

On this the 22nd day of November, 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 9:33 a.m. into Open Session. County Engineer 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.

Jesse Evans gave a Citizen's Comment regarding naming two streets on the East Chambers ISD campus after standout football players Vance McDonald and Tramaine Thomas. McDonald and Thomas both attended East Chambers ISD and went on to have careers in the NFL. "Everyone can't get a street named after them, but there's no harm in trying," Mr. Evans told the Court.

22-11-436 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve the Resolution supporting the creation of Lee College Branch location in Mont Belvieu in partnership with the City of Mont Belvieu and Barbers Hill ISD. Comments by Judge Sylvia, County Clerk Heather Hawthorne and County Purchasing Agent George Barrera.

Passed; Insert.

22-11-437 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Tice to approve the lease agreement between Chambers County and Barbers Hill ISD for County use of 10 acres on Eagle Drive. Comments by Judge Sylvia and County Purchasing Agent George Barrera.

Passed; Insert.

22-11-438 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to accept the official canvass election results from the November 8, 2022, Joint General Election. The results were discussed by County Clerk Heather Hawthorne

and Chief Elections Clerk Leanne Martin. Mrs. Hawthorne reported no technical problems and said she had received positive feedback on the new paper ballot system.

Passed; Insert.

The Court then recognized former County Engineer Don Brandon for receiving the 2022 Honorary Membership Award from the Texas Association of County Engineers and Road Administrators. Mr. Brandon was a founding member of the group in 1987 and had served in numerous leadership roles over the years. Mr. Brandon retired from Chambers County in 2011 after serving as the County Engineer for 25 years.

The Court turned to Agenda Item 5.2, discuss and consider TGSCP 6363, LLC Tax Abatement Amendment and proposed Chapter 381 agreement.

22-11-439 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to approve the TGSCP 6363, LLC Tax Abatement Amendment and proposed Chapter 381 agreement contingent upon TGS fulling funding the expansion of FM 1405 north of Hwy 99 to four lanes, TGS funding up to \$130,000 for Barrow Ranch Detention Improvements, and TGS and Chambers County entering into an interlocal agreement for a 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week Industrial Patrol. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation, Combs, Judge Sylvia, Gore and Tice.

Passed; Insert.

22-11-440 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Combs to move forward with further negotiations to be presented later regarding the TGSCP 4407 Grand Parkway, LLC Tax Abatement application. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed; Insert.

22-11-441 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Gore to approve the Coneflower Storage Project, LLC Tax Abatement. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation, Gore, Combs and Hammond.

Passed; Insert.

22-11-442 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to accept the Sumika Semiconductor Materials Texas, Inc. Chapter 381 proposal. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed; Insert.

The Court then moved to Agenda Item 14.1, discuss and consider update from Chambers County Health Department. Before discussing Agenda Item 14.1, Health Services Director Mary Beth Bess gave a Citizen's Comment in support of her father, Don Brandon, and his contribution to Chambers County. She also recognized National Nurse Practitioners Week.

Public Health Preparedness and Response Coordinator Kevin Crump told the Court about the triple threat of COVID-19, RSV and the flu. He said there had been an increase in the flu and RSV. No action taken.

At 10:39 a.m. the Court took a break. The Court returned to Regular Session at 10:57 a.m. and resumed with Agenda Item 5.1, discuss and consider accepting bid in the amount of \$1,067,112.90 from Quality Tower Services, Inc. for the ARPA-funded construction of the new communications tower at the landfill.

22-11-443 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Gore to accept the bid in the amount of \$1,067,112.90 from Quality Tower Services, Inc. for the ARPA-funded construction of the new communications tower at the landfill. Comments by Director of Economic Development and Grant Administrator Samantha Humphrey.

Passed; Insert.

The Court then turned to Agenda Item 2.1, discuss and consider Justice of the Peace, Pct. 3 audit update. Comments by Assistant County Auditor Lyndsey Davis and County Auditor Aaron Thomas. No action taken.

The Court moved to the first supplemental agenda – Notice of Special Called Meeting, discuss and consider rescinding motion and order to approve and sign SH 99 (Grand Parkway) MVWA (Market Value Waiver Agreement) from November 8, 2022.

22-11-444 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to rescind motion and order to approve and sign SH 99 (Grand Parkway) MVWA (Market Value Waiver Agreement) from November 8, 2022. Comments by Combs.

Passed.

Following the vote, the Court turned to Agenda Items under Road & Bridge.

22-11-445 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Hammond to approve the SH 99 Consent Letter for 2023 Toll Escalation. Comments by Combs.

Passed; Insert.

22-11-446 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to set a public hearing for 10:00 a.m. December 13, 2022, regarding the abandonment of a portion of Cedar Hill Drive beginning 725 feet west of Hwy 146, then west approximately 1,660 feet. Comments by County Engineer Robert Hall and Combs.

Passed; Insert.

22-11-447 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to release contingency money on Kilgore Parkway for the detour around the Enterprise pipeline along with the Needlepoint intersection (improvements estimated at \$30,000.00). Comments by Assistant County Engineer Cory Taylor, Hammond and County Clerk Heather Hawthorne.

Passed; Insert.

No action was taken on Agenda Item 3.4, discuss and consider setting a "no truck zone" on FM 2354 from FM 1405 to FM 3180 and on FM 3180 from FM 2354 to Interstate 10. Combs said the matter was safety related and part of an effort to separate large trucks from normal traffic. Assistant County Engineer Cory Taylor said he thought it was an endeavor the County could not do alone, but would need to work in conjunction with the cities involved.

22-11-448 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Tice to reject the variance to continue construction while under review for Building 17 (2022-06-159-CD-REV). Comments by Assistant County Engineer Cory Taylor, County Engineer Robert Hall and Engineer in Training Natalie Lopez.

Passed; Insert.

22-11-449 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Combs to authorize Cory Taylor and Commissioner Combs to continue working with CenterPoint on an agreement for construction and maintenance of illumination along Kilgore Parkway not to exceed \$90,000.00. Comments by County Engineer Robert Hall, Assistant County Engineer Cory Taylor, Engineer in Training Natalie Lopez, Combs, Gore, Hammond and County Clerk Heather Hawthorne.

Passed.

22-11-450 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Gore to approve Chambers Surveying and Mapping to complete metes and bounds survey of Washington Avenue from Miller Street to end of maintenance. Comments by County Engineer Robert Hall, Assistant County Engineer Cory Taylor and Combs.

Passed; Insert.

22-11-451 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve TNP to provide an appraisal for Washington Avenue from Miller Street to end of maintenance. Comments by Assistant County Engineer Cory Taylor.

Passed.

The Court then turned to Agenda Item 7.1, approve contract with Griffith, Moseley, Johnson & Associates for consulting services related to the new Justice Center design.

22-11-452 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Gore to approve the contract with Griffith, Moseley, Johnson & Associates for consulting services related to the new Justice Center design, up to \$150,000.00. Comments by Hammond, Sheriff Brian Hawthorne, Gore, Combs and Project Manager Mike Gafford.

Passed; Insert.

Debbie Waldo with Solid Waste updated the Court on the new Cove Collection Station (Agenda Item 8.1). She told the Court the new station will open January 2, 2023. No action taken.

The Court then turned to another Supplemental Agenda, discuss and consider purchasing an articulated dump truck.

22-11-453 Motion made by Combs and seconded by Tice to work with the Purchasing Agent to purchase an articulated dump truck. Comments by Debbie Elliot of Solid Waste, County Purchasing Agent George Barrera and Judge Sylvia.

Passed.

22-11-454 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Combs to approve the Consent Agenda.

Passed; Insert.

At 12:03 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 from Executive Session at 12:49 p.m. For the record, Commissioner Tice was no longer present.

22-11-455 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve FMLA request.

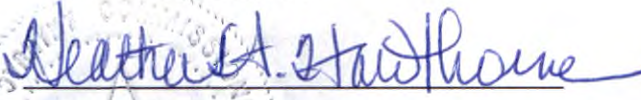
Passed.

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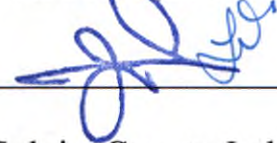
Passed.

There being no further business, Court adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

ATTEST:


Heather H. Hawthorne, County Clerk

APPROVED:


Jimmy Sylvia, County Judge

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES
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