

On this the 9th day of January, A. D., 2024, 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 Judge Jimmy Sylvia

With the following members absent, to-wit:
County Clerk Heather H. Hawthorne

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.

ADMINISTRATION

1.1 Citizen's comments

FINANCIAL

2.1 Discuss and consider increasing the homestead exemption to persons over 65 or disabled from \$200,000 to \$250,000

24-1-14 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore to increase the homestead exemption to persons over 65 or disabled from \$200,000 to \$250,000. Comments by Hammond, Judge Sylvia, Gore and Tax Assessor-Collector Laurie Payton.

Passed; Insert.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

5.1 Discuss and consider changes to the agreement with TGS to include land swap and an adjusted amount of \$380,549 in land improvements (originally approved on 11/22/22)

24-1-31 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve changes to the agreement with TGS to include land swap and an adjusted amount of \$380,549 in land improvements (originally approved on 11/22/22). Comments by Dagley, Judge Sylvia and County Engineer Robert Hall.

Passed; Insert.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

5.2 Discuss and consider land improvements in lieu of payment from TGS for land clearing and relocation of overhead electrical facilities in the amount of \$226,179.07 leaving a balance of \$114,369.93

24-1-32 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve land improvements in lieu of payment from TGS for land clearing and relocation of overhead electrical facilities in the amount of \$226,179.07 leaving a balance of \$114,369.93. Comments by Dagley and Director of Parks & Recreation John Parrott.

Passed; Insert.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

5.3 Discuss and consider amending local match commitment for proposed Hackberry Gully and Cotton Bayou Drainage Improvements project, submitted for funding consideration through Texas Division of Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

24-1-34 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond to amend local match commitment to up to 25 percent for the proposed Hackberry Gully and Cotton Bayou Drainage Improvements project, submitted for funding consideration through Texas Division of Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and to correct typo. Comments by Director of Economic Development and Grant Administration Samantha Humphrey, Hammond, Judge Sylvia and Dagley.

Passed; Insert.

PARKS & RECREATION

6.1 Discuss and consider request to reject the Patriot Court Systems RFP/Bid accepted on 6/27/2023 Consent Agenda Item 19.23 due to default of the company, and request to go out for RFP/rebid of "Resurfacing and Paint Tennis Courts to Create Pickleball Courts."

24-1-18 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore to reject and rebid the Patriot Court Systems RFP/Bid accepted on 6/27/2023 Consent Agenda Item 19.23 due to default of the company, and request to go out for RFP/rebid of Resurfacing and Paint Tennis Courts to Create Pickleball Courts. Comments by Director of Parks & Recreation John Parrott, Hammond and Judge Sylvia.

Passed.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

17.1 Discuss and consider applying for Senate Bill (SB) 22- Rural Law Enforcement Grant - FY24

24-1-25 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond to apply for Senate Bill (SB) 22- Rural Law Enforcement Grant - FY24. Comments by Nate Shelton of the Chambers County Sheriff's Office.

Passed; Insert.

PERSONNEL

18.1 Discuss and consider proposed changes to the Chambers County Personnel Policy

Agenda Item tabled.

CONSENT

19.1 Monthly reports

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19.1.a December monthly reports-Tax Office

24-1-26 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to accept into the record the December monthly reports-Tax Office

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.2 Claim Docket/Check Register

23-12-1675 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve the Claim Docket/Check Register.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.2.a Payroll Check Register

24-1-24 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve the Payroll Check Register.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.3 Travel reimbursements and misc. expenditures

23-12-1676 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve the Travel reimbursements and misc. expenditures.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.4 Budget amendments/transfers

23-12-1677 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve the Budget amendments/transfers.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.5 Approve job descriptions

None submitted.

CONSENT

19.6 Approve payroll changes

23-12-1679 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve payroll changes.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.7 Approve Commissioners Court minutes

None submitted.

CONSENT

19.8 Approve using Berg Oliver Associates for a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment in the amount of \$4,250.00-R&B

23-12-1691 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve using Berg Oliver Associates for a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment in the amount of \$4,250.00-**R&B**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.9 Accept 2023 Racial Profiling Report for County Fire Marshal's Office-OEM

24-1-2 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to accept 2023 Racial Profiling Report for County Fire Marshal's Office-**OEM**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.10 Approve payment to Vermeer Texas-Louisiana in the amount of \$589,433.00 for the purchase of a Tub Grinder that was approved in Commissioners Court 10/10/2023-Solid Waste

24-1-17 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve payment to Vermeer Texas-Louisiana in the amount of \$589,433.00 for the purchase of a Tub Grinder that was approved in Commissioners Court 10/10/2023-**Solid Waste**

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.11 Approve Treasurer's Report - November 30, 2023

24-1-19 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve Treasurer's Report - November 30, 2023.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.12 Treasurer's Report on the status of the Quality Incentive Payment Program (QIPP) with respect to Chambers County DBA Arboretum Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Winnie. (September 2022 - August 2023) (September 2023 - August 2024)-Treasurer

24-1-20 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve the Treasurer's Report on the status of the Quality Incentive Payment Program (QIPP) with respect to Chambers County DBA Arboretum Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Winnie. (September 2022 - August 2023) (September 2023 - August 2024)-**Treasurer**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.13 Approve the purchase of the BeyondTrust Privileged Remote Access solution-Technology

24-1-21 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve the purchase of the BeyondTrust Privileged Remote Access solution-**Technology**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.14 Approve payment to HKR Ranches, LLC in the amount of \$17,680.00 for the installation of security glass and doors for the Pct. 5 Offices-Building Maintenance

24-1-22 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve payment to HKR Ranches, LLC in the amount of \$17,680.00 for the installation of security glass and doors for the Pct. 5 Offices-**Building Maintenance.**

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.15 Approve the amended Interlocal Agreement between Chambers County and TBCD (Trinity Bay Conservation District) for the replacement of two bridges-Co. Judge

24-1-23 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve the amended Interlocal Agreement between Chambers County and TBCD (Trinity Bay Conservation District) for the replacement of two bridges-**Co. Judge.**

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.16 Approve payment to Hydrex for 2023 Annual report for Groundwater Detection Monitoring-Solid Waste

24-1-27 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve payment to Hydrex for 2023 Annual report for Groundwater Detection Monitoring-**Solid Waste.**

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.17 Approve payment to Kraftsman in the amount of \$87,095.66 to purchase playground equipment for Carver Park-Parks

24-1-29 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve payment to Kraftsman in the amount of \$87,095.66 to purchase playground equipment for Carver Park-**Parks.**

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.18 Approve Tyler ERP Pro (Incode Financials) 2024 Annual Maintenance Payment in the amount of \$145,824.24-Technology

24-1-33 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve Tyler ERP Pro (Incode Financials) 2024 Annual Maintenance Payment in the amount of \$145,824.24-**Technology.**

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.19 Approve payment to Commercial Electronics in the amount of \$16,506.46 for dispatch logging recorder-Communications

24-1-37 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve payment to Commercial Electronics in the amount of \$16,506.46 for dispatch logging recorder. - **Communications.**

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.20 Approve payment to Motorola-Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$21,180.00 for radio batteries-Communications

24-1-38 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve payment to Motorola-Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$21,180.00 for radio batteries. - **Communications.**

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.21 Approve payment to Motorola-Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$10,689.08 for portable radios for Emergency Services-Communications

24-1-39 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve payment to Motorola-Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$10,689.08 for portable radios for Emergency Services. - **Communications**

Passed; Insert.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

5.4 Discuss and consider John Cockerill Hydrogen North America LLC Economic Development Agreement

24-1-36 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to accept the John Cockerill Hydrogen North America LLC Economic Development Agreement. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation, and Dagley.

Passed; Insert.

ROAD & BRIDGE

3.1 Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. to discuss partial abandonment of Poncho Street in Oak Island, TX

At 10:07 a.m., the Court recessed out of Regular Session and entered into a public hearing regarding the partial abandonment of Poncho Street in Oak Island, Texas. Oak Island residents Sam Glass, Vicky Dearman, Shelby Jones, Al Salazar, David Pingry, Henry Munson and Mark Pagles all gave Citizens' Comments opposing the abandonment of Poncho Street. At 10:27 a.m. following the Citizens' Comments, the Court recessed out of the public hearing and returned to Regular Session.

ROAD & BRIDGE

3.2 Discuss and consider the partial abandonment of Poncho Street in Oak Island, TX

24-1-16 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to deny the abandonment of Poncho Street in Oak Island, TX. Comments by Gore, Sam Glass, Hammond, Dagley and Tice.

Passed; Insert.

At 10:34 a.m., the Court entered into Executive Session. At 11:31 a.m., the Court returned from Executive Session. No action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

20.1 Discuss and consider personnel issues-Executive Session

No action taken.

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

No action taken.

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20.3 Discuss and consider FMLA extension request-Executive Session

No action taken.

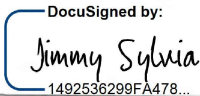
There being no further business, Court adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Heather H. Hawthorne, County Clerk

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County Judge, Jimmy Sylvia

