

On this the 1st day of February, A. D., 2023, the Commissioners' Court of Chambers County, with the following members present, to-wit:

County Judge Jimmy Sylvia
Commissioner, Precinct No. 1 Jimmy Gore
Commissioner, Precinct No. 2 Mark Tice
Commissioner, Precinct No. 3 Tommy Hammond
Commissioner, Precinct No. 4 Ryan Dagley
County Clerk Heather H. Hawthorne

With the following members absent, to-wit:

met in a SPECIAL CALLED MEETING, at which time the following items were discussed, considered, passed or adopted, to-wit:

Judge Sylvia, according to law, opened Court at 9:37 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.

ADMINISTRATION

1.1 Citizen's comments

Darlene McPherson gave a Citizen's Comment on Agenda Item 1.4, discuss and consider selecting a P3 (Public-Private Partnership) team to move forward with the Justice Center/Jail Project. She encouraged the Court to consider a community meeting about the Justice Center/Jail Project.

Sheriff Brian Hawthorne also gave a Citizen's Comment on Agenda Item 1.4. He told the Court that he believed a P3 would get the project completed 18 months faster than if the project was funded by a bond.

ADMINISTRATION

1.2 Discuss and consider accepting official resignation of Denise Hutter, Tax Assessor Collector (effective 1/10/2023) and appointing the new Tax Assessor Collector to fill the vacancy until December 31, 2024.

23-2-32 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to accept the official resignation of Denise Hutter, Tax Assessor Collector (effective 1/10/2023) and appoint Laurie Payton Tax Assessor Collector, to fill the vacancy until December 31, 2024. Comments by Judge Sylvia and

County Attorney Ashley Cain Land.

Passed.

ADMINISTRATION

1.3 Discuss and consider approving bonds for appointed Chambers County Tax Assessor Collector

23-2-33 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Tice to approve bonds for appointed Chambers County Tax Assessor Collector Laurie Payton.

Passed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

2.1 Discuss and consider FreezPak Logistics tax abatement application and reinvestment zone

23-2-34 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Dagley to formally approve the FreezPak Logistics tax abatement application and set a public hearing regarding the reinvestment zone for February 14, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation, Judge Sylvia, Dagley and Hammond.

Passed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

2.2 Discuss and consider IAH Transload I, LLC tax abatement application and reinvestment zone

23-2-35 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Tice to accept the IAH Transload I, LLC tax abatement application set a public hearing for February 14, 2023, in order to establish the reinvestment zone. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

2.3 Discuss and consider Chambers County Logistics Terminal, LP Ch. 381 Economic Development Agreement

No action.

At 10:06 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. At 10:06 a.m. the Court returned from Executive Session.

ADMINISTRATION

1.4 Discuss and consider selecting a P3 (Public-Private Partnership) team to move forward with the Justice Center/Jail project

23-2-36 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to select Americus as the P3 (Public-Private Partnership) team to move forward with the Justice Center/Jail Project. Comments by Assistant County Attorney Dwayne Simpson, Judge Sylvia, Nathan Watkins of Americus and Hammond.

After some discussion, the motion and second were amended.

23-2-36 Amended motion by Gore and amended second by Tice to select Americus as the P3 (Public-Private Partnership) team to move forward with the Justice Center/Jail Project and approve the interim service agreement, giving Judge Sylvia the authority to sign it once it was okayed by legal.

Passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

3.1 Discuss and consider personnel issues-Executive Session

No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

3.2 Discuss and consider the sale/purchase of real property-Executive Session

No action taken.

There being no further business, Court adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

ATTEST:



Heather H. Hawthorne

Heather H. Hawthorne, County Clerk

APPROVED:

A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke.

County Judge, Jimmy Sylvia