

On this the 12th day of October, A. D., 2021, the Commissioners' Court of Chambers County, with the following members present, to-wit:

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:

Jimmy Sylvia	County Judge
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met in a REGULAR MEETING, at which time the following items were discussed, considered, passed or adopted, to-wit:

Judge Pro Tem Gore, according to law, opened Court at 9:30 a.m. into Open Session. Commissioner Tice offered prayer. Judge Pro Tem Gore led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag.

County Clerk Heather Hawthorne gave a citizen's comment. She reminded the court that her Election Department was now housed on the third floor of the Courthouse in Anahuac, and that early voting for the November Constitutional Amendment Election begins October 18, 2021, and runs until October 29, 2021. She said there would be some redistricting in the future based on the 2020 Census blocks.

The Court began with items under Administration, beginning with Agenda Item 1.1, discuss and consider Chambers County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

21-10-293 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to appoint Alecia Turner, and give her 593 votes, and to appoint Joey Presnall with 592 votes, to the Chambers County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

21-10-293 Amended motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to appoint Alecia Turner, and give her 600 votes, and to appoint Joey Presnall with 600 votes, to the Chambers County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

Passed; Insert.

21-10-294 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Tice to renew the 2022 DIR (Department of Information Resources) Contract between

Chambers County and Function4, LLC for all copier and maintenance plan. Comments by Mark McKee of Function4, Information Technology Director Derek Parish, Public Safety Applications Administrator Austin Dubose and Chambers County Purchasing Agent George Barrera.

Passed; Insert.

The Court then moved to Agenda Item 3.1, discuss and consider approval of reimbursement agreement to Meritage Homes of Texas, LLC for the design and construction of a portion of Chambers Parkway.

21-10-295 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to approve the reimbursement agreement to Meritage Homes of Texas, LLC for the design and construction of a portion of Chambers Parkway. Comments by County Engineer Cory Taylor and Commissioner Combs.

Passed; Insert.

At 10:04 a.m., the Court recessed out of Regular Session into a public hearing regarding the TGSCP 7575 Sutton Road, LLC-2021 Reinvestment Zone. (This was Agenda Item 5.5).

As there were no public comments, the Court returned to Regular Session at 10:05 a.m. and took up Agenda Item 5.6, discuss and consider Order designating TGSCP 7575 Sutton Road, LLC-2021 Reinvestment Zone.

21-10-296 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Hammond to approve the Order designating TGSCP 7575 Sutton Road, LLC-2021 Reinvestment Zone. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed; Insert.

21-10-297 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Hammond to conduct a public hearing on November 23, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., regarding the TGSCP 7575 Sutton Road, LLC-Tax Abatement Agreement. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed.

21-10-298 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Hammond to reschedule the public hearing regarding the TGSCP 6363, LLC 2021 Tax Abatement Agreement to November 23, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed.

The Court then took up items under Safety/Emergency Management/EMS, beginning with Agenda Item 10.1, discuss and consider Safety Jackpot safety incentive program.

21-10-299 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Combs to approve the Safety Jackpot safety incentive program. Comments by Fire Marshall/Emergency Management Coordinator Ryan Holzaepfel.

Passed; Insert.

21-10-300 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve the Resolution in support of authorizing the institution of a civil suit against Bouse RV Park, and those person and entities responsible for compliance with Chapter 1 of the Chambers County Fire Code at 2508 SH 124, Winnie, Texas, in order to enjoin the violations and threatened violations of the fire code and to recover civil penalties for the violations of the fire code at this location. Comments by Fire Marshall/Emergency Management Coordinator Ryan Holzaepfel.

Passed; Insert.

At this point, the Court returned to the remaining items under Economic Development & Tourism, starting with Agenda Item 5.1, discuss and consider pursuing the Community Resiliency Program (CRP) through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for necessary public facility or public service needs in response to and in preparation of future pandemics.

21-10-301 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Hammond to apply for the Community Resiliency Program (CRP) through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for necessary public facility or public service needs in response to and in preparation of future pandemics. Comments by Director of Economic Development and Grant Administrator Samantha Humphrey and Patrick Wilt, of Public Management, Inc.

Passed.

21-10-302 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Tice to authorize staff to initiate procurement for administrative services and engineering/architectural services for application development and program implementation associated with the Community Resiliency Program. Comments by Director of Economic Development and Grant Administrator Samantha Humphrey.

Passed.

21-10-303 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to update the Chambers County HOT Fund Grant Program to streamline requirements and better align with State mandates. Comments by Director of Economic Development and Grant Administrator Samantha Humphrey.

Passed; Insert.

21-10-304 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Tice to participate in the State of Texas Office of the Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Division's FY 2022 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program. Comments by Director of Economic Development and Grant Administrator Samantha Humphrey and District Attorney Cheryl Swope Lieck.

Passed; Insert.

The Court then turned to Agenda Item 1.3, discuss and consider the creation of the District Attorney's Criminal Investigation Division and the swearing in of Tommy L. Henry by the Chambers County District Attorney Cheryl Swope Lieck. At this point Lieck did swear in Mr. Henry.

21-10-305 Motion by Combs and seconded by Tice to approve the creation of the District Attorney's Criminal Investigation Division and the swearing in of Tommy L. Henry by the Chambers County District Attorney Cheryl Swope Lieck.

Passed.

At 10:52 a.m. the Court took a break. It returned to open session at 11:06 a.m.

The Court took up the Consent Agenda following the break. Agenda Items 19.20 and 19.22 through 19.31 regarding Frontier Communications were all pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Agenda Item 19.18, approve a professional service agreement with HO+K for continued design of a Justice Center and temporary minimum security female dormitory, was removed to be considered separately.

21-10-306 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Tice to approve the Consent Agenda, minus Agenda Items 19.18, 19.20, 19.21, 19.22, 19.23, 19.24, 19.25, 19.26, 19.27, 19.28, 19.29, 19.30 and 19.31.

Passed; Insert.

Court recessed at 11:10 a.m. out of Open Session and into Executive Session, Consultation with Attorney, Section 551.071, Gov. Code, V.T.C.S.; Personnel Section 551.074, Gov. Code, V.T.C.S.; Deliberation Regarding Real Property, Section 551.072, Gov. Code, V.T.C.S.; Deliberation regarding security devices or security audits.

Court reconvened into Open Session at 1:02 p.m.

The Court then took up Agenda Item 19.18, approve a professional service agreement with HO+K for continued design of a Justice Center and temporary minimum security female dormitory was removed to be considered separately.

Chambers County Sheriff Brian Hawthorne asked the Court to move forward with the female dormitory. He asked the Court not to stall on the Justice Center. Combs told the Sheriff the Court did not want to delay the Justice Center, however, he wanted to look at previous negotiations with HO+K on the matter from 2019. The Sheriff reminded the Court that many issues he faced were because previous Courts had “kicked the can down the road” on building a new jail and Justice Center.

Commissioner Combs made a motion to approve a professional service agreement with HO+K for a temporary minimum security female dormitory. Combs then withdrew his motion in order to hear from Jeff Bradley of HO+K.

21-10-307 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Hammond to approve a professional service agreement with HO+K for a temporary minimum security female dormitory design and to bring the design of the Justice Center back on the next court. Comments by Sheriff Hawthorne, Commissioner Combs and Jeff Bradley of HO+K.

Passed.

There being no further business, Court adjourned at 1:32 p.m.



ATTEST:

Heather H. Hawthorne

Heather H. Hawthorne, County Clerk

APPROVED:

Jimmy Sylvia

Jimmy Sylvia, County Judge

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