

On this the 9th day of September, A. D., 2025, 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 9:38 a.m. into Open Session. 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

Chuck Chandler of the Chambers County Historical Commission, gave a Citizen's Comment discussing the dedication of the official historical marker dedicated to the Texas Rice Festival (Agenda item 1.2).

Melissa Hodges with the Texas Rice Festival, also gave a Citizen's Comment on Agenda Item 1.2, acknowledging the hard work and dedication of the many volunteers who have made the festival possible over the years. She thanked members of the Chambers County Historical Commission and said the marker will be unveiled Saturday, Oct. 4, 2025.

District Clerk Patti Henry gave a Citizen's Comment announcing that jurors can now donate their pay to the Chambers County Veterans' Association. Lucas Wilson of the CCVA gave an overview of the group, which assists veterans.

ADMINISTRATION

1.2 Discuss and consider Resolution honoring the Texas Rice Festival and commemorating the dedication of its Official Historical Marker

25-8-904 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve Resolution honoring the Texas Rice Festival and commemorating the dedication of its Official Historical Marker.

Passed; Insert.

ADMINISTRATION

1.3 Discuss and consider adopting a proclamation recognizing the closure of HWY 124 in Winnie during the Texas Rice Festival Grand Parade on Saturday, October 4, 2025

25-9-994 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore to adopt a proclamation recognizing the closure of HWY 124 in Winnie during the Texas Rice Festival Grand Parade on Saturday, October 4, 2025.

Passed; Insert.

LIBRARY & HISTORICAL

16.1 Discuss and consider Texas Historical Commission-Distinguished Service Award

25-9-1010 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to accept the Texas Historical Commission—Distinguished Service Award. Comments by Chambers County Historical Commission Chairman Sheryl Shaw, who told the Court that the CCHC has earned the award for 20 years in a row.

Passed; Insert.

ADMINISTRATION

1.4 Discuss and consider the appointment of Jimmy Sylvia to the Spindletop Board of Trustees

25-9-1011 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore to approve the appointment of Jimmy Sylvia to the Spindletop Board of Trustees. Comments by Spindletop CEO Holly Borel, who expressed appreciation to Chambers County Sheriff Brian Hawthorne for his nine years of service to the Spindletop Center.

Passed; Insert.

ADMINISTRATION

1.5 Discuss and consider approving official Oath & Bond of County Engineer

25-9-1012 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond to approve the official Oath and Bond of the County Engineer. Comments by County Engineer Zachary Vogler.

Passed.

FINANCIAL

2.1 Discuss and consider setting elected official salaries for FY2026

25-8-984 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to set elected official salaries for FY2026. Comments by County Auditor

Aaron Thomas

Passed; Insert.

FINANCIAL

2.4 Discuss and consider presentation of the 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and Single Audit Report by Pattillo, Brown, & Hill, L.L.P

25-9-998 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond to accept the 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and Single Audit Report by Pattillo, Brown, & Hill, L.L.P. Cameron Aaron with Pattillo, Brown, & Hill, L.L.P. gave a presentation on the audit, giving it a clean opinion. Comments by County Auditor Aaron Thomas, Dagley and Judge Sylvia.

Passed; Insert.

FINANCIAL

2.2 Discuss and consider setting a proposed tax rate of \$0.439746/100 and setting a public hearing on September 23, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

25-9-995 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to set a proposed tax rate of \$0.439746/100 and set a public hearing on September 23, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Comments by County Auditor Aaron Thomas and Dagley.

Passed; Insert.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

5.1 Discuss and consider the 2026 HOT (Hotel Occupancy Tax) fund application for Trinity Valley Exposition

Agenda item tabled.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

5.2 Discuss and consider accepting quote from Trico Tower Service, Inc. in the amount of \$65,750 for the construction of a 60 ft self-support tower to support new emergency services facility on airport road

25-9-1018 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore to accept a quote from Trico Tower Service, Inc. in the amount of \$65,750 for the construction of a 60-foot self-support tower to support a new emergency services facility on Airport Road. Comments by Director of Economic Development and Grant Management Samantha Humphrey and Robert Hall.

Passed; Insert.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

5.3 Discuss and consider allocating \$200,000 in ARPA funds and authorizing procurement activities to acquire and outfit a Mobile Command Center

25-9-1019 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore to allocate \$200,000 in ARPA funds and authorizing procurement activities to acquire and outfit a Mobile Command Center. Comments by Director of Economic Development and Grant Management Samantha Humphrey and Emergency Services Chief Ryan Holzaepfel.

Passed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

5.4 Discuss and consider request to assign Blackline Cold Storage, LLC 2021 Economic Development Program Agreement to Americold Real Estate, L.P.

25-9-1020 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore to assign Blackline Cold Storage, LLC 2021 Economic Development Program Agreement to Americold Real Estate, L.P. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

5.5 Discuss and consider Resolution assigning the Blackline Cold Storage, LLC 2021 Economic Development Program Agreement to Americold Real Estate, L.P.

25-9-1021 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore to approve Resolution assigning the Blackline Cold Storage, LLC 2021 Economic Development Program Agreement to Americold Real Estate, L.P. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed; Insert.

FINANCIAL

2.3 Public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on the 2026 budget

At 10:49 a.m. the Court recessed from Regular Session and entered into a public hearing on the 2026 budget. Gloria Way with the Seabreeze Beacon gave a public comment asking where leftover funds from Certificates of Obligation go. County Auditor

Aaron Thomas and Dagley answered that any leftover funds from a CO project would go to related projects or pay down debt.

PARKS & RECREATION

6.1 Discuss and consider approving the park use agreement for Old River-Winfree Founders Day on October 10-11, 2025

25-9-993 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley to approve the park use agreement for Old River—Winfree Founders Day on October 10–11, 2025. Comments by Director of Parks & Recreation John Parrot and Hammond.

Passed; Insert.

MAINTENANCE & BUILDINGS

7.1 Discuss and consider approving selection of N&T Construction to provide CMAR for new East Annex and Legion Hall projects.

25-9-1007 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve selection of N&T Construction to provide CMAR for new East Annex and Legion Hall projects. Comments by Director of Building Maintenance and Construction Mike Gafford and Gore.

Passed; Insert.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

9.1 Discuss and consider changes to the food section of the county fee schedule as required by Texas Senate Bill 1088

Agenda item tabled.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

9.2 Discuss and consider nuisance abatement at 535 McDermott St, Winnie, TX

25-9-1000 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve the nuisance abatement at 535 McDermott Street, Winnie, TX. Comments by Director of Environmental Health and Permitting Darla Branch, Gore, Hammond, Dagley and Judge Sylvia.

Passed; Insert.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

9.3 Discuss and consider nuisance abatement at 807 9th St, Winnie, TX

Agenda item pulled.

GOLF COURSE

12.1 Discuss and consider accepting the committee's recommendation to select a Construction Manager-at-Risk (CMAR) for Phase 1 Renovations of Chambers County Golf Course

25-9-992 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore to accept the committee's recommendation to select Greenscapes Six as a Construction Manager-at-Risk (CMAR) for Phase 1 renovations of the Chambers County Golf Course. Comments by Director of Parks & Recreation John Parrott, County Purchasing Agent George Barrera, Dagley, Gore, Director of Building Maintenance and Construction Mike Gafford and Tice.

Passed.

GOLF COURSE

12.2 Discuss and consider approving adding a tax to each cart rental at Chambers County Golf Course.

25-9-1008 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve adding a tax to each cart rental at Chambers County Golf Course. Comments by Director of Parks & Recreation John Parrot and Dagley.

Passed.

CONSENT

19.1 Monthly reports

CONSENT

19.1.a July Monthly Report- JP5

25-8-980 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Gore to accept the July Monthly Report- JP5.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.b July Monthly Report - JP6

25-8-990 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Gore to accept the July Monthly Report - JP6.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.2 Claim Docket/Check Register

25-7-823 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Gore to approve the Claim Docket/Check Register.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.2.a Payroll Check Register

25-9-1006 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Gore to approve the Payroll Check Register.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.3 Travel reimbursements and misc. expenditures

25-7-824 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Gore to approve the travel reimbursements and misc. expenditures.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.4 Budget amendments/transfers

25-7-825 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Gore to approve the Budget amendments/transfers.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.5 Approve job descriptions

25-7-826 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Gore to approve job descriptions.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.6 Approve payroll changes

25-7-827 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Gore to approve payroll changes.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.7 Approve Commissioners Court minutes

None submitted.

CONSENT

19.8 Approve 2026 HOT Funding for Texas Rice Festival, Texas GATORFEST, Johnny Ackel Memorial Rodeo and NERDCON-Economic Development

25-8-986 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Gore to approve 2026 HOT Funding for Texas Rice Festival, Texas GATORFEST, Johnny Ackel Memorial Rodeo and NERDCON-**Economic Development**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.9 Approve hiring Tippet construction to reinsulate attic space and install roof vents for Anahuac EMS station-Building Maintenance

25-8-987 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Gore to approve hiring Tippet construction to re-insulate attic space and install roof vents for Anahuac EMS station—Building **Maintenance**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.10 Approve the surplus of Solid Waste equipment-Solid Waste

25-8-989 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Gore to approve the surplus of Solid Waste equipment-**Solid Waste**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.11 Approve payment to Rae Security in the amount of \$10,499.02 to install cameras at CID & Large Evidence room-CCSO

25-9-991 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Gore to approve payment to Rae Security in the amount of \$10,499.02 to install cameras at CID & Large Evidence Room—CCSO.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.12 Approve Park Security Residence Trailer Contract at Hugo Point-CCSO

25-9-1002 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Gore to approve Park Security

Residence Trailer Contract at Hugo Point-**CCSO**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.13 Approve Park Security Residence Contract at Chambers County Golf Course-CCSO

25-9-1003 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Gore to approve Park Security Residence Contract at Chambers County Golf Course-**CCSO**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.14 Approve FY25 Port Security Grant Program-CCSO

25-9-1004 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Gore to approve FY25 Port Security Grant Program-**CCSO**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.15 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 2024 - August 2025) (September 2025 - August 2026)-Treasurer

25-9-1005 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Gore 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 2024–August 2025) (September 2025–August 2026)-**Treasurer**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.16 Accept CCJC bi-weekly report-County Judge

25-9-1009 Motion made by Hammond and seconded by Gore to accept CCJC bi-weekly report—County **Judge**.

Passed; Insert.

At 11:02 a.m. the Court recessed from Regular Session and entered into Executive Session. At 12:05 p.m. the Court returned from Executive session and resumed 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.

With no further business, Court adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

ATTEST:



Heather H. Hawthorne

Heather H. Hawthorne, County Clerk

APPROVED:

Signed by:

Jimmy Sylvia

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County Judge, Jimmy Sylvia