

On this the 11th day of October, 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 9:31 a.m. into Open Session. Robert Hall offered prayer. Judge Sylvia led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag.

The first order of business was Agenda Item 6.1, discuss and consider naming the new baseball fields on Cook Road in Winnie the "Yale Devillier Sports Complex" and the individual fields as follows: Tommy Leday, John P. McAdams, Alma Lois Turner, Diars Thomas and James Stratton.

22-10-386 Motion made by Commissioners' Court and seconded by Commissioners' Court to name the new base fields on Cook Road in Winnie the "Yale Devillier Sports Complex" and the individual fields as follows: Tommy Leday, John P. McAdams, Alma Lois Turner, Diars Thomas and James Stratton. Gore read the resolution.

Passed.

At 9:36 a.m., the Court took a break to take photos of the family members for whom the fields and complex were named. Court returned to Open Session at 9:44 a.m.

22-10-387 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Combs to approve the Resolution declaring October as Fire Safety Month. Comments by Fire Marshall/Emergency Management Coordinator Ryan Holzaepfel and EMS Director Ron Nichols. David Clark of the Cove Volunteer Fire Department and Billy Smith of the Wallisville Fire Department were on hand for the signing of the resolution.

Passed; Insert.

County Clerk Heather Hawthorne took Agenda Item 1.2, discuss and consider update from County Clerk on the November 8, 2022, Joint General Election. She reminded the Court that it was the last day to register to vote. She discussed the retrofitted voting machines, which require the ballot to be scanned in order to be counted. No action was taken.

22-10-388 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to accept the Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4 audit report. Comments by Assistant County Auditor Lyndsey Davis.

Passed; Insert.

The Court then discussed Agenda Item 3.1, discuss and consider widening of Kilgore Parkway from Hwy 99 east to FM 3180 from two lanes to four lanes and funding 50 percent of the cost (\$2,000,000.00) in lieu of tax abatements in CCID #3, in order to clarify Agenda Item 3.5 from the Sept. 27, 2022, Commissioners' Court Meeting.

22-10-389 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to approve the widening of Kilgore Parkway from Hwy 99 east to FM 3180 from two lanes to four lanes and funding 50 percent of the cost (\$2,000,000.00) in lieu of tax abatements in CCID #3. Comments by Combs, Hammond and Judge Sylvia.

Passed; Insert.

Agenda Item 3.2, discuss and consider Kilgore Parkway design alternatives or land acquisition, was moved to Executive Session.

22-10-390 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Tice to approve Change Order No. 14 for FM 1409 to Sterling Delaware Holdings Co., Inc. DBA: Texas Sterling Construction for asphalt crack repair in the amount of \$109,387.41, pending TxDot approval and the subcontractor's E-Verify being approved. Comments by Engineer of Record for FM 1409 Larry Marr of Dannenbaum Engineering, Gore, Judge Sylvia and Hammond.

Passed; Insert.

22-10-391 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Gore to renew Parking Lot Lease for employee parking at the Anahuac Library from Chambers Liberty Navigation District, approve annual fees and catch up with payments. Comments by County Engineer Robert Hall.

Passed; Insert.

At 10:06 a.m., the Court entered into a public hearing regarding the closure of Needlepoint Road due to safety concerns in regards to a music festival from October 29-31, 2022, from 2:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. There were no public comments. The Court recessed out of the public hearing and back into Regular Session at 10:06 a.m.

22-10-392 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to approve the closure of Needlepoint Road due to safety concerns in regards to a music festival from October 29-31, 2022, from 2:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Comments by County Engineer Robert Hall and Hammond.

Passed.

The Court then took up the agenda items under Economic Development & Tourism.

22-10-393 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Gore to accept a \$50,000 grant from Southeast Texas Housing Finance Corporation (SETH) to be used for affordable housing and/or related services. Comments by Director of Economic Development and Grant Administrator Samantha Humphrey, Gore and Combs.

Passed; Insert.

Agenda Item 5.2, discuss and consider presentation and request from Dick Olin to be the Ring Sponsor for the 2023 Bayou Bowl, was tabled.

The Court turned to Agenda Item 5.3, discuss and consider Senior Citizen services in Chambers County.

A motion was made by Gore and seconded by Tice to hire a part-time bus driver and give Lana Yawn a pay increase for the additional workload associated with an increase need for transportation services. Combs and Hammond voted nay. Judge Sylvia broke the tie by voting nay. Comments by Director of Economic Development and Grant Administrator Samantha Humphrey, Combs, Hammond, Judge Sylvia and Gore.

Agenda Item 5.4, discuss and consider purchase of body cameras for Constables utilizing ARPA funds, was tabled.

The Court took up items under Maintenance & Buildings.

22-10-394 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Combs to approve the Jim Silva Sports Complex deductive Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$6,097.64-project closeout. Comments by Project Manager Mike Lessley.

Passed; Insert.

22-10-395 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Gore to approve Beam Professionals to provide design services for the re-roof of White's Park Community Building from PBK Architects, Inc. in the amount of \$18,000.00. Comments by Project Manager Mike Lessley.

Passed; Insert.

22-10-396 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Combs to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with ECISD to allow Winnie Waste to dispose of one full garbage truck of waste per week with no charge. Comments by County Attorney Ashley Land.

Passed; Insert.

At 10:29 a.m., Court recessed out of Regular Session into a public hearing regarding a mass gathering permit for Freaky Deaky Music Festival to be held October 29-30, 2022, at Houston Raceway Park. There were no public comments. Court recessed out of the public hearing and back into Regular Session at 10:29 a.m.

22-10-397 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to approve the mass gathering permit for Freaky Deaky Music Festival to be held October 29-30, 2022, at Houston Raceway Park contingent upon submission of the Outdoor Music Festival permits from the County Clerk's Office. Comments by Fire Marshall/Emergency Management Coordinator Ryan Holzaepfel.

Passed; Insert.

The Court discussed Agenda Item 12.1, discuss and consider allowing full-time employees to work overtime at the golf course on an as-needed basis, and tabled the item temporarily.

The Court then turned to Agenda Item 12.2, discuss and consider request to increase all green fees by \$2.00 beginning January 1, 2023. Combs made motion to increase the green fees by \$10.00. The motion died for lack of a second.

Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to raise the green fees by \$2.00. Gore and Tice pulled the motion and second.

22-10-398 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to increase all greens fees by \$4.00 beginning January 1, 2023. Comments by Gore, Tice, Combs, Judge Sylvia and Golf Course Director James Williamson.

Passed; Insert.

Agenda Item 19.6, approve payroll changes, was moved to Executive Session.

22-10-399 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Gore to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Agenda Items 3.2 and 19.6.

Passed; Insert.

At 10:40 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 11:17 a.m.

No action was taken on Agenda Item 3.2, discuss and consider Kilgore Parkway design alternatives or land acquisition.

22-10-400 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to approve the payroll changes.

Passed; Insert.

22-10-401 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Tice to approve the purchase of Parcel S for the Justice Center.

Passed.

The Court returned to the previously discussed Agenda Item 12.1, discuss and consider allowing full-time employees to work overtime at the golf course on as as-needed basis.

22-10-402 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to pay a full-time employee overtime to work at the golf course on an as-needed basis. Comments by Gold Course Director James Williamson and Gore.

Passed; Insert.

The Court then addressed Agenda Item 5.3, discuss and consider Senior Citizen services in Chambers County, again.

22-10-403 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to allow Gore to hire a part-time driver.

Passed; Insert.

There being no further business, Court adjourned at 11:21 a.m.



ATTEST:

Heather H. Hawthorne

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APPROVED:

Jimmy Sylvia

Jimmy Sylvia, County Judge

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