

On this the 14th day of December, 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
Tommy Hammond	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Billy Combs	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Heather H. Hawthorne	County Clerk

With the following members absent, to-wit:

Mark Tice	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
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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 9:35 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 Gloria Roemer, who commended County officials and employees for a job well done with the funeral procession of Charles L. Saunders, who was killed during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Mr. Saunder's remains were positively identified and returned to his hometown of Winnie.

Following the comment, the Court turned to the Special Called Meeting in conjunction with the regularly scheduled Commissioners' Court Meeting. Ralph Wallace, TCDRS Employer Representative, gave a presentation on the 2022 TCDRS (Texas County & District Retirement System) plan assessment. This was an information-only item. No action was taken.

After the presentation, the Court moved to Agenda Item 5.2, discuss and consider amending the Chambers County American Rescue Plan Act Recovery Plan regarding the section on TBCD (Trinity Bay Conservation District), on the Regular Meeting Agenda.

21-12-366 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Combs to amend the Chambers County American Rescue Plan Act Recovery Plan regarding the section on TBCD (Trinity Bay Conservation District). Comments by Director of Economic Development and Grant Administrator Samantha Humphrey and Michael Migvad of Public Management.

Passed; Insert.

21-12-367 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve a Resolution allocating ARPA funds to the completion of the Hankamer Wastewater Treatment Plant. Comments by Commissioner Hammond, Commissioner Combs, Judge Sylvia, and Director of Economic Development and Grant Administrator Samantha Humphrey.

Passed; Insert.

21-12-368 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve a Resolution addressing updates to the Hankamer Wastewater Treatment Plant project completion. Comment by David Hoyt, interim director of Trinity Bay Conservation District.

Passed; Insert.

21-12-369 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Gore to approve the amendment to Hunt Southwest-Cedar Port I, LLC-Tax Abatement Agreement. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation, Commissioner Gore and Commissioner Combs.

Passed; Insert.

21-12-370 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Hammond to approve the Niagara Bottling, LLC Economic Development Agreement. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed; Insert.

The Court then turned to Agenda Item 1.3, discuss and consider presentation and update on the Chambers County 10 Year Financial and Debt Service Plan (presented by Nathan Watkins, Integrative Results, LLC). No action taken, as the document discussed is a draft and not ready for adoption.

At 10:32 a.m., the Court took a break. The Court returned to Regular Session at 10:49 a.m.

After the break, the Court took up Agenda Item 14.1, discuss and consider purchase of vehicles for the Public Health Department; and allowing the Public Health Department to lease the vehicles from the County through grant funding programs.

21-12-371 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Gore to approve the purchase of vehicles for the Public Health Department; and allowing the Public Health Department to lease the vehicles from the County through grant funding programs. Comments by Health Services Director Mary Beth Bess and Purchasing Agent George Barrera.

Passed.

Following the vote, Health Services Director Mary Beth Bess gave an impromptu update to the Court on COVID-19 cases in Chambers County. She said thus far, there are no cases of the Omicron Variant in Chambers County and the number of COVID-19 cases has dropped dramatically.

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21-12-372 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve the Interlocal agreement between Chambers County and all the Chambers County school districts including East Chambers ISD, Anahuac ISD, Goose Creek ISD, and Barbers Hill ISD, regarding Tax Abatement Adjustments, pending minor changes including having the Tax Assessor and Appraisal District sign off on it, and giving the County Judge authority to sign off on the agreement once said changes are made. Comments by Assistant Budget Officer Aaron Thomas and Nathan Brandimarte, outside counsel.

Passed; Insert.

The Court then moved to Agenda Item 1.1, discuss and consider approving Order conforming Election Precincts to Revised Commissioners Court Precincts.

21-12-373 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve the Order conforming Election Precincts to Revised Commissioners Court Precincts. Comments by County Clerk Heather Hawthorne.

Passed; Insert.

The Court then took up Agenda Item 5.1, discuss and consider entering into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Dayton for the Countywide

Drainage Plan Study funded by the Texas Water Development Board's Flood Infrastructure Fund.

21-12-374 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Gore to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Dayton for the Countywide Drainage Plan Study funded by the Texas Water Development Board's Flood Infrastructure Fund. Comments by Director of Economic Development and Grant Administrator Samantha Humphrey.

Passed; Insert.

At this time, the Court turned to items under Road & Bridge, beginning with Agenda Item 3.1, discuss and consider approval for Air Liquide's request for survey permission on County-owned property south of Kilgore Parkway and along the Kilgore Regional Detention Channel.

21-12-375 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Hammond to approve Air Liquide's request for survey permission on County-owned property south of Kilgore Parkway and along the Kilgore Regional Detention Channel. Comments by County Engineer Cory Taylor.

Passed; Insert.

21-12-376 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Combs to approve bid and construction for ditches along Hatcherville Road funded through a donation agreement with Enterprise Products Partners, LP. Comments by County Engineer Cory Taylor and Commissioner Hammond.

Passed; Insert.

The Court then moved to Agenda Item 1.4, discuss and consider selecting Navigation and Canal Commissioners Appointee.

21-12-377 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Combs to reappoint Jimmy Turner as the Navigation and Canal Commissioners Appointee.

Passed; Insert.

Agenda Item 1.5, discuss and consider presentation of the new "American Flag Retirement boxes" from Gabriel White, Eagle Scout, was tabled.

21-12-378 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Gore to approve the consent agenda in its entirety.

Passed; Insert.

At 11:37 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 12:26 p.m.

No action was taken on Agenda Item 20.1, discuss and consider personnel issues.

No action was taken on Agenda Item 20.2, discuss and consider the sale/purchase of real property.

21-12-379 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Combs to promote Interim Human Resources Director Chelsie Crainer to Human Resources Director, effective Jan. 1, 2022.

Passed.

21-12-380 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Hammond to approve the extension of FMLA leave.

Passed.

There being no further business, Court adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

ATTEST:

The seal of Chambers County, Texas, is a circular emblem. It features a five-pointed star in the center, surrounded by a wreath. The words "CHAMBERS COUNTY, TEX." are inscribed around the perimeter of the seal. The word "CLERK" is also visible at the bottom of the seal.

Heather H. Hawthorne

Heather H. Hawthorne, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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

Jimmy Sylvia, County Judge

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
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