

On this the 26th day of October, 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 9:37 a.m. into Open Session. Public Safety Applications Administrator Austin Dubose 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 opened with citizens' comments and comments from elected officials on Agenda Item 1.2, discuss and consider redistricting Justice of the Peace and Constable Precincts to reduce the total number of Precincts to either 4 or 5.

Precinct 3 Constable Donnie Standley, Justice of the Peace Precinct 5 David Hatfield, Justice of the Peace Precinct 3 Tracy Woody, Precinct 5 Constable Brad Moon, Precinct 1 Constable Dennis Dugat, Oak Island/Double Bayou Fire Chief Raymond Anders, citizen Vickie Dearman, Pastor Ronald Smith, citizen Rex Tunze, citizen Darlene Pagels, citizen Julie Barber, and citizen Kaley Smith all spoke against Agenda Item 1.2.

Citizen A.C. Lowe and former Commissioner Rusty Senac spoke in favor of Agenda Item 1.2.

21-10-308 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to allow additional citizens to give a citizen's comment, instead of the standard six for and six against.

21-10-309 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Hammond to reduce the number of Justice of the Peace and Constable Precincts to five and use the funds saved for full-time law enforcement personnel. Comments by Commissioner Combs, Commissioner Gore, Judge Sylvia and Chambers

County Clerk Heather Hawthorne and previously mentioned citizens and elected officials. Hammond, Tice and Combs voted yay. Gore voted nay. Judge Sylvia declared the motion passed.

Passed; Insert.

At 10:51 a.m. the Court recessed out of Regular Session and into a public hearing concerning right-of-way sale/abandonment of a part of Shady Glen Drive in Oak Island (Agenda Item 3.1). Citizen David Day gave a public comment requesting the Court protect sewer rights for residents of Pancho Lane.

At 10:56 a.m., the Court recessed out of the public hearing and back into regular session.

At 10:57 a.m. the Court took a break. At 11:16 a.m., Court returned to Regular Session after speaking with the County's redistricting attorney.

21-10-310 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Hammond to reduce the number of Justice of the Peace and Constable Precincts to five by combining Precincts 2 and 3. Combs, Tice and Hammond voted yay. Gore voted nay. Judge Sylvia declared the motion passed.

Passed.

After the vote, the Court turned to Agenda Item 1.5, discuss and consider possible action on information provided by retained counsel regarding 2020 Census data, initial assessment of Chambers County political boundaries, including Order to Redistrict and setting a Special Called Commissioners Court meeting to consider plan or plans for redistricting of County political boundaries.

Citizen Gloria Roemer gave a citizen's comment in the way of asking if the redistricting maps on display at the Courthouse had already been voted on. After being told the lines had not been voted on, Ms. Roemer stated she had nothing to comment on.

21-10-311 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Gore to approve Order for Redistricting Political boundaries. Comments by County Clerk Heather Hawthorne.

Passed; Insert.

The Court then turned to the items under Economic Development & Tourism, starting with Agenda Item 5.1, discuss and consider Project ABC Chemical Incentive request.

21-10-312 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Hammond to approve Project ABC Chemical Incentive request, contingent upon finalizing the Greenbelt Agreement with Cedar Port. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed; Insert.

21-10-313 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to approve the Yaraghi Realty, LLC-Project Futon Tax Abatement application, contingent upon them meeting and exceeding the greenbelt requirements. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed; Insert.

Following the vote, Health Services Director Mary Beth Bess gave a public health update regarding the County's COVID-19 cases. She told the Court that the number of cases has fallen dramatically since the August surge. She also said that booster shots were available.

Following the update, the Court turned to Agenda Item 1.4, discuss and consider Resolution expressing great appreciation for the participation in the 2021 Veterans' Wall Presentation.

21-10-314 Motion made by Commissioners' Court and seconded by Commissioners' Court to approve the Resolution expressing great appreciation for the participation in the 2021 Veterans' Wall Presentation.

Passed; Insert.

The Court then proceeded to Agenda Item 1.3, discuss and consider reverting ownership of 1.6 acres of the Goss Library land back to Barbers Hill ISD, for construction of a new school.

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After further discussion with Jeff Chapman of PBK, Commissioner Combs withdrew his motion and Commissioner Gore rescinded his second. The agenda item was tabled.

The Court then turned to the remaining items under Road & Bridge, beginning with Agenda Item 3.2, discuss and consider restricting pumped detention to 50% pumped 50% gravity combination for detention outfalls including future projects currently in design.

21-10-315 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to restrict restricting pumped detention to 50% pumped 50% gravity combination for detention outfalls including future projects currently in design.

Passed; Insert.

21-10-316 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to rebid for countywide roadway striping (bid opening 10/22/21 at 3:00 p.m.).

Passed; Insert.

Agenda Item 3.4, discuss and consider requiring Atlas 14 for all development within Chambers County was tabled.

Agenda Item 3.5, discuss and consider \$100,000 donation request from Enterprise Products for road repair efforts completed on Hatcherville Road, also was tabled.

The Court then turned to Agenda Item 7.2, discuss and consider approving a Professional Service Agreement with HO+K for continued design of a Justice Center and temporary Minimum Security Female Dormitory design.

21-10-317 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Gore to approve the contract with HO+K for continued design of a Justice Center up to 8.13 percent pending approval by legal counsel, and to give Judge Sylvia the authority to sign said agreement. Comments by Commissioner Combs.

Passed; Insert.

After the vote, Jeff Chapman with PBK gave an update on the ballfields being constructed throughout the county. Comments by Project Manager Mike Gafford.

Following the update, the Court turned to the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Gore brought up Agenda Item 19.10, approve the 2022 Fire and EMS general funding agreement, urging the Court to stay with the one-time payment as opposed to the semi-annual payments.

21-10-318 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Combs to approve the 2022 Fire and EMS general funding agreement as a one-time payment.

Passed; Insert.

After the vote, the following items from the Consent Agenda were tabled:

- Agenda Item 19.12, approve standardized rules and regulations for all Chambers County Parks.
- Agenda Item 19.17, approve the new County Dress Code policy.
- Agenda Item 19.35, approve increasing the inspection fee rate from approximately \$3.2 per linear feet to \$5.00 per linear feet due to price inflation.
- Agenda Item 19.36, approve an additional amount of URW America for Traffic Sign & Design System that was approved in Commissioners' Court on May 25, 2021.

Agenda Item 19.40, approve utilizing 381 Agreement funds to begin \$500,000 Texas Drainage, Inc. ditch cleaning contract was pulled.

21-10-319 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the Consent Agenda, with the exception of Agenda Items 19.12, 19.17, 19.35, 19.36, 19.40, and 19.10, which was previously voted on. Agenda Item 19.42, approve minutes from October 12, 2021, regular meeting, was approved, pending correction.

Passed; Insert.

At 12:22 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 12:46 p.m. No action was taken.

There being no further business, Court adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

ATTEST:



Heather H. Hawthorne

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APPROVED:

Jimmy Sylvia

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