLC Tax Abatement Agreement.

21-08-217 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to approve the TX Baytown Grand Parkway, LLC Tax Abatement Agreement. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed; Insert

The Court then took up Agenda Item 5.8, discuss and consider Order designating the TGSCP 6363, LLC 2021 Reinvestment Zone.

21-08-218 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve Order designating the TGSCP 6363, LLC 2021 Reinvestment Zone. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed; Insert

21-08-219 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Combs to set a public hearing for Oct. 12, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. regarding the TGSCP 6363, LLC 2021 Tax Abatement Agreement. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed.

21-08-220 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Gore to establish an agreement for payment in lieu of taxes for Foreign Trade Zones qualified inventory. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed; Insert.

At 10:29 a.m. the Court took a break. The Court returned to Regular Session at 10:43 a.m. and took up Agenda Item 1.5, discuss and consider approving the 2022 United Health care Retiree Medical Benefits plan and a similar item on the Supplemental Agenda, discuss and consider approving 2021-2022 TAC/Blue Cross Blue Shield medical and dental benefits. Comments by Terry Brown of T. Ross Brown & Associates.

21-08-221 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Gore to approve the 2021-2022 TAC/Blue Cross Blue Shield medical and dental benefits. Comments by Terry Brown of T. Ross Brown & Associates.

Passed; Insert.

Following the discussion, Judge Sylvia pulled Agenda Item 1.5, as it was included in the Supplemental Agenda Item, which the Court approved.

Following this clarification, the Court turned to Agenda Item 1.7, discuss and consider joining the proposed Opioid Settlement. County Attorney Ashley Cain Land recommended that the Court join the settlement. The settlement would was expected to be in the amount of \$153,188.00, which would be paid over several years.

21-08-222 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Gore to join the proposed Opioid Settlement. Comments by County Attorney Ashley Cain Land.

Passed; Insert.

The Court then took up Agenda Item 1.3, discuss and consider proposed 2022 Elected Officials' salaries. Comments by Assistant Budget Officer Aaron Thomas.

21-08-223 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve the 2022 Elected Officials' salaries.

Passed; Insert.

21-08-224 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to accept the proposal from Integrative Results, LLC for consulting services to create a 10-year Financial and Debt Services Plan.

Passed; Insert.

After this vote, the Court had a discussion on Agenda Item 3.2, discuss and consider changing the Road & Bridge work schedule. Comments by former County Engineer Cory Taylor and Chambers County Consultant and former Assistant County Engineer Bobby Hall, who both favored the current work schedule of four 10-hour days a week.

Commissioners Combs, Tice and Gore favored an 8-hour day for five days a week. Commissioner Hammond reminded the Court that a new Road Administrator would be coming on soon and suggested that the schedule be left alone for him to evaluate. Agenda Item 3.2 was then pulled.

Chris Fuller, Ph.D, with RATES, Inc., gave a presentation on High Frequency Radar installations at McCollum Park and Smith Point. (Agenda
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Item 3.1). Fuller's request to install the two towers in Chambers County was favorably received, although no action was taken. The towers, along with a third in Galveston County would map surface currents of Galvston Bay. The data gained would be used to monitor water quality, coastal and compound flooding and search and rescue operations.

21-08-225 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to approve changes to the Interlocal Agreement with Mont Belvieu or FNI Contract for Water Development Grant. Comments by former County Engineer Cory Taylor and Director of Economic Development and Grant Administrator Samantha Humphrey.

Passed.

21-08-226 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to increase the front building setbacks along FM 565 (from State Highway 146 to FM 3180) to 100 feet, Chambers Parkway to 50 feet and Needlepoint to 50 feet. Comments by former County Engineer Cory Taylor.

Passed.

21-08-227 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to approve setbacks to restrict buildings, parking lots and other permanent improvements along FM 565, Needlepoint and Chambers Parkway.

Passed.

Agenda Item 3.6, discuss and consider entering into an agreement with KTN to fund a turn lane as part of the Kilgore Parkway widening project, and allowing KTN to begin accessing Kilgore Parkway now without the turn lane was pulled on the recommendation of former County Engineer Cory Taylor. Mr. Taylor told the Court the weight restrictions on State Highway 99 were likely to be removed, thus relieving traffic on State Highway 146.

The Court then took up Agenda Item 3.8, discuss and consider going out for bids for striping contract on various roadways meeting minimum requirements.

21-08-228 Motion by Tice and seconded by Gore to approve going out for bids for striping contract on various roadways meeting minimum requirements. Comments by former County Engineer Cory Taylor.

Passed; Insert.

Following the vote, Mr. Taylor gave an update on FM 1409 and other Road & Bridge projects. He told the Court that work would start on the FM 1409 bridge in days. He said it is expected to be complete in October of 2022. FM 1409 South was expected to open in days as well and FM 1409 North was projected to be open in October of 2021.

The Court took a break at 12:18 p.m. and returned to Regular Session 12:28 p.m. Following the break, the Court took up Agenda Item 5.1, discuss and consider approving Escrow Agreement with Zion Bank dba Amegy Bank as part of the Texas Water Development Board's Flood Infrastructure Fund.

21-08-229 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Gore to approve Escrow Agreement with Zion Bank dba Amegy Bank as part of the Texas Water Development Board's Flood Infrastructure Fund. Comments by Director of Economic Development and Grant Administrator Samantha Humphrey. Let the record reflect that Commissioner Combs was absent at this point in the meeting.

Passed; Insert.

21-08-230 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the increase to FY21 TxDot RAMP Grant (from \$50,000 total to \$100,000 to cover additional expenses. Comments by Director of Economic Development and Grant Administrator Samantha Humphrey.

Passed.

21-08-231 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve Fort Anahuac Boat Ramp closure September 9-September 12, 2021, for Texas Gatorfest.

Passed; Insert.

21-08-232 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Gore to allow Texas Gatorfest to utilize Chambers County property and parking lots on Airport Road as Plan B parking area September 10-September 12.

Passed; Insert.

Having completed the agenda items under Economic Development and Tourism, the Court turned to Parks & Recreation.

31-08-233 Motion by Tice and seconded by Gore to hire Gulf Coast Electric up to \$7,500.00 to remove MUSCO lights in Fort Anahuac Park and reinstall them at the pony field on Cook Road in Winnie, Texas.

Passed.

The Court turned to the Consent Agenda. Agenda Item 19.6, approve payroll changes and Agenda Item 19.5, approve job descriptions were moved to Executive Session. Let the record reflect that Commissioner Combs returned at this point.

21-08-234 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve the Consent Agenda, with the exception of Agenda Items 19.5 and 19.6.

Passed; Insert.

At 12:41 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.

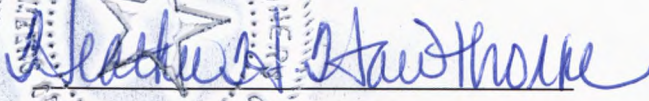
The Court returned to Open Session at 1:29 p.m.

21-08-235 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Combs to approve the job descriptions and payroll changes that were originally on the Consent Agenda.

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; Agenda Item 20.3, discuss and consider the sale of real property or Agenda Item 20.4, discuss and consider update on Frontier easement dispute on Chambers County School Land.

There being no further business, Court adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

A circular official seal for Chambers County Commissioners' Court is visible in the background. It features a five-pointed star in the center and the words "CHAMBERS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT" around the perimeter. Overlaid on the seal is a handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Heather H. Hawthorne".

Heather H. Hawthorne, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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

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