

On this the 26th day of September, A. D., 2023, the Commissioners' Court of Chambers County, with the following members present, to-wit:

Commissioner, Pct. 1 Jimmy Gore
Commissioner, Pct. 4 Ryan Dagley
Commissioner, Pct. 3 Thomas Hammond
Commissioner, Pct. 2 Mark Tice
County Clerk Heather H. Hawthorne
County Judge Jimmy Sylvia

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 9:35 a.m. into Open Session. Assistant County Attorney Dwayne Simpson offered prayer. Chambers County 4-H member Dustin Poole led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag.

ADMINISTRATION

1.2 Discuss and consider National 4-H Week Proclamation (October 1-7, 2023)

23-9-1249 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve the National 4-H Week Proclamation (October 1-7, 2023). The proclamation was read by 4-H member Hannah Griffice.

Passed; Insert.

ADMINISTRATION

1.3 Discuss and consider update from TVE (Trinity Valley Expo) on upcoming events

Hilary Otto of the Trinity Valley Exposition board of directors, introduced members of the new TVE ambassador program. Ambassadors Taylor Trainer, Keira Beecham and Alissa Humphrey introduced themselves to the Court. No action taken.

ADMINISTRATION

1.1 Citizen's comments

Sheryl Shaw, chairman of Chambers County Historical Commission, addressed the Court regarding Agenda Item 1.6, discuss and consider update on the Justice Center project. She said while the Commission did not want the Justice Center built on the

homesite of Thomas Jefferson Chambers, it did not want the center moved out of Anahuac.

Anahuac City Councilman Lucas McCrary also spoke on Agenda Item 1.6, expressing support for the Justice Center staying in Anahuac. District Clerk Patti Henry, Dr. Ira Jean Echols of Anahuac, Anahuac business owners Lisa Sutch, David Wilcox and Elizabeth Royer all favored keeping the Justice Center in Anahuac.

Gloria Way suggested keeping the Justice Center in Anahuac and building the jail on Interstate 10 heading East where there are few residential areas.

FINANCIAL

2.6 Discuss and consider Resolution approving the financing by the Chambers County Local Government Corporation of Jail, Jail-related and Justice Center facilities located within Chambers County, Texas (TEFRA Approval)

23-9-1285 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore to approve the Resolution approving the financing by the Chambers County Local Government Corporation of Jail, Jail-related and Justice Center facilities located within Chambers County, Texas (TEFRA Approval). Comments by Assistant County Attorney Dwayne Simpson, Craig Cunningham of McCall, Parkhurst & Horton and Clay Benford of D.A. Davidson & Co.

Passed; Insert.

FINANCIAL

2.7 Discuss and consider Order approving the issuance by the Chambers County Local Government Corporation of its Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2023A (Justice Center Project) for the primary purpose of providing the funds necessary to finance new justice center facilities in the county; authorizing execution and delivery of the ground lease and facilities lease relating to the financing of the justice center project; authorizing the execution and delivery of documents necessary to carryout out the related bond financing; and containing related matters

23-9-1286 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley to approve the Order approving the issuance by the Chambers County Local Government Corporation of its Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2023A (Justice Center Project) for the primary purpose of providing the funds necessary to finance new Justice Center facilities in the County; authorizing execution and delivery of the ground lease and facilities lease relating to the financing of the Justice Center Project; authorizing the execution and delivery of documents necessary to carryout out the related bond financing; and containing related matters. Comments by Judge Sylvia,

Clay Benford of McCall, Parkhurst & Horton, Assistant County Attorney Dwayne Simpson, Craig Cunningham with D.A. Davidson & Co., Dagley, Hammond, Tice, Gore and Sheriff Brian Hawthorne.

Passed; Insert.

ADMINISTRATION

1.6 Discuss and consider update on the Justice Center project

Agenda Item was pulled.

FINANCIAL

2.1 Discuss and consider the recommendation of the Salary Grievance Committee regarding Elected Official's salary

23-9-1268 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve the recommendation of the Salary Grievance Committee and raise all of the Constables' salaries by \$5,230.00. Comments by Judge Sylvia, Constable, Pct. 5 Brad Moon, Constable, Pct. 2 John Mulryan, Gore, Tice, Dagley and County Auditor Aaron Thomas.

Passed; Insert.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

5.4 Public hearing at 10:00 a.m. regarding the Falcon Port 99 Commerce Center Reinvestment Zone

At 11:04 a.m., Court recessed out of Regular Session and into a public hearing regarding the Falcon Port 99 Commerce Center Reinvestment Zone. There were no public comments. At 11:04 a.m., the Court recessed out of the public hearing and returned to Regular Session.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

5.5 Discuss and consider Order designating the Falcon Port 99 Commerce Center Reinvestment Zone

23-9-1288 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve the order designating the Falcon Port 99 Commerce Center Reinvestment Zone. Comments by Dagley.

Passed; Insert.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

5.6 Discuss and consider the AmeriPort Building 19, LLC Economic Development Program Agreement

23-9-1289 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve the AmeriPort Building 19, LLC Economic Development Program Agreement. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation, Dagley and Gore.

Passed; Insert.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM**5.3 Discuss and consider approving Agreement for Law Enforcement Services between Chambers County Logistics Terminal, L.P. ("CCLT") and Chambers County, Texas**

23-9-1277 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve the agreement for Law Enforcement Services between Chambers County Logistics Terminal, L.P. ("CCLT") and Chambers County, Texas. Comments by Dagley, Gore and Judge Sylvia.

Passed; Insert.

SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/EMS**10.1 Public hearing at 10:00 a.m. regarding the Texas Rice Festival 2023 Mass Gathering Permit**

At 11:14 a.m., the Court recessed out of Regular Session and into a public hearing regarding the Texas Rice Festival 2023 Mass Gathering Permit. There were no public comments. At 11:15 a.m., the Court recessed out of the public hearing and returned to Regular Session.

SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/EMS**10.2 Discuss and consider Texas Rice Festival 2023 Mass Gathering Permit Application**

23-9-1248 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore to approve the Texas Rice Festival 2023 Mass Gathering Permit Application. Comments by Gore.

Passed; Insert.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM**5.1 Discuss and consider approval of the final change order for Longhorn Excavation in the decreased amount of \$533,023.00**

23-9-1256 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice and seconded by Commissioner,

Pct. 3 Hammond to approve the final change order for Longhorn Excavation in the decreased amount of \$533,023.00. Comments by Director of Economic Development and Grand Management Samantha Humphrey and Dagley.

Passed; Insert.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

5.2 Discuss and consider approving a change order in the amount of \$7,876.00 for Quality Towers, for construction changes to the Radio Communications Tower shelter. This project is being funded through ARPA funds.

Agenda Item tabled.

FINANCIAL

2.2 Discuss and consider adopting the 2024 county budget

23-9-1252 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to adopt the 2024 county budget. Comments by County Auditor Aaron Thomas, Judge Sylvia, Gore, Dagley and Hammond.

Passed.

FINANCIAL

2.3 Public hearing at 10:30 a.m. on the 2023 tax rate

At 11:30 a.m., the Court recessed out of Regular Session and into a public hearing regarding the 2023 tax rate. Citizen Rachel Hisler gave a Citizen's Comment stating that she supported County employees receiving a 3.5 percent raise and their longevity pay.

FINANCIAL

2.5 Discuss and consider approving the Parks Department-Community Building Rental Audit Report

23-9-1260 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve the Parks Department-Community Building Rental Audit Report. Comments by County Auditor Aaron Thomas.

Passed; Insert.

ADMINISTRATION

1.4 Discuss and consider Houston-Galveston Area Council General Assembly and Board of Directors designations for 2024

23-9-1278 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore to approve the Houston-Galveston Area Council General Assembly and Board of Directors designations for 2024. Designations remained the same as for the previous term, with Commissioner Hammond serving as a representative to the general assembly and delegate for the board of directors; Commissioner Tice serving as a representative to the general assembly and an alternate on the board of directors; Judge Sylvia serving as the alternate to the general assembly; and Commissioner Gore as the alternate to the general assembly. Comments by Human Resources Director Lauren VanDeventer and Dagley.

Passed; Insert.

ADMINISTRATION

1.5 Discuss and consider nomination of Board of Directors for Chambers County Appraisal District

23-9-1279 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond to nominate Alecia Turner and Joey Presnall to the Board of Directors for Chambers County Appraisal District. Comments by Human Resources Director Lauren VanDeventer.

Passed; Insert.

ROAD & BRIDGE

3.1 Discuss and consider approving speed hump policy

23-9-1273 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley to approve the speed hump policy. Comments by Engineer in Training Natalie Lopez, Gore and Dagley.

Passed; Insert.

ROAD & BRIDGE

3.2 Discuss and consider accepting proposal for environmental consulting services for a stormwater management program with LJA Engineering in the amount of \$28,000.00

23-9-1275 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley to accept the proposal for environmental consulting services for a stormwater management program with LJA Engineering in the amount of \$28,000.00. Comments by Engineer in Training Natalie Lopez.

Passed; Insert.

ROAD & BRIDGE

3.3 Discuss and consider approving the installation of a fence from Bay Area Fence Co. for the new Winnie yard in the amount of \$55,682.00

Agenda Item pulled.

HEALTH & WELFARE

14.1 Discuss and consider 2024 Transamerica Life Insurance Compnay & Retiree RX Care 2024 renewal notice and benefit confirmation

23-9-1281 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond to approve the 2024 Transamerica Life Insurance Compnay & Retiree RX Care 2024 renewal notice and benefit confirmation. Comments by Human Resource Director Lauren VanDeventer.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1 Monthly reports

CONSENT

19.1.a August monthly report - JP 4

23-9-1239 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the August monthly report - JP 4.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.b August monthly report - JP5

23-9-1240 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the August monthly report - JP5.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.c July monthly report - JP6

23-9-1241 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the July monthly report - JP6.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.d August monthly report - JP6

23-9-1242 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the August monthly report - JP6.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.e June 2023 monthly report-County Clerk's Office

23-9-1243 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the June 2023 monthly report-County Clerk's Office.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.f July 2023 monthly report - County Clerk's Office

23-9-1244 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the July 2023 monthly report - County Clerk's Office.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.g Aug. 2023 monthly report - County Clerk's Office

23-9-1245 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the Aug. 2023 monthly report - County Clerk's Office.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.h Monthly Auditor Reports: 2021 Certificates of Obligation Activity-August 2023, 2023 Certificates of Obligation Activity-August 2023, and 2023 Capital Project Activity Report-August 2023

23-9-1253 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the Monthly Auditor Reports: 2021 Certificates of Obligation Activity-August 2023, 2023 Certificates of Obligation Activity-August 2023, and 2023 Capital Project Activity Report-August 2023.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.i District Clerk Monthly Reports July-August 2023

23-9-1263 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the District Clerk Monthly Reports July-August 2023.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.j Accept into record FEMA certificates for Brittany Theiler

23-9-1258 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to accept into record FEMA certificates for Brittany Theiler.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.k TxDot Letter (FM 1406)

23-9-1272 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to accept the TxDot Letter (FM 1406).

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.l Receive in to record Fire Investigator and IFSAC seal for John A. Tatroe

23-9-1246 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to receive in to the record Fire Investigator and IFSAC seal for John A. Tatroe.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.2 Claim Docket/Check Register

23-9-1227 Motion made by Gpre and seconded by Tice to approve the Claim Docket/Check Register.

Passed.

CONSENT

19.3 Travel reimbursements and misc. expenditures

23-9-1228 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the travel reimbursements and misc. expenditures.

Passed.

CONSENT

19.4 Budget amendments/transfers

23-9-1229 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the Budget amendments/transfers.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.5 Approve job descriptions

23-9-1230 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve job descriptions.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.6 Approve payroll changes

23-9-1231 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the payroll changes.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.7 Approve Commissioners Court minutes

CONSENT

19.7.a April 25, 2023, minutes

23-9-1236 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the April 25, 2023, minutes.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.7.b Aug. 11, 2023, minutes

CONSENT

19.7.c Aug. 22, 2023, minutes

23-9-1238 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the Aug. 22, 2023, minutes.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.8 Approve Ameriport, Section 9-Replat No. 1-R&B

23-9-1254 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve Ameriport, Section 9-Replat No. 1-**R&B**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.9 Approve Falcon Kilgore - Minor Plat-R&B

23-9-1255 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve Falcon Kilgore - Minor Plat-**R&B**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.10 Accept into record bi-weekly project report developed by Department of Economic Development and Grant Management-Economic Development

23-9-1259 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to accept into the record the bi-weekly project report developed by the Department of Economic Development and Grant Management-**Economic Development**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.11 Accept Chambers County Library System accreditation by the Texas State Library & Archives Commission for September 1, 2023 - August 31, 2024-Library

23-9-1261 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to accept Chambers County Library System accreditation by the Texas State Library & Archives Commission for September 1, 2023 - August 31, 2024-**Library**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.12 Approve utility application from Anahuac ISD to install sanitary sewer force main at the north right-of-way of Belton Lane-R&B

23-9-1262 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve utility application from Anahuac ISD to install sanitary sewer force main at the north right-of-way of Belton Lane-**R&B**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.13 Accept into record application transcript for 2023 H-GAC Solid Waste Program grant-Economic Development

23-9-1264 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to accept into record application transcript for 2023 H-GAC Solid Waste Program grant-**Economic Development**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.14 Approve the Civil Rights and Authorized Signatories Resolutions for the GLO CDBG Mayhaw Bayou Project-Economic Development

23-9-1265 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the Civil Rights and Authorized Signatories Resolutions for the GLO CDBG Mayhaw Bayou Project-**Economic Development**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT**19.15 Approve the Fair Housing Proclamation for the GLO CDBG-DR Imelda contract-Economic Development**

23-9-1266 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the Fair Housing Proclamation for the GLO CDBG-DR Imelda contract-**Economic Development**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT**19.16 Discuss and consider renewing the annual Building Automation System Maintenance Agreement with Climatec, LLC in the amount of \$14,435.00-Building Maintenance**

23-9-1267 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to renew the annual Building Automation System Maintenance Agreement with Climatec, LLC in the amount of \$14,435.00-**Building Maintenance**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT**19.17 Discuss and consider extending the awning at Goss Library (30' x 16') from Texas Awnings Etc. in the amount of \$7,648.11-Building Maintenance**

23-9-1269 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to extend the awning at Goss Library (30' x 16') from Texas Awnings Etc. in the amount of \$7,648.11-**Building Maintenance**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT**19.18 Discuss and consider installing new concrete pad and awning at Juanita Hargraves Library for a total cost of \$45,742.12-Building Maintenance**

23-9-1270 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to install new concrete pad and awning at Juanita Hargraves Library for a total cost of \$45,742.12-**Building Maintenance**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT**19.19 Discuss and consider installing restroom partition doors at Gregory Park, Winnie-Stowell Park and Safari Run Restrooms from HKR Ranches, LLC in the amount of \$25,460.00-Building Maintenance**

23-9-1271 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to install restroom partition doors at Gregory Park, Winnie-Stowell Park and Safari Run Restrooms from HKR

Ranches, LLC in the amount of \$25,460.00-**Building Maintenance.**

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.20 Discuss and consider TNP scope of services for right of way regarding project Hazel Court Roadway expansion-R&B

23-9-1274 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the TNP scope of services for right of way regarding project Hazel Court Roadway expansion-**R&B.**

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.21 Approve purchase of a gradall from Associated Supply Co. in the amount of \$550,377.84-R&B

23-9-1283 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve purchase of a gradall from Associated Supply Co. in the amount of \$550,377.84-**R&B.**

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.22 Approve Tax Overpayment refunds in the amount of \$10,141.28-Tax Office

23-9-1284 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the Tax Overpayment refunds in the amount of \$10,141.28-**Tax Office.**

Passed; Insert.

At 11:47 a.m., Court adjourned out of Regular Session and entered into Executive Session. At 1:19 p.m. Court returned from Executive Session and entered into Regular Session.

FINANCIAL

2.4 Discuss and consider adopting the 2023 tax rate at 0.448496/\$100

After Executive Session, the Court revisited Agenda Item 2.4 for clarification.

23-9-1251 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore to adopt the 2023 tax rate at 0.448496/\$100.

23-9-1251 Amended motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and amended second made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore to adopt the 2023 tax rate at 0.448495/\$100. Comments by County Auditor Aaron Thomas and Judge Sylvia.

23-9-1251 Amended, amended motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and

amended, amended second made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore, who moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.448495, which is effectively a 3.5 percent increase in the tax rate. Comments by Hammond.

Passed; Insert.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

20.1 Discuss and consider personnel issues-Executive Session

No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

23-9-1234 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to purchase a piece of property in Winnie/Stowell.-**Executive Session.**

Passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

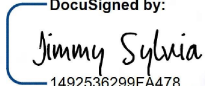
20.3 Discuss and consider FMLA extension request-Executive Session

No action taken.

There being no further business, Court adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

ATTEST:

Heather H. Hawthorne, County Clerk

APPROVED:
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County Judge, Jimmy Sylvia