

On this the 24th day of March, A. D., 2026, 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 Clerk Heather H. Hawthorne

With the following members absent, to-wit:
County Judge Jimmy Sylvia

met in a REGULAR MEETING, at which time the following items were discussed, considered, passed or adopted, to-wit:

Judge Pro Tem Gore, according to law, opened Court at 9:33 a.m. into Open Session. Commissioner Tice offered prayer. Judge Pro Tem Gore 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

ADMINISTRATION

1.2 Discuss and consider request from the City of Old River-Winfree to rename the Old River-Winfree Community Building the Mayor Joe Landry Community Building

26-3-263 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve the request from the City of Old River-Winfree to rename the Old River-Winfree Community Building the Mayor Joe Landry Community Building. Comments by Hammond and Gore.

Passed; Insert.

ADMINISTRATION

1.3 Approve the donation from Chambers County District Attorney's Office (forfeiture fund) to the Anahauc ISD Explorer Program in the amount of \$15,000.00

26-3-287 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve the donation from Chambers County District Attorney's Office (forfeiture fund) to the Anahauc ISD Explorer Program in the amount of \$15,000.00. Comments by District Attorney Cheryl Lieck Henry and Assistant District Attorney Mallory Vargas.

Passed.

ADMINISTRATION

1.4 Approve donation of a long range communication speaker from the District Attorney's office to the Texas Rangers in the amount of \$13,743.53

26-3-288 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley to approve the donation of a long-range communication speaker from the District Attorney's office to the Texas Rangers in the amount of \$13,743.53. Comments by District Attorney Cheryl Lieck Henry and Assistant District Attorney Mallory Vargas. Lt. James Wilkins of the Texas Rangers explained that the equipment could be used for public safety announcements.

Passed; Insert.

GOLF COURSE

12.1 Discuss and consider allocating \$477,000.00 from interest earned on CO24 to Golf Course Upgrades CO24-Golf

26-3-267 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dalgey to allocate \$477,000.00 from interest earned on CO24 to Golf Course Upgrades CO24-Golf. Comments by Director of Parks & Recreation John Parrott.

Passed.

GOLF COURSE

12.2 Discuss and consider approving Wolfard Golf Design for the Chambers County Golf Course Design Services in the amount of \$227,000.00

26-3-278 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley to approve Wolfard Golf Design for the Chambers County Golf Course Design Services in the amount of \$227,000.00. Comments by Director of Parks & Recreation John Parrott, Steve Wolfard of Wolfard Golf Design Inc., Hammond, Tice, Gore and Dagley.

Passed; Insert.

GOLF COURSE

12.3 Discuss and consider approving change order in the amount of \$250,000.00 to G6 (Greenscapes Six) for the Chambers County Golf Course Renovation Project

26-3-279 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley to approve change order in the amount of \$250,000.00 to G6 (Greenscapes Six) for the Chambers County Golf Course Renovation Project. Comments

by Director of Parks & Recreation John Parrott, Gore, Mike Archer with Greenscape 6, Tice, Hammond and Sheriff Brian Hawthorne.

Passed; Insert.

ROAD & BRIDGE

3.1 Discuss and consider the abandonment of the unimproved right-of-way of West Cypress Avenue from Eighth Street to Ninth Street in the Winnie Suburbs and set a public hearing on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

26-3-273 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to set a public hearing regarding the abandonment of the unimproved right-of-way of West Cypress Avenue from Eighth Street to Ninth Street in the Winnie Suburbs and set a public hearing on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Comments by 9-1-1 Coordinator Brad Wilber and Dagley.

Passed; Insert.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

5.1 Public hearing at 10:00 a.m. to establish the Abundia Reinvestment Zone

At 10:14 a.m. the Court recessed from Regular Session and entered into a public hearing to establish the Abundia Reinvestment Zone. There were no public comments. At 10:15 a.m. the Court recessed out of the public hearing and returned to Regular Session.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

5.2 Discuss and consider Order establishing the Abundia Reinvestment Zone

26-3-286 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve the Order establishing the Abundia Reinvestment Zone. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed; Insert.

ENGINEERING/PROJECT MANAGEMENT

4.1 Discuss and consider awarding Woodland Acres drainage, cleaning and grading to Klesco Pipeline Services in the amount of \$316,000.00

26-3-281 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to award Woodland Acres drainage, cleaning and grading to Klesco Pipeline Services in the amount of \$316,000.00. Comments by County Engineer Zachary Vogler and Hammond.

Zachary Vogler and Hammond.

Passed; Insert.

ENGINEERING/PROJECT MANAGEMENT

4.2 Discuss and consider going out for RFQ's (Request for Qualifications) for Geotechnical services and Construction Lab Testing

26-3-282 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond to go out for RFQs (Request for Qualifications) for Geotechnical services and Construction Lab Testing. Comments by County Engineer Zachary Vogler.

Passed.

ENGINEERING/PROJECT MANAGEMENT

4.3 Discuss and consider variance request from JSW Steel to reduce detention volume

Item died for lack of a motion.

ENGINEERING/PROJECT MANAGEMENT

4.4 Discuss and consider accepting the Northern portion of right-of-way donation for East-West Corridor #4 (EW 4) from Grand Parkway Keyhole, LLC for the section between SH 99 and Document 2025-219974 as identified in the Chambers County Property Records

26-3-292 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to accept the northern portion of right-of-way donation for East-West Corridor #4 (EW 4) from Grand Parkway Keyhole, LLC for the section between SH 99 and Document 2025-219974 as identified in the Chambers County Property Records. Comments by County Engineer Zachary Vogler, Assistant County Attorney Dwayne Simpson and Dagley.

Passed; Insert.

PARKS & RECREATION

6.1 Discuss and consider approving GameTime c/o Cunningham Recreation for the Aromatic Maintenance Coat and repairs to the playground at Winnie Stowell Park in the amount of \$29,896.74

26-3-280 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond to approve GameTime c/o Cunningham Recreation for the Aromatic Maintenance Coat and repairs to the playground at Winnie Stowell Park in the amount of \$29,896.74. Comments by Gore.

Passed; Insert.

MAINTENANCE & BUILDINGS**7.1 Discuss and consider approving Construction Administration, Inc. (C.A.I.) CMAR (Construction Manager at Risk) proposal for the Chambers County Sheriff's Office Training Facility/Firing Range in the amount of \$2,499,490.00**

26-3-241 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve Construction Administration, Inc. (C.A.I.) CMAR (Construction Manager at Risk) proposal for the Chambers County Sheriff's Office Training Facility/Firing Range in the amount of \$2,499,490.00. Comments by Director of Building Maintenance and Construction Mike Gafford.

Passed; Insert.

MAINTENANCE & BUILDINGS**7.2 Discuss and consider allocating \$703,762.00 from interest earned from CO 2024 for the Sheriff's Office Training Facility/Firing Range CO24-SO-005**

26-3-266 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond to allocate \$703,762.00 from interest earned from CO 2024 for the Sheriff's Office Training Facility/Firing Range CO24-SO-005. Comments by Gore and Dagley.

Passed.

MAINTENANCE & BUILDINGS**7.3 Discuss and consider approving going out for RFP (Request for Proposal) to remove and relocate existing County Court at Law facility unit(s) to Whites Park to provide facility upgrades and additional office space for YPS staff**

26-3-275 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve going out for RFP (Request for Proposal) to remove and relocate existing County Court at Law facility unit(s) to Whites Park to provide facility upgrades and additional office space for YPS staff. Comments by Director of Building Maintenance and Construction Mike Gafford, Gore and Dagley.

Passed.

MAINTENANCE & BUILDINGS**7.4 Discuss and consider ongoing County construction project updates to include: Library, Beach City Park, Chambers County Justice Center, Whites Park Show Barn, Whites Park Storage Facility, East Annex, Legion Hall, EMS, Sign Shop, Chambers Parkway Soccer Complex**

Justice Center. Several projects, including The White Park Show Barn and the Beach City Park, were nearing completion. The update also included replacing the East Annex. County Clerk Heather Hawthorne advocated for finding a new site for the building, stating that the current location would not allow enough room for growth.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

9.1 Discuss and consider the nuisance abatement located at 1149 Chace Rd, Winnie, TX

26-3-230 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to continue the nuisance abatement process for the property at 1149 Chace Rd, Winnie, TX. Comments by County Compliance and Enforcement Coordinator Victoria Figueroa, Gore, Hammond, County Purchasing Agent George Barrera, Assistant County Attorney Dwayne Simpson, Dagley, County Clerk Heather Hawthorne and County Attorney Ashley Cain Land.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1 Monthly reports

CONSENT

19.1.a February Monthly Report & OCA Report-JP1

26-3-239 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to accept the February Monthly Report & OCA Report-JP1.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.b January & February Monthly Reports-JP4

26-3-240 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to accept the January & February Monthly Reports-JP4.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.c January and February Monthly Reports-District Clerk

26-3-248 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to accept the January and February Monthly Reports-District Clerk.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.d February Monthly Reports-JP2

26-3-262 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to accept the February Monthly Reports-JP2.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.e January and February Monthly Reports-Auditor

26-3-270 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to accept the January and February Monthly Reports-Auditor.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.f Monthly Auditor Reports-February 2026: 2021 Certificates of Obligation Activity Report, 2023 Certificates of Obligation Activity Report, 2024 Certificates of Obligation Activity Report, 2025 Certificates of Obligation Activity Report, & Outside Inmate Housing Cost Report-December 2025 & January 2026

26-3-272 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve the Monthly Auditor Reports-February 2026: 2021 Certificates of Obligation Activity Report, 2023 Certificates of Obligation Activity Report, 2024 Certificates of Obligation Activity Report, 2025 Certificates of Obligation Activity Report, & Outside Inmate Housing Cost Report-December 2025 & January 2026.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.g February Monthly Report-JP5

26-3-247 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to accept the February Monthly Report-JP5.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.2 Claim Docket/Check Register

CONSENT

19.2.a Payroll Check Registers

26-3-268 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve the Payroll Check Registers.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.3 Travel reimbursements and misc. expenditures

26-2-114 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve the travel reimbursements and misc. expenditures.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.4 Budget amendments/transfers

26-2-115 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve the budget amendments/transfers.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.7 Approve Commissioners Court minutes

None submitted.

CONSENT

19.8 Approve and adopt rules and procedures for determining which fires warrant investigation by the county fire marshal-Fire Marshal

26-3-242 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve and adopt rules and procedures for determining which fires warrant investigation by the county fire marshal-**Fire Marshal**.

Passed.

CONSENT

19.9 Approve payment to AH Chambers County Development, LLC in the amount of \$5,607,461.09 for the Chambers County Justice Center-County Judge

26-3-243 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve payment to AH Chambers County Development, LLC in the amount of \$5,607,461.09 for the Chambers County Justice Center-**County Judge**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

CONSENT

19.10 Approve utility application from Comcast to install fiber optic line along Beach Haven Drive-R&B

26-3-244 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve utility application from Comcast to install a fiber optic line along Beach Haven Drive-**R&B**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.11 Approve purchase of Body Armor for EMS Personnel from Angel Armor in the Amount of \$18,393.45-Emerg. Mgmt.

26-3-245 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve purchase of body armor for EMS Personnel from Angel Armor in the Amount of \$18,393.45-**Emerg. Mgmt.**

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.12 Approve the amended Early Voting Ballot Board appointments for the term ending August 2026-County Clerk

26-3-246 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve the amended Early Voting Ballot Board appointments for the term ending August 2026-**County Clerk**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.13 Approve purchase of Lighting Systems for County Radio Tower Sites through LumenServe in the Amount of \$23,446.00-Communications

26-3-264 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve purchase of Lighting Systems for County Radio Tower Sites through LumenServe in the amount of \$23,446.00-**Communications**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.14 Approve License Renewal for DroneSense in the Amount of \$17,900.00-Emerg. Mgmt.

26-3-265 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve license renewal for DroneSense in the amount of \$17,900.00-**Emerg. Mgmt.**

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.15 Approve applying for the Texas Office of the Governor, Operation Lone Star Grant Program-CCSO

26-3-269 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve applying for the Texas Office of the Governor, Operation Lone Star Grant Program-CCSO.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.16 Approve acceptance of grant funds from the Office of the Governor-CCSO

26-3-271 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve acceptance of grant funds from the Office of the Governor-CCSO.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.17 Approve purchase of 2026 Chevy Silverado for EMS from Caldwell Country Chevrolet in the amount of \$50,150.00-EMS

26-3-274 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve the purchase of a 2026 Chevy Silverado for EMS from Caldwell Country Chevrolet in the amount of \$50,150.00-EMS.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.18 Approve purchase of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) for Emergency Services in the amount of \$18,708.00-Emerg. Mgmt.

26-3-276 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve purchase of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) for Emergency Services in the amount of \$18,708.00-Emerg. Mgmt.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.19 Approve purchase of replacement AED's for Emergency Management and Sheriff's Office through AED123 in the amount of \$106,560.00-Emerg. Mgmt.

26-3-277 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve purchase of replacement AEDs for Emergency Management and Sheriff's Office through AED123 in the amount of \$106,560.00-Emerg. Mgmt.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.20 Accept CCJC monthly project update-Co. Judge

26-3-290 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to accept CCJC monthly project update-Co. Judge.

Passed; Insert.

At 11:30 a.m. the Court recessed out of Regular Session and entered into Executive Session. At 1:45 p.m. the Court returned from Executive Session and resumed Regular Session.

PERSONNEL

18.1 Discuss and consider status update of the Health Services Department

No action taken.

CONSENT

19.5 Approve job descriptions

26-2-116 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve job descriptions except those related to health services.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.6 Approve payroll changes

26-2-117 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve payroll changes except those related to health services.

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.

Court adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

ATTEST:

Heather H. Hawthorne

Heather H. Hawthorne, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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Jimmy Gore

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County Judge, Jimmy Sylvia