

On this the 8th day of July, A. D., 2025, the Commissioners' Court of Chambers County, with the following members present, to-wit:

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:

Commissioner, Pct. 1 Jimmy Gore
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 9:40 a.m. into Open Session. Emergency Services Chief Ryan Holzaepfel 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

Emergency Services Chief Ryan Holzaepfel gave an update regarding the July 4, 2025, flooding in Kerr County. Deputy EMC & Safety Officer Jeffery Choate was deployed to Hunt, Texas, to assist with damage assessment at the request of the Texas Division of Emergency Management. At the time, the death toll stood at 104. Human Resource Director Lauren VanDeventer said eight Citizens' Comments had been submitted online in favor of agenda item 6.3, discuss and consider approving Tarkett Sports for the construction of turfing the infields at both Jim Silva Sports Complex and Don McLeod Sports Complex in the amount of \$2,297,537.00. These were submitted by Michael Harmon, Brittany Harmon, Jan Hutcherson, Rylea Bryant, James Hutcherson, Aremy Prater, Rachelle Aaron and Adam Shibley. Rachel Hisler gave a Citizen's Comment against agenda item 6.3. Jerry Gainer gave a Citizen's Comment on the Crystal Lake RV Park and the confusion regarding permits for the duplex expansion of the park. David Clark of the Cove VFD gave a Citizen's Comment thanking the Court for the new driveway at the Cove Volunteer Fire Department.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

17.1 Discuss and consider accepting a donation of a Dutch Shepherd named "Bama," provided by the Shane Detwiler Foundation and presented by Cheryl Railsback, President of the Shane Detwiler Foundation and mother of Shane Detwiler

25-7-775 Motion made by Commissioners' Court and seconded by Commissioners'

Court to accept a donation of a Dutch Shepherd named "Bama," provided by the Shane Detwiler Foundation and presented by Cheryl Railsback, President of the Shane Detwiler Foundation and mother of Shane Detwiler. Comments made by Sheriff Brian Hawthorne and Cheryl Railsback.

Passed; Insert.

PARKS & RECREATION

6.1 Discuss and consider approving the transfer of \$10,267.81 from CO24--PARKS-020 (Trucks) and \$1,000 from CO24--PARKS-021 (Supervisor Truck) to make a new account for Trailer (CO24--PARKS--023)

25-6-749 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve the transfer of \$10,267.81 from CO24--PARKS-020 (Trucks) and \$1,000 from CO24--PARKS-021 (Supervisor Truck) to make a new account for Trailer (CO24--PARKS--023). Comments by Director of Parks & Recreation John Parrott.

Passed; Insert.

PARKS & RECREATION

6.2 Discuss and consider reallocating \$297,537 from CO24-Golf Course upgrades to CO24-Parks-004/008 Jim Silva/Don Mcleod Park Improvements

25-7-754 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley to reallocate \$297,537 from CO24-Golf Course upgrades to CO24-Parks-004/008 Jim Silva/Don Mcleod Park Improvements. Hammond voted nay. Comments by Director of Parks & Recreation John Parrott.

Passed.

PARKS & RECREATION

6.3 Discuss and consider approving Tarkett Sports for the construction of turfing the infields at both Jim Silva Sports Complex and Don McLeod Sports Complex in the amount of \$2,297,537.00

25-7-755 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley to approve Tarkett Sports for the construction of turfing the infields at both Jim Silva Sports Complex and Don McLeod Sports Complex in the amount of \$2,297,537.00. Hammond voted nay. A.C. Lowe gave a Citizen's Comment against the agenda item. He also objected to it being back on the agenda. Gloria Way also gave a Citizen's Comment saying the issue should never have been on the agenda since the money had already been budgeted and approved. Judge Sylvia, Tice, Dagley and Parks & Recreation Director John Parrott gave comments supporting the agenda item. Dagley

reminded the Court that the money was budgeted last year and the bond had already been sold. Hammond commented against the expenditure.

Passed; Insert.

PARKS & RECREATION

6.4 Discuss and consider reallocating \$8,500,000.00 from CO23-Chambers Parkway to CPC-2024 Chambers County Soccer Complex

25-7-763 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to reallocate \$8,500,000.00 from CO23-Chambers Parkway to CPC-2024 Chambers County Soccer Complex. Comments by Dagley, Hammond and Judge Sylvia.

Passed; Insert.

PARKS & RECREATION

6.5 Discuss and consider awarding Carter Construction the contract for the construction of the Chambers Parkway Community Building and Soccer Complex

25-7-764 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to award Carter Construction the contract for the construction of the Chambers Parkway Community Building and Soccer Complex. Comments by Tom Rutledge with TNP Inc., Dagley and Hammond. Charlie Jabbia of N&T Construction gave a Citizen's Comment objecting to the decision to go with Carter Construction, reminding the Court that Carter was the highest bidder and would likely have to hire a general contractor for the community building and concession stand.

Passed; Insert.

PARKS & RECREATION

6.6 Discuss and consider approving to go out for an RFP (Request for Proposal) for landscaping services for three largest parks that are by water (Ft. Anahuac Park, Whites Park and Double Bayou Park)

25-7-784 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley to go out for an RFP (Request for Proposal) for landscaping services for the three largest parks that are by water (Ft. Anahuac Park, Whites Park and Double Bayou Park). Comments by Director of Parks & Recreation John Parrott, Judge Sylvia, Tice and Dagley.

Passed.

PARKS & RECREATION

6.7 Discuss and consider rejecting the Winnie Pickleball Court bids, due to

specs not being met on bids

25-7-785 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to reject the Winnie Pickleball Court bids, due to specs not being met on bids. Comments by County Purchasing Agent George Barrera, Parks & Recreation Director John Parrott and Judge Sylvia.

Passed.

GOLF COURSE**12.1 Discuss and consider approving that all Chambers County employees (current or retired) pay no green fees**

25-7-773 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve that all Chambers County employees pay half price on green fees. Comments by Director of Parks & Recreation John Parrott, Judge Sylvia, Robert Hall, Dagley and Human Resources Director Lauren VanDeventer.

Passed; Insert.

GOLF COURSE**12.2 Discuss and consider approving Integrity Turf LLC for the green's aerification at Chambers County Golf Course for an amount not to exceed \$11,000.00**

25-7-783 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve Integrity Turf LLC for the green's aerification at Chambers County Golf Course for an amount not to exceed \$11,000.00. Comments by Director of Parks & Recreation John Parrotts.

Passed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM**5.1 Discuss and consider First Amendment to the Tinci Materials Texas, LLC Economic Development Program Agreement**

25-7-778 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve the First Amendment to the Tinci Materials Texas, LLC Economic Development Program Agreement. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed; Insert.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

5.2 Discuss and consider Targa Train 11, LLC Ch. 381 Economic Development Program Agreement

25-7-779 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley to approve Targa Train 11, LLC Ch. 381 Economic Development Program Agreement. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundaiton.

Passed; Insert.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM**5.3 Discuss and consider the Chambers County Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) Policy**

B.J. Simon gave a presentation regarding the Chambers County Foreign Trade Zone Policy. He told the Court that Foreign Trade Zones are areas inside the United States that are "legally considered to be outside of national customs territory." These zones are controlled by a federal program that reduces and sometimes eliminates import tariffs. There are 35 Foreign Trade Zones in Texas, with four being located in Chambers County. No action taken.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM**5.4 Discuss and consider providing loan to Chambers County Youth Project Show in the amount of \$399,900.00 to cover exhibitor payout and outstanding bills**

25-7-781 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to provide a loan to Chambers County Youth Project Show in the amount of \$399,900.00 to cover exhibitor payout and outstanding bills. Comments by Director of Economic Development and Grant Management Samantha Humphrey, Dagley, Judge Sylvia and Tice.

Passed; Insert.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM**5.5 Discuss and consider allocating \$4,452.31 to cover 2025 Chambers County Youth Project Show Ranch Rodeo expenses**

25-7-782 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley to allocate \$4,452.31 to cover 2025 Chambers County Youth Project Show Ranch Rodeo expenses. Comments by Director of Economic Development and Grant Management Samantha Humphrey and County Auditor Aaron Thomas.

Passed; Insert.

HEALTH & WELFARE**14.1 Discuss and consider approving the Texas Department of State Health Services "Notice to Proceed" with the partially funded Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) grant year (2) activities in the amount of \$74,305.00**

Health Services Director Mary Beth Bess gave an update regarding the Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant. She told the Court that only 75 percent of the funds had been released to the County. She said this could result in a \$30,000.00 decrease in funding. No action taken.

MAINTENANCE & BUILDINGS**7.3 Discuss and consider approving deductive change order for Emergency Services Warehouse Renovations**

25-7-782 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve deductive change order for Emergency Services Warehouse Renovations. Comments by Director of Building Maintenance and Construction Mike Gafford and County Purchasing Agent George Barrera.

Passed; Insert.

ENGINEERING/PROJECT MANAGEMENT**4.1 Discuss and consider going out for bid for chip sealing Precinct 1 roadways and the rehabilitation of Doornbos Road**

25-7-774 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley to go out for bid for chip sealing Precinct 1 roadways and the rehabilitation of Doornbos Road. Comments by Engineering Director Zachary Vogler.

Passed; Insert.

ENGINEERING/PROJECT MANAGEMENT**4.2 Discuss and consider going out for bid on the expansion of McCollum Park**

25-7-775 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to go out for bid on the expansion of McCollum Park. Comments by Engineering Director Zachary Vogler and Hammond.

Passed.

SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/EMS**10.1 Discuss and consider a countywide emergency services study with Emergency Services Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$21,500.00**

25-6-750 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve a countywide emergency services study with Emergency Services Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$21,500.00. Comments by Emergency Services Chief Ryan Holzaepfel, Hammond, Judge Sylvia and Dagley.

Passed; Insert.

SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/EMS**10.2 Discuss and consider soliciting bids for concrete work at Beach City VFD**

25-7-767 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to solicit bids for concrete work at Beach City VFD. Comments by Dagley and Judge Sylvia.

Passed.

FINANCIAL**2.1 Discuss and consider approving Hay, Wittenburg, Davis, Caldwell & Bale, L.L.P. engagement letter agreement for legal services related to county school land in Crockett County, Texas**

25-7-770 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond to approve Hay, Wittenburg, Davis, Caldwell & Bale, L.L.P. engagement letter agreement for legal services up to \$3,500.00 related to County school land in Crockett County, Texas. Comments by Assistant County Attorney Dwayne Simpson, Robert Hall and Judge Sylvia.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT**19.1 Monthly reports****CONSENT****19.1.a JP6 May Monthly report**

25-6-746 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to accept the JP6 May Monthly report.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.b JP2-June Monthly report

25-7-762 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to accept the JP2-June Monthly report.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.2 Claim Docket/Check Register

25-6-724 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve the Claim Docket/Check Register.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.2.a Payroll Check Register

25-7-771 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve the Payroll Check Register.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.3 Travel reimbursements and misc. expenditures

25-6-725 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve the Travel reimbursements and misc. expenditures.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.4 Budget amendments/transfers

None submitted.

CONSENT

19.5 Approve job descriptions

None submitted.

CONSENT

19.6 Approve payroll changes

25-6-728 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 Treasurer's Report - May 31, 2025-Treasurer

25-6-744 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve Treasurer's Report - May 31, 2025-**Treasurer**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.9 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)-Treasurer

25-6-745 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 2023 - August 2024) (September 2024 - August 2025)-**Treasurer**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.10 Accept the Notice of Award from Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Local Agency Contract #HHS001503400048 for FY2026 Local Agency Funding in the amount of \$220,218. Funding dates from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026-Health

25-6-747 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to accept the Notice of Award from Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Local Agency Contract #HHS001503400048 for FY2026 Local Agency Funding in the amount of \$220,218. Funding dates from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026-**Health**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.11 Approve Resolution by the Commissioners Court of the County of

Chambers requesting financial participation from the Texas Water Development Board, authorizing the filing of an application for financial application and making certain findings in connection therewith related to the proposed Hackberry Gully/Cotton Bayou Shelving Project-Economic Development

25-7-752 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve Resolution by the Commissioners Court of the County of Chambers requesting financial participation from the Texas Water Development Board, authorizing the filing of an application for financial application and making certain findings in connection therewith related to the proposed Hackberry Gully/Cotton Bayou Shelving Project-**Economic Development**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.12 Approve payment to Rae Security in the amount of \$11,583.53 for security upgrades-JP 5

25-7-753 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve payment to Rae Security in the amount of \$11,583.53 for security upgrades-**JP 5**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.13 Accept previously approved Floodplain Order-R&B

25-7-756 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to accept previously approved Floodplain Order-**R&B**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.14 Approve Windcress Section Two plat-R&B

25-7-757 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve Windcress Section Two plat-**R&B**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.15 Purchase Riot Gear & Gas Masks - CCSO

25-7-758 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to purchase Riot Gear & Gas Masks - **CCSO**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.16 Approve Morreale Properties Minor Plat-R&B

25-7-759 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve Morreale Properties Minor Plat-**R&B**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.17 Approve Master Service Agreement and Fee Schedule with Freese & Nichols for the design and planning of the proposed Boat Ramp at Old River-Eco. Development

25-7-760 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve Master Service Agreement and Fee Schedule with Freese & Nichols for the design and planning of the proposed Boat Ramp at Old River-**Eco. Development**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.18 Approve renewal of Veeam Backup in the amount of \$5,233.20-Technology

25-7-761 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve renewal of Veeam Backup in the amount of \$5,233.20-**Technology**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.19 Accept as presented the Texas Department of State Health Services "Notice to Proceed" with the Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) Grant Year 2 activities (Contract No HHS001439300009)-Health

25-7-765 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to accept as presented the Texas Department of State Health Services "Notice to Proceed" with the Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) Grant Year 2 activities (Contract No HHS001439300009)-**Health**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.20 Approve as presented the purchase and acquisition of Veoci Core Government Solutions Software System for all Emergency Operations Center (EOC) operations in the amount of \$40,886.00-Health

25-6-751 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve as presented the purchase and acquisition of Veoci Core Government Solutions Software System for all Emergency Operations Center (EOC) operations in the amount of \$40,886.00-**Health**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT**19.21 Approve payment to Advanced Weigh Tech for scale upgrades in the amount of \$19,964.00-Solid Waste**

25-7-767 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve payment to Advanced Weigh Tech for scale upgrades in the amount of \$19,964.00-**Solid Waste**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT**19.22 Accept monthly CCJC update-County Judge**

25-7-768 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to accept monthly CCJC update-**County Judge**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT**19.23 Approve payment to Hydrex for Air / Emissions report in the amount of \$7,147.50-Solid Waste**

25-7-769 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve payment to Hydrex for an Air / Emissions report in the amount of \$7,147.50-**Solid Waste**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT**19.24 Approve Annual Renewal for ESO Solutions in the amount of \$14,744.92-EMS**

25-7-770 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve Annual Renewal for ESO Solutions in the amount of \$14,744.92-**EMS**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT**19.25 Approve 2025 funding for Hankamer VFD in the amount of \$100,000.00-Emerg. Mgmt.**

25-7-772 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve 2025 funding for Hankamer VFD in the amount of \$100,000.00-**Emerg. Mgmt.**

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT**19.26 Approve Resolution authorizing execution of an Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) with the Texas Department of Transportation for improvements on FM 3180 in connection to the east portion of the Chambers Parkway Project-R&B**

25-7-780 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve a resolution authorizing execution of an Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) with the Texas Department of Transportation for improvements on FM 3180 in connection to the east portion of the Chambers Parkway Project-**R&B**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.27 Discuss and consider approving Blackmon plumbing for emergency plumbing services at courthouse-Building Maintenance

25-7-781 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to discuss and consider approving Blackmon plumbing for emergency plumbing services at courthouse-**Building Maintenance**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.28 Approve the purchase of a new trailer in the amount of \$10,995.00 from Extreme Trailers of TX-Parks

25-6-748 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve the purchase of a new trailer in the amount of \$10,995.00 from Extreme Trailers of TX-**Parks**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.29 Accept donations made to the Chambers County Library-Library

25-7-787 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to accept donations made to the Chambers County Library-**Library**.

Passed; Insert.

At 11:44 a.m. the Court recessed out of Regular Session and entered into Executive Session. At 12:39 p.m. Court returned from Executive Session and returned to Regular Session.

MAINTENANCE & BUILDINGS

7.1 Discuss and consider approving contract with Kirksey Architecture for architectural services for construction of the new East Annex in the amount of \$297,095.00

25-7-776 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley to approve a contract with Kirksey Architecture for architectural services for construction of the new East Annex in the amount of \$297,095.00. Comments by Director of Building Maintenance and Construction Mike Gafford, County Purchasing Agent George Barrera.

Passed; Insert.

MAINTENANCE & BUILDINGS

7.2 Discuss and consider approving contract with Kirksey Architecture for architectural services for construction of the new Legion Hall in the amount of \$153,995.00

25-7-777 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct.3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley to approve a contract with Kirksey Architecture for architectural services for construction of the new Legion Hall in the amount of \$153,995.00.

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

No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

20.3 Discuss and consider FMLA extension request-Executive Session

No action taken.

With no further business, Court adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

ATTEST:



Heather H. Hawthorne
Heather H. Hawthorne, County Clerk

APPROVED:

Signed by:

Jimmy Sylvia

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County Judge, Jimmy Sylvia