

On this the 12th day of December, 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
County Clerk Heather H. Hawthorne
County Judge Jimmy Sylvia

With the following members absent, to-wit:
Commissioner, Pct. 2 Mark Tice

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 9:38 a.m. into Open Session. Assistant County Attorney Dwayne Simpson 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

Beach City Mayor Ken Pantin gave a Citizen's Comment and presented the Court with a check for \$72,708.00. This was to reimburse the County for the funds it provided for a drainage project that the County, the City of Beach City, CCID 1 and the Barrow Ranch Home Owners Association collaborated on.

ADMINISTRATION

1.2 Discuss and consider Resolution recognizing Raymond Anders for 25 years of service to the Oak Island-Double Bayou Volunteer Fire Department

23-12-1589 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond to approve the Resolution recognizing Raymond Anders for 25 years of service to the Oak Island-Double Bayou Volunteer Fire Department. Comments by Mr. Anders and Will Carter from US Representative Dr. Brian Babin's Office. Mr. Carter also presented Mr. Anders with a certificate to honor his service to his community.

Passed; Insert.

ADMINISTRATION

1.3 Discuss and consider changes to the 2023 Chambers County TCDRS (Texas County District Retirement System) Plan- (Presentation by Ralph Wallace)

Ralph Wallace of Texas County & District Retirement System (TCDRS) briefed the Court on changes to the employee retirement plan. He said retirement benefits would be increased to \$2.50 for every \$1.00 the employee contributes. No action was taken, as the Court had previously voted to approve the change.

ADMINISTRATION

1.6 Discuss and consider giving notice and setting a public hearing for the adoption of an ordinance related to the County's regulation of Junkyards and Automotive Wrecking and Salvage Yards pursuant to Section 234 of the Texas Local Government Code and Section 396 of the Texas Transportation Code

23-12-1614 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley to give notice and set a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on January 23, 2024, for the adoption of an ordinance related to the County's regulation of Junkyards and Automotive Wrecking and Salvage Yards pursuant to Section 234 of the Texas Local Government Code and Section 396 of the Texas Transportation Code. Comments by Gore.

Passed; Insert.

ADMINISTRATION

1.4 Discuss and consider Resolution recognizing December 12, 2023, as Tree of Angels Day (10:30 a.m.)

23-12-1612 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond to approve Resolution recognizing December 12, 2023, as Tree of Angels Day (10:30 a.m.). Comments by District Attorney Cheryl Lieck Henry.

Passed; Insert.

ADMINISTRATION

1.5 Discuss and consider re-appointment of Commissioners to the Chambers County Emergency Services District No. 1, Places 2 and 5

23-12-1613 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley to re-appoint Brad Crone and Kenneth Thibodeaux to the Chambers County Emergency Services District No. 1, Places 2 and 5.

Passed; Insert.

ADMINISTRATION

1.7 Discuss and consider voting for Chambers County Appraisal District Board of Directors

23-12-1615 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore and seconded by

Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley to formally vote for Alecia Turner and Joey Presnall for Chambers County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

Passed; Insert.

ADMINISTRATION

1.8 Discuss and consider appointing Navigation and Canal Commissioners for Chambers-Liberty Navigation District (January 1, 2024-December 31, 2028)

23-12-1622 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley to appoint David Barber to replace Dave Wilcox on the Navigation and Canal Commissioners for Chambers-Liberty Navigation District (January 1, 2024-December 31, 2028).

Passed; Insert.

ROAD & BRIDGE

3.1 Discuss and consider Teague Nall & Perkins (TNP) Scope of Right of Ways Services for Chambers Parkway - Phase II in the amount \$154,800.00

23-12-1605 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore to approve Teague Nall & Perkins (TNP) Scope of Right of Ways Services for Chambers Parkway - Phase II in the amount \$154,800.00. Comments by Engineer in Training Natalie Lopez.

Passed; Insert.

ROAD & BRIDGE

3.2 Discuss and consider accepting a donation of land from Cryogenic Vessel Alternative being a 0.734 acre tract situated in the R.A. Porter Survey, Abstract number 205, Chambers County, Texas

23-12-1606 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore to accept a donation of land from Cryogenic Vessel Alternative being a 0.734 acre tract situated in the R.A. Porter Survey, Abstract number 205, Chambers County, Texas. Comments by Engineer in Training Natalie Lopez.

Passed; Insert.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

5.1 Discuss and consider authorizing Task Authorization 3 for professional design work through construction for TNP for the Chambers County Emergency Services Facility, partially funded through Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs grant

23-12-1590 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore to authorize Task Authorization 3 for professional design work through construction for TNP for the Chambers County Emergency Services

Facility, partially funded through Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs grant. Comments by Director of Economic Development and Grant Administration Samantha Humphrey and Hammond.

Passed; Insert.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

5.2 Discuss and consider Section 3 policy updates and information for the County's TxCDBG Contract #CDV21-0074 - Oak Street Bridge Project

No action taken.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

5.3 Discuss and consider participating in Viewpoint Project

23-12-1608 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore and seconded by County Judge Sylvia to proceed forward in communications with Viewpoint Project. Comments by Director of Economic Development and Grant Administration Samantha Humphrey, County Auditor Aaron Thomas, Judge Sylvia and Gore.

Passed; Insert.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

5.4 Discuss and consider Targa Downstream, LLC Frac. IX Economic Development Agreement

23-12-1617 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley to approve the Targa Downstream, LLC Frac. IX Economic Development Agreement. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed; Insert.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

5.5 Discuss and consider Targa Downstream, LLC Frac. X Economic Development Agreement

23-12-1618 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond to approve the Targa Downstream, LLC Frac. X Economic Development Agreement. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed; Insert.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

5.6 Discuss and consider BGFP Houston, LLC Economic Development Agreement

23-12-1619 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond to approve the BGFP Houston, LLC Economic Development Agreement. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed; Insert.

MAINTENANCE & BUILDINGS

7.1 Discuss and consider bidding the Road and Bridge Shop/Warehouse using Competitive Sealed Proposal method

23-12-1598 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore to bid the Road and Bridge Shop/Warehouse using Competitive Sealed Proposal method. Comments by Project Manager Mike Lessely and Hammond.

Passed.

CONSENT

19.13 Discuss and consider change order for Tippet Construction to re-route the water and sewer lines at Whites Park New Restroom in the amount of \$6,500.00-Building Maintenance

23-12-1599 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to change order for Tippet Construction to re-route the water and sewer lines at Whites Park New Restroom in the amount of \$6,500.00-**Building Maintenance**.

Passed; Insert.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

9.1 Discuss and consider Nuisance Abatement located at 106 Oyster Dr., Oak Island

23-12-1623 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore to forego placing a lien on property at 106 Oyster Drive in Oak Island due to a nuisance abatement. Comments by Environmental Health Compliance and Enforcement Coordinator Victoria Figueroa and Judge Sylvia.

Passed; Insert.

SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/EMS

10.1 Discuss and consider approving EMS Medical Director contract with Dr. John Redman

23-11-1582 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley to approve EMS Medical Director contract with Dr. John Redman. Comments by Emergency Services Coordinator Ryan Holzaepfel.

Passed; Insert.

SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/EMS**10.2 Discuss and consider 2024 funding for volunteer fire departments**

23-12-1600 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond to approve 2024 funding for volunteer fire departments. Comments by Emergency Services Coordinator Ryan Holzaepfel.

Passed; Insert.

SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/EMS**10.3 Discuss and consider 2024 funding for EMS Departments**

23-12-1601 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley to approve 2024 funding for EMS Departments.

Passed; Insert.

SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/EMS**10.4 Discuss and consider revision to Emergency Services Guidelines**

23-12-1609 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore to approve revision to Emergency Services Guidelines. Comments by Emergency Services Coordinator Ryan Holzaepfel.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT**19.1 Monthly reports****CONSENT****19.1.a Accept into record TCFP Fire Marshal Certification for Ryan Holzaepfel**

23-12-1586 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to accept into record TCFP Fire Marshal Certification for Ryan Holzaepfel.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT**19.1.b Accept 2023 Certificate of Compliance - County Treasurer's Association of Texas - Continuing Education (Nicole Whittington)**

23-12-1583 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to accept 2023 Certificate of Compliance - County Treasurer's Association of Texas - Continuing Education (Nicole Whittington).

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.c Accept 2024 Certificate of Compliance - County Treasurer's Association of Texas - Public Funds Investment Act (Nicole Whittington)

23-12-1584 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to accept 2024 Certificate of Compliance - County Treasurer's Association of Texas - Public Funds Investment Act (Nicole Whittington).

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.d November monthly report-JP, 2

23-12-1610 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to accept the November monthly report-JP, 2.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.2 Claim Docket/Check Register

23-11-1557 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve the Claim Docket/Check Register.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.3 Travel reimbursements and misc. expenditures

23-11-1558 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve the travel reimbursements and misc. expenditures.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.4 Budget amendments/transfers

23-11-1559 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve the Budget amendments/transfers.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.5 Approve job descriptions

23-11-1560 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve job descriptions.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.6 Approve payroll changes

23-11-1561 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve payroll changes, including an account transfer for Makayla Emmons-Smith and new hire Maria Ruiz.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.6.a 2024 Approved increases

23-12-1627 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve the 2024 Approved increases.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.7 Approve Commissioners Court minutes

CONSENT

19.7.a Nov. 17, 2023, Special Called Meeting

23-12-1597 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve the Nov. 17, 2023, Special Called Meeting minutes.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.8 Approve execution of no-cost contract amendment to CDBG-DR Hankamer Wastewater Treatment Plant to reflect closeout of the project, effective February 2024-Eco Development

23-12-1585 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve execution of a no-cost contract amendment to CDBG-DR Hankamer Wastewater Treatment Plant to reflect closeout of the project, effective February 2024-**Eco Development**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.9 Approve the purchase of a network switch from CDW Government, LLC in the amount of \$49,410.99-Technology

23-12-1587 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve the purchase of a network switch from CDW Government, LLC in the amount of \$49,410.99-**Technology**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.10 Approve the purchase of a fiber line card from CDW Government, LLC in the amount of \$13,000.00-Technology

23-12-1588 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve the purchase of a fiber line card from CDW Government, LLC in the amount of \$13,000.00-**Technology**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.11 Accept into record project report developed by Department of Economic Development and Grant Management-Eco Development

23-12-1591 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to accept into record project report developed by the Department of Economic Development and Grant Management-**Eco Development**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.12 Approve the purchase of network equipment for the health services building from CDW Government, LLC in the amount of \$16,516.00-Technology

23-12-1592 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve the purchase of network equipment for the health services building from CDW Government, LLC in the amount of \$16,516.00-**Technology**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.14 Approve the purchase of drones from the CCSO - Port Security Grant in the amount of \$69,615.18-CCSO

Agenda item tabled.

CONSENT

19.15 Approve CCSO Operation Lones Star grant purchase of license plate reader in the amount of \$64,645.00-CCSO

Agenda item tabled.

CONSENT

19.16 Approve contract renewal with Dr. Diane Gregory to provide basic vision care for Chambers County Indigent Program FY2024-Indigent Health

23-12-1604 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve contract renewal with Dr. Diane Gregory to provide basic vision care for Chambers County Indigent Program FY2024-**Indigent Health**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.17 Approve purchase of NetMotion Complete VPN licensing from Mobile Wireless, LLC in the amount of \$7,851.35-Technology

23-12-1607 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve purchase of NetMotion Complete VPN licensing from Mobile Wireless, LLC in the amount of \$7,851.35-**Technology**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.18 Approve Independent Contractor Agreement for consulting services between Chambers County and Robert (Bobby) L. Hall, Jr. (January 1, 2024-December 31, 2024)-R&B

23-12-1616 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve Independent Contractor Agreement for consulting services between Chambers County and Robert (Bobby) L. Hall, Jr. (January 1, 2024-December 31, 2024)-**R&B**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.19 Approve the purchase of a Disc Golf Course for White's Park from V.I.S.N, LLC in the amount of \$33,075.00-Parks

23-12-1620 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve the purchase of a Disc Golf Course for White's Park from V.I.S.N, LLC in the amount of \$33,075.00-Parks.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.20 Approve the purchase of baseball and softball items from BSN Sports for Sports Complexes in the amount of \$23,944.00-Parks

23-12-1621 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve the purchase of baseball and softball items from BSN Sports for Sports Complexes in the amount of \$23,944.00-**Parks**.

Passed; Insert.

At 11:50 a.m, the Court recessed out of Regular Session and entered into Executive Session. At 1:34 p.m., the Court returned from Executive Session and returned to Regular Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

20.1 Discuss and consider personnel issues-Executive Session

No action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

No action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

20.3 Discuss and consider FMLA extension request-Executive Session

No action was taken.

There being no further business, Court adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

ATTEST:



Heather H. Hawthorne
Heather H. Hawthorne, County Clerk

APPROVED:

DocuSigned by:

Jimmy Gore

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County Judge, Jimmy Sylvia