

On this the 23rd day of August, 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
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 9:36 a.m. into Open Session. Cory Taylor offered prayer. Judge Sylvia led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag.

Darlene McPherson gave a Citizen's Comment. Regarding the ballfields in Anahuac, she told the Court to take the windscreens down. She asked if the Court had considered not allowing pay raises for County employees who make more than \$60,000 in order to address the deficient in the budget. She also asked what tools were used to evaluate elected officials in order to justify pay raises.

Attorney Wes Klinger, Jr. gave a Citizen's Comment regarding Agenda Item 3.7, discuss, consider and approve the removal of two signs located along Lawrence Road and Lakeview Drive, and the intersection of Lawrence Road and County Road 2354, as such signs are located within County/City Right of Way, in accordance with Chapter 393 of the Transportation Code and other applicable law.

Mr. Klinger told the Court that the signs have been there for more than 40 years and that they help customers locate his law office. He asked if the Court would consider leaving them up.

Following his comment, the Court took up Agenda Item 3.7. Outside counsel Nathan Brandimart said it was against the law for the signs to be in the right of way and that complaints came from nearby neighbors. Commissioner Combs said he understood Mr. Klinger's concern and would

be glad to sit down with him and area residents. Mr. Klinger agreed and the item was tabled.

Following the discussion, the Court moved to Agenda Item 1.4, discuss and consider Texas Association of Counties (TAC) Health and Employee Benefits Pool (HEBP) and Retiree County Choice for 2023.

22-08-294 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to renew the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) Health and Employee Benefits Pool (HEBP) and Retiree County Choice for 2023. Comments by Terry Brown with TAC and Gore.

Passed; Insert.

22-08-295 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve the Medicare supplement for retirees.

Passed; Insert.

The Court then turned to Agenda Item 3.3, discuss and consider approving acknowledgements of the donation of money for Lawrence Road South roadside ditch work accommodation for Highridge Estates.

22-08-296 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Hammond to accept the acknowledgements of the donation of money for Lawrence Road South roadside ditch work accommodation for Highridge Estates. Comments by County Engineer Robert Hall, Assistant County Engineer Cory Taylor and Combs. For the record, Gore stepped out of the Courtroom during the discussion and returned immediately following the vote.

Passed; Insert.

At 10:01 a.m., the Court recessed out of regular session and into a public hearing regarding the renaming of Chambers Parkway to "Gordon Speer-Chambers Parkway." As there were no public comments, Court returned to regular session at 10:02 a.m.

22-08-297 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Combs to rename Chambers Parkway to "Gordon Speer-Chambers Parkway."

Passed.

Assistant County Engineer Cory Taylor gave an update on Agenda Item 3.4, discuss and consider update on right-of-way for FM 565, FM 3180 and

Washington Avenue. Taylor told the Court that for FM 3180 there was a revisionary clause in the deed that would prohibit the County from using a certain section of land as right of way for the Gordon Speer-Chambers Parkway. On Washington Avenue, the process would be longer than originally anticipated but TxDot would support the County and the City of Anahuac in having a portion of the road closed permanently for the Justice Center.

22-08-298 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Hammond to approve additional funds to Texas Material Group, Inc., DBA Gulf Coast in the amount of approximately \$9,515.00 due to Kinder Morgan utility issues along Kilgore Parkway. Comments by Assistant County Engineer Cory Taylor and Combs.

Passed; Insert.

Assistant County Engineer Cory Taylor gave an update on FM 1409 (Agenda Item 3.6). He did not have a date yet for the opening of the FM 1409 bridge, but did have a call in to TxDot.

After the update, the Court turned to Agenda Item 1.1, discuss and consider approving and ratifying the Grant Agreement between Chambers County, Texas, and Winnie I Enterprises, LLC pertaining to the application for a Grant with the Texas Health and Human Services for Nursing Facilities – COVID-19 in Healthcare Relief in support of the Arboretum Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Winnie.

22-08-299 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Combs to move forward with the Grant Agreement between Chambers County, Texas, and Winnie I Enterprises, LLC pertaining to the application for a Grant with the Texas Health and Human Services for Nursing Facilities – COVID-19 in Healthcare Relief in support of the Arboretum Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Winnie. Comments by outside counsel Nathan Brandimart.

Passed; Insert.

22-08-300 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Combs to approve the Proclamation declaring September 2022 as Deaf Awareness Month.

Passed; Insert.

22-08-301 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Combs to approve the Resolution calling for additional measurers to secure the border, stop the

invasion at the border and protect our communities. Comments by Judge Sylvia.

Passed; Insert.

22-08-302 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to accept the 2022 Chambers County Youth Livestock Show, Ranch Rodeo and Scholarship Fund Audit Report. Comments by County Auditor Aaron Thomas, Assistant Auditor Kaelyn Rhame, Combs and Hammond.

Passed; Insert.

22-08-303 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Gore to accept the Justice of the Peace, Pct. 3 (2019-2022) Audit Report. Comments by County Auditor Aaron Thomas, Assistant Auditor Lyndsey Davis, Justice of the Peace Pct. 3 Tracy Woody and Combs.

Passed; Insert.

The Court then moved to Agenda Item 5.8, discuss and consider changes to Chambers Parkway Transportation Reinvestment Zone.

22-08-304 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Hammond to approve the resolution to rename the Chambers Parkway Transportation Reinvestment Zone to Chambers County Transportation Reinvestment Zone No.1; ratify 2022 as the base tax year and establish the boundaries of the reinvestment zone. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation, Combs and Hammond.

Passed; Insert.

22-08-305 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to approve the Borusan Mannesmann Pipe U.S., Inc. Chapter 381 Economic Development Agreement. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation, Hammond and Combs.

Passed; Insert.

The Court then moved to Agenda Item 5.1, discuss and consider authorizing funding of aerial survey of Airport Road watershed as part of the Airport Road Feasibility Study through American Rescue Act Plan funds.

22-08-306 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to authorize funding of aerial survey of Airport Road watershed as part of the Airport Road Feasibility Study through American Rescue Act Plan funds.

Comments by Economic Development Assistant Robbie King, County Engineer Robert Hall and Project Manager Mike Lessley.

Passed; Insert.

22-08-307 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to authorize procurement of architect/engineer for building construction projects funded by American Rescue Plan Act. Comments by Economic Development Assistant Robbie King.

Passed; Insert.

22-08-308 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Combs to amend the American Rescue Plan Act Recovery Plan to add construction of new Extension Office/Parks Storage Building/CCYLSRR office space value at \$650,000.

Passed; Insert.

22-08-309 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Gore to authorize Texas Gatorfest to authorize Airport Road as overflow parking during their event in case of inclement weather. Comments by Economic Development Assistant Robbie King, Combs and County Clerk Heather Hawthorne.

Passed; Insert.

22-08-310 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to authorize the closure of Knearem Road, Frost Road, Oliver Road and Oak Road in Fort Anahuac Park from September 8, 2022, through September 18, 2022, for the Texas Gatorfest. Comments by Economic Development Assistant Robbie King.

Passed; Insert.

22-08-311 Motion by Gore and seconded by Tice to authorize the closure of Fort Anahuac Park boat ramp from Thursday, September 15, 2022, through Sunday, September 18, 2022, for Texas Gatorfest. Comments by Economic Development Assistant Robbie King.

Passed; Insert.

22-08-312 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice approve the amendment to the Chambers County ARPA-CLFRF Recovery Plan. Comments by Economic Development Assistant Robbie King.

Passed; Insert.

After some discussion, Agenda Item 6.1 discuss and consider Interlocal Agreement between Chambers Country and The City of Anahuac regarding the Splash-pad water and landfill fees, was tabled. City Administrator for the City of Anahuac Kenny Kathan was on hand and called the proposed agreement a win-win. It was decided that the agreement would come back to court with language that limited the number of loads per month to the landfill.

22-08-313 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Hammond to renew the Employee Safety Program through the end of the year. Comments by Safety Coordinator Wendy Vola, Combs and Judge Sylvia.

Passed; Insert.

22-08-314 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Combs to reinstate years of service for Ryan Holzaepfel. Comments by Hammond, Gore and Judge Sylvia.

Passed; Insert.

22-08-315 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety.

Passed; Insert.

At 10:58 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.

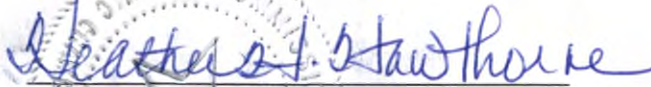
Court returned to Regular Session at 2:22 p.m. For the record, Commissioner Combs did not return.

22-08-316 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to move forward with the purchase of real property in Winnie, Texas.

Passed.

There being no further business, Court adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

ATTEST:



Heather H. Hawthorne, County Clerk

APPROVED:



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