

On this the 10th day of September, 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 9:36 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

Dawn Michelle Moses gave a Citizen's Comment telling the Court that the County would soon have a Civil Rights lawsuit and that citizens needed to be concerned about their tax dollars being wasted on malicious prosecution. Travis Eiland also gave a Citizen's Comment accusing many in the Chambers County government of an array of crimes.

FINANCIAL

2.1 Discuss and consider Southeast Texas Housing Finance Corporation Grant (SETH) 2023 Audit Report

24-9-965 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore to accept the Southeast Texas Housing Finance Corporation Grant (SETH) 2023 Audit Report. Comments by County Auditor Aaron Thomas, Deputy Director of Economic Development and Grant Management Robbie King and Director of Economic Development and Grant Management Samantha Humphrey.

Passed; Insert.

FINANCIAL

2.2 Discuss and consider setting the proposed tax rate of .440035 and adopt it on September 24, 2024

24-9-975 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore and seconded by Commissioner,

Pct. 2 Tice to set the proposed tax rate of .440035 and adopt it on September 24, 2024. Comments by County Auditor Aaron Thomas.

Passed; Insert.

ROAD & BRIDGE

3.1 Discuss and consider approving Order of the Commissioners Court Pursuant to Texas Transportation Code Section 254.008 for the Removal of Blockage from Private Ditches

24-9-991 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond to approve an Order of the Commissioners' Court Pursuant to Texas Transportation Code Section 254.008 for the Removal of Blockage from Private Ditches. Comments by Engineering Director Natalie Lopez.

Passed; Insert.

ENGINEERING/PROJECT MANAGEMENT

4.1 Discuss and consider approving Project Katie Resolution for Public Necessity

24-9-975 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve Project Katie Resolution for Public Necessity. Comments by Engineering Director Natalie Lopez and County Purchasing Agent George Barrera.

Passed; Insert.

ENGINEERING/PROJECT MANAGEMENT

4.2 Discuss and consider setting a public hearing on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. to amend County Drainage Criteria, Subdivision Regulations and Public Infrastructure Design Standards manual

24-9-988 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to set a public hearing on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. to amend the County Drainage Criteria, Subdivision Regulations and Public Infrastructure Design Standards manual. Comments by Engineering Director Natalie Lopez and Judge Sylvia.

Passed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

5.1 Discuss and consider allocating \$17,485.00 from ARPA funds to the TDA (Texas Department of Agriculture) Oak Street Bridge project

24-9-965 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to allocate \$17,485.00 from ARPA funds to the TDA (Texas Department of

Agriculture) Oak Street Bridge project. Comments by Deputy Director of Economic Development and Grant Management Robbie King.

Passed; Insert.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

5.2 Discuss and consider Dixie Cullen Interests, Inc. FTZ Non-Objection Letter Application and FTZ PILOT Agreement

24-9-992 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve the Dixie Cullen Interests, Inc. FTZ Non-Objection Letter Application and FTZ PILOT Agreement. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation, Gore and Dagley.

Passed; Insert.

PARKS & RECREATION

6.1 Discuss and consider purchasing 24 benches (benches and installation) for Pickleball Courts at Little Eagle Park in the amount of \$24,933.00 from Quality Courts and Outdoors

24-9-962 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond to purchase 24 benches (benches and installation) for Pickleball Courts at Little Eagle Park in the amount of \$24,933.00 from Quality Courts and Outdoors. Comments by Director of Parks & Recreation John Parrott and County Purchasing Agent George Barrera.

Passed; Insert.

PARKS & RECREATION

6.2 Discuss and consider reallocating \$60,991.57 from CO23--PARKS--031 and \$5819.43 from CO23--PARKS--024 for a new project code CO23--PARKS--044 for fans at White's Park arena

24-9-971 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to reallocate \$60,991.57 from CO23--PARKS--031 and \$5819.43 from CO23--PARKS--024 for a new project code CO23--PARKS--044 for fans at White's Park Arena. Comments by Director of Parks & Recreation John Parrott and Gore.

Passed; Insert.

PARKS & RECREATION

6.3 Discuss and consider approving the purchase of fans in the amount of \$66,811.00 for Whites Parks Arena

24-9-972 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore and seconded by Commissioner,

Pct. 2 Tice to approve the purchase of fans in the amount of \$66,811.00 for White's Parks Arena. Comments by Director of Parks & Recreation John Parrott.

Passed; Insert.

PARKS & RECREATION

6.4 Discuss and consider approving purchase of football equipment for ECYFL (East Chambers Youth Football League) from BSN Sports in the amount of \$4,414.59

24-9-978 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve purchase of football equipment for ECYFL (East Chambers Youth Football League) from BSN Sports in the amount of \$4,414.59. Comments by Director of Parks & Recreation John Parrott, Judge Sylvia, Gore, County Purchasing Agent George Barrera, County Auditor Aaron Thomas, Tice, Project Manager Mike Gafford, Hammond and Dagley.

Passed; Insert.

PARKS & RECREATION

6.5 Discuss and consider accepting a donation in the amount of \$129,744.00 from AMDD (Anahuac Municipal Development District) for three (3) shade structures and four (4) Pickleball Courts at Ft. Anahuac Park

24-9-987 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to accept a donation in the amount of \$129,744.00 from AMDD (Anahuac Municipal Development District) for three (3) shade structures and four (4) Pickleball Courts at Ft. Anahuac Park. Comments by Gore, Director of Parks & Recreation John Parrott, Dagley and AMDD member Kenneth Miller.

Passed.

SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/EMS

10.1 Discuss and consider applying for ONEOK Grant of \$5,000.00 to purchase equipment to be utilized on side-by-side to assist with transporting patients out of remote areas

24-9-967 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore to apply for ONEOK Grant of \$5,000.00 to purchase equipment to be utilized on side-by-side to assist with transporting patients out of remote areas. Comments by Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator Jeffery Choate.

Passed; Insert.

SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/EMS

10.2 Public hearing at 10:00 a.m. regarding the Texas Rice Festival Mass Gathering Permit

At 10:11 a.m., the Court recessed out of Regular Session and entered into a public hearing regarding the Texas Rice Festival Mass Gathering Permit. There were no public comments. At 10:12 a.m., the Court recessed out of the public hearing and returned to Regular Session.

SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/EMS**10.3 Discuss and consider approving the Mass Gathering Permit for Texas Rice Festival to be held October 2-5, 2024**

24-9-978 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve the Mass Gathering Permit for Texas Rice Festival to be held October 2-5, 2024. Comments by Emergency Services Coordinator Ryan Holzaepfel, County Purchasing Agent George Barrera, Gore and Judge Sylvia.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT**19.1 Monthly reports****CONSENT****19.1.a August monthly report-JP 5**

24-9-966 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to accept the August monthly report-JP 5.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT**19.1.b Monthly Auditor Reports: 2021 Certificates of Obligation Activity Report-August 2024, 2023 Certificates of Obligation Activity Report-August 2024, and 2024 Capital Projects Activity Report-August 2024.**

24-9-969 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to accept the monthly Auditor Reports: 2021 Certificates of Obligation Activity Report-August 2024, 2023 Certificates of Obligation Activity Report-August 2024, and 2024 Capital Projects Activity Report-August 2024.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT**19.1.c July monthly report-District Clerk**

24-9-979 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to accept the July monthly report-District Clerk.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.d August monthly report-JP 1

24-9-983 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to accept the August monthly report-JP 1.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.e August monthly report-JP 2

24-9-984 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to accept the August monthly report-JP 2.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.f Certificate of Completion - Aaron Thomas

24-9-963 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to accept into the record the Certificate of Completion - Aaron Thomas.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.2 Claim Docket/Check Register

24-8-933 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve the Claim Docket/Check Register.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.2.a Payroll Check Register

24-9-986 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve the Payroll Check Register.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.3 Travel reimbursements and misc. expenditures

24-8-934 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve the travel reimbursements and misc. expenditures.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.4 Budget amendments/transfers

24-8-935 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve the Budget amendments/transfers.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.5 Approve job descriptions

24-8-936 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve the job descriptions.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.6 Approve payroll changes

24-8-937 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve payroll changes.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.7 Approve Commissioners Court minutes

None submitted.

CONSENT

19.8 Approve going out for bids for 2025 aviation fuel-Airport

24-8-958 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve going out for bids for 2025 aviation fuel-Airport

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.9 Approve going out for bids for Insecticides, Contractual Pilot Services and Contractual Aerial Services-Mosquito Control

24-8-959 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve going out for bids for Insecticides, Contractual Pilot Services and Contractual Aerial Services-Mosquito Control.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.10 Approve payment to Houston Product Processing (HPP) in the amount of \$5,096. 52 for rock used at the landfill-Solid Waste

24-8-960 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve payment to Houston Product Processing (HPP) in the amount of \$5,096.52 for rock used at the landfill.-**Solid Waste**

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.11 Approve Memorandum of Understanding between Chambers County Sheriff's Office & Texas Rags to Riches for animal services-CCSO

24-8-961 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Chambers County Sheriff's Office and Texas Rags to Riches for animal services-**CCSO**.

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 2023 - August 2024) (September 2024 - August 2025)

24-9-964 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to accept 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 2023 - August 2024) (September 2024 - August 2025).

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.13 Approve Ameriport Parkway Section Two-R&B

24-9-968 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve Ameriport Parkway Section Two-**R&B**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.14 Ameriport Business Park Street Dedication final plat-R&B

24-9-970 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve the Ameriport Business Park Street Dedication final plat-**R&B**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.15 Approve Pacheco Koch a Westwood company invoice for Kilgore Segment 1 Sediment Removal and Bank Repair in the amount of \$5,587.50-R&B

24-9-976 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve Pacheco Koch a Westwood company invoice for Kilgore Segment 1 Sediment Removal and Bank Repair in the amount of \$5,587.50-**R&B**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.16 Approve purchase of Refresh EOC Meeting Space AV Equipment from DataVox (TIPS Contract) in the amount of \$41,655.30-Technology

24-9-980 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve purchase of Refresh EOC Meeting Space AV Equipment from DataVox (TIPS Contract) in the amount of \$41,655.30-**Technology**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.17 Approve renewal of Keeper Enterprise Password Manager-Technology

24-9-981 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve renewal of Keeper Enterprise Password Manager-**Technology**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.18 Request for approval of Tax Overpayment Refunds (Sec.31.11)-Tax Office

24-9-982 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve Tax Overpayment Refunds (Sec.31.11)-**Tax Office**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.19 Approve Treasurer's Report - July 31, 2024-Treasurer

24-9-985 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve Treasurer's Report - July 31, 2024-**Treasurer**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.20 Approve Constable and Sheriff's fees for 2025-County Clerk

24-9-989 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to approve Constable and

Sheriff's fees for 2025-**County Clerk**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.21 Accept CCJC August project update-County Judge

24-9-990 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Hammond to accept CCJC August project update-**County Judge**.

Passed; Insert.

Court recessed out of Regular Session and into Executive Session at 10:14 a.m. At 11:57 a.m., Court recessed from Executive Session returned to Regular Session.

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

No action taken.

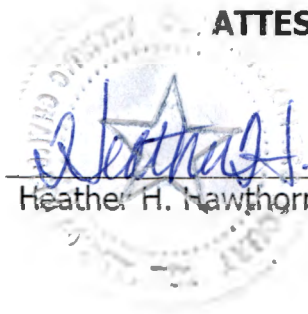
EXECUTIVE SESSION

20.3 Discuss and consider FMLA extension request-Executive Session

No action taken.

There being no further business, Court adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

ATTEST:



Heather H. Hawthorne
Heather H. Hawthorne, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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Jimmy Sylvia
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County Judge, Jimmy Sylvia