

On this the 25th day of January, A. D., 2022, 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

With the following members absent, to-wit:

Heather H. Hawthorne	County Clerk
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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. 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 started with Citizen's Comments. Shane Chesson introduced himself to the Court and gave additional information regarding the festival's growth.

The Court then turned to Agenda Item 5.4, discuss and consider application for HOT (Hotel Occupancy Tax) Fund Grant from Marsh Fest in the amount of \$25,000.00.

22-01-11 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the application for HOT (Hotel Occupancy Tax) Fund Grant from Marsh Fest in the amount of \$25,000.00. Comments by Director of Economic Development and Grant Administrator Samantha Humphrey and Shane Chesson of March Fest.

Passed; Insert.

22-01-12 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the application for a Park Use Agreement from Marsh Fest to be held at the Winnie-Stowell Park (February 21-March 15, 2022).

Passed; Insert.

The Court then moved to Agenda Item 19.17, approve waiving the Mass Gathering Permit fees for the Marsh Fest and The Wall that Heals.

22-01-13 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Gore to waive the Mass Gathering Permit fees for the Marsh Fest and The Wall that Heals. Comments by Commissioners Combs and Gore, Judge Sylvia and Director of Economic Development and Grant Administrator Samantha Humphrey.

Passed; Insert.

Following the discussion and vote, the Court turned to Agenda Item 5.2, discuss and consider application for HOT (Hotel Occupancy Tax) Fund Grant by The Wall That Heals – Chambers County in the amount of \$25,000.00.

22-01-14 Motion made by Commissioners' Court and seconded by Commissioners' Court to approve the application for HOT (Hotel Occupancy Tax) Fund Grant by The Wall That Heals – Chambers County in the amount of \$25,000.00. Comments by Judge Sylvia, Commissioner Combs and Director of Economic Development and Grant Administrator Samantha Humphrey.

Passed; Insert.

22-01-15 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Gore to approve the application for a Park Use Agreement from The Wall That Heals-Chambers County to be held at White's Memorial Park (October 26-30, 2022) pending securing insurance. Comments by Director of Economic Development and Grant Administrator Samantha Humphrey.

Passed; Insert.

The Court then took up Agenda Item 5.1, discuss and consider executing application Resolution for Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Recreational Trails Grant for proposed walking trail at Gregory Park in Stowell, Texas.

22-01-16 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Gore to execute the application Resolution for Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Recreational Trails Grant for proposed walking trail at Gregory Park in Stowell, Texas.

Passed; Insert.

The Court turned to Agenda Item 5.6, discuss and consider Oleon Americas, Inc.-Tax Abatement application.

22-01-17 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Combs to accept the Oleon Americas, Inc.-Tax Abatement application. Comments by Commissioner Hammond and B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed; Insert.

22-01-18 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to set a public hearing for the first Commissioners' Court meeting in March at 10:00 a.m., regarding the proposed Chambers Parkway Transpiration Reinvestment Zone. Comments by Commissioner Combs and B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed; Insert.

After some discussion, the Court pulled Agenda Item 1.1, discuss and consider raising Chambers County's over 65 Homestead Tax Exemption. Citizen Charles Dubose came to the Court with the issue of protecting homeowners age 65 and older from rising home values that are eroding away tax benefits for seniors. Comments by Charles Dubose, Commissioner Combs and County Auditor Aaron Thomas. The Court agreed to look into the matter further.

22-01-19 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Combs to approve the sale of County property "0.1764 acre tract of vacant land located at 4818 N. FM 565, Mont Belvieu, TX" through the sealed bid process. Comments by Commissioner Hammond and County Purchasing Agent George Barrera.

Passed; Insert.

22-01-20 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Combs to accept the Chambers County Sheriff's Office Imprest Fund internal audit. Comments by Assistant Auditor Lyndsey Davis.

Passed; Insert.

Agenda Item 3.1, discuss and consider entering into an agreement with TGS and/or CCID #1 for a greenbelt along FM 3180 and improvements to Fisher Road was pulled.

Agenda Item 3.2, discuss and consider agreement for Pacheco Koch to do the existing condition drainage analysis for Kilgore Drainage was tabled. Comments by County Engineer Cory Taylor and County Auditor Aaron Thomas.

Agenda Item 3.3, discuss and consider agreement with KTN to split cost for silt removal within Kilgore Drainage, also was tabled. Comments by County Engineer Cory Taylor, Commissioner Combs and Jim Roberts with Pacheco Koch.

Agenda Item 3.4, discuss and consider additional work by SER Construction to clean silt out of Kilgore Channel including culvert cleaning, was tabled.

No action was taken on Agenda Item 3.5, discuss and consider proposed Road & Drainage Plan for the 1st and 2nd quarter presented by Chambers County Road Administrator Brian Dodge.

The Court took a break at 10:37 a.m. and returned to Open Session at 10:50 a.m.

County Engineer Cory Taylor gave an update on FM 1409. Taylor told the Court that safety improvements were in place. Commissioner Hammond asked if there was a clear timeline on illumination. Mr. Taylor told him there was not and that it hinged on Center Point. Johan Patterson with Dannenbaum Engineering also addressed the Court.

Following the update, the Court moved to the Consent Agenda. Agenda Items 19.6 and 19.5 were moved to Executive Session. Agenda Item 19.11, approve adding an additional \$20,000.00 to Science Engineering purchase order to provide testing services for Westside Complex, was pulled.

22-01-21 Motion by Combs and seconded by Hammond to accept the Consent Agenda with the exception of Agenda Items 19.5, 19.6, 19.11 and 19.17, which was previously voted on independently.

At 11:05 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.

Court returned to Regular Session at 1:48 p.m.

21-01-22 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Combs to approve Agenda Item 19.6, payroll changes, with the exception of the two Precinct 1 custodian positions, the position for Vickie Sanchez and the position for Clayton King.

Passed; Insert.

21-01-23 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Hammond to approve the job descriptions.

Passed; Insert.

There being no further business, Court adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

ATTEST:



Handwritten signature of Heather H. Hawthorne in blue ink.

Heather H. Hawthorne, County Clerk



APPROVED:



Handwritten signature of Jimmy Sylvia in blue ink.

Jimmy Sylvia, County Judge

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES
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