

On this the 12th day of May, 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 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 9:35 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

Jerry Shaden with Trinity Bay Conservation District gave a Citizen's Comment. He came to express a desire to cooperate with the County and apologize for any inconveniences or mistakes TBCD had caused the County. He also introduced TBCD's new water superintendent, Manuel Mendoza.

Ryan Fink of Old River gave a Citizen's Comment against a proposed 24-hour public boat ramp at FM 1409 in Old River. He was against the proposed boat ramp, citing concerns about the proximity to his home and his neighbors' homes.

Director of Economic Development and Grant Management Samantha Humphrey gave an update on the Youth Project Show. Total sales were \$1,474,257.00, which was an increase of \$218,000.00 from the previous year. Humphrey and Commissioner Hammond praised the Parks and Recreation Department and the Extension Office for their work making the show a success.

ADMINISTRATION

1.3 Discuss and consider request from Chambers County Public Hospital District No. 1 for FY 2026 funding in the amount of \$500,000.00

26-5-450 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley to approve the request from Chambers County Public Hospital District No. 1 for FY 2026 funding in the amount of \$500,000.00 pending approval from the County Attorney's Office and giving Judge Sylvia authorization to sign the agreement. Comments by County Auditor Aaron Thomas and Gore.

Passed; Insert.

FINANCIAL

2.1 Discuss and consider requests from Barbers Hill ISD (\$103,899.07); Anahuac ISD (\$19,860.04); East Chambers ISD (\$20,078.42); and Goose Creek ISD (\$24,163.47) for Permanent School Fund withdrawals

26-5-435 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond to approve the requests from Barbers Hill ISD (\$103,899.07); Anahuac ISD (\$19,860.04); East Chambers ISD (\$20,078.42); and Goose Creek ISD (\$24,163.47) for Permanent School Fund withdrawals. Comments by County Treasurer Nikki Whittington, who recommended approval.

Passed; Insert.

ENGINEERING/PROJECT MANAGEMENT

4.1 Discuss and consider accepting the bid from Clark Construction of Texas Inc. for the chip seal of various county roads

26-5-459 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to accept the bid from Clark Construction of Texas Inc. for the chip seal of various county roads up to \$2,500,000.00. Comments by County Engineer Zachary Vogler, Gore, Hammond, Judge Sylvia, Tice and Dagley.

Passed.

ENGINEERING/PROJECT MANAGEMENT

4.2 Discuss and consider going out for bids on Hatcherville road and Cedar Boulevard roadway repairs

26-5-460 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore to go out for bids for Hatcherville Road and Cedar Boulevard roadway repairs. Comments by County Engineer Zachary Vogler and Hammond.

Passed.

ENGINEERING/PROJECT MANAGEMENT

4.3 Discuss and consider going out for bids for Baylor Road roadway repair and rehab from FM 1405 to West Bay Road

26-5-461 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore to go out for bids for Baylor Road roadway repair and rehab

from FM 1405 to West Bay Road. Comments by County Engineer Zachary Vogler, Robert Hall, Dagley and Hammond.

Passed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

5.1 Discuss and consider approval of a Change Order from DataVox in the amount of \$3,954.81 to supply missing components to the Emergency Services building training room AV system to allow multisource viewing

26-5-466 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley to approve a Change Order from DataVox in the amount of \$3,954.81 to supply missing components to the Emergency Services building training room AV system to allow multisource viewing. Comments by Director of Economic Development and Grant Management Samantha Humphrey and Hammond.

Passed; Insert.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

5.2 Discuss and consider approving Final Reconciliatory Change Order in the amount of \$52,377.00 for the TDHCA Emergency Services Building project located on Airport Road

26-5-467 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve Final Reconciliatory Change Order in the amount of \$52,377.00 for the TDHCA Emergency Services Building project located on Airport Road.

Passed; Insert.

ROAD & BRIDGE

3.1 Public hearing at 10:00 a.m. regarding the proposed partial abandonment of 60' unimproved right-of-way of Third Street in the Stowell Townsite from Avenue E to north of Avenue G

At 10:05 a.m. the Court recessed from Regular Session and entered into a public hearing regarding agenda items 3.1 and 5.3. Robert H. Kahla gave a public comment against the proposed partial abandonment of 60' unimproved right-of-way of Third Street in the Stowell Townsite from avenue E to north of Avenue G. He told the Court that if the abandonment was approved he would not have access to his pasture. 9-1-1 Coordinator Brad Wilber told the Court he sent notices to adjacent property owners regarding the public hearing. He said Roy Wheeler and Rosie Sanchez reached out to him and said they would have no legal access to their property if the abandonment was approved. The Court recessed from the public hearing at 10:18 a.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM**5.3 Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. regarding the adoption of proposed guidelines and criteria governing Chapter 312 Tax Abatement Agreements by Chambers County**

At 10:05 a.m. the Court entered into a public hearing regarding the adoption of proposed guidelines and criteria governing Chapter 312 Tax Abatement Agreements by Chambers County. There were no public comments. The Court recessed out of both public hearings at 10:18 a.m.

ROAD & BRIDGE3.2**Discuss and consider approving the proposed partial abandonment of the 60' unimproved right-of-way of Third Street in the Stowell Townsite from Avenue E to north of Avenue G**

Agenda item tabled.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM**5.4 Discuss and consider Resolution adopting guidelines and criteria governing Chapter 312 Tax Abatement Agreements by Chambers County**

26-5-471 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to adopt a Resolution regarding guidelines and criteria governing Chapter 312 Tax Abatement Agreements by Chambers County. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed; Insert.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM**5.5 Discuss and consider Chapter 381 Economic Development Program Policy**

26-5-472 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond to approve Chapter 381 Economic Development Program Policy. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed; Insert.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM**5.6 Discuss and consider Resolution and Order adopting Chapter 381 Economic Development Program Policy**

26-5-473 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond to approve a Resolution and Order adopting Chapter 381 Economic Development Program Policy. Comments by B.J. Simon, Economic Development Foundation.

Passed; Insert.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

17.1 Discuss and consider Resolution recognizing National Police Week and Peace Officer Memorial Day

26-5-444 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve the Resolution recognizing National Police Week and Peace Officer Memorial Day. Comments by Sheriff Brian Hawthorne. Following the passage of the Resolution, Court adjourned for the Moment and the Memorial at 10:36 a.m. Court resumed at 11:09 a.m.

Passed; Insert.

COMMUNICATIONS/TECHNOLOGY

11.1 Discuss and consider updates to Information Technology Policy

26-5-462 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve updates to Information Technology Policy. Comments by Information Technology Director Derrek Parish.

Passed; Insert.

ADMINISTRATION

1.2 Discuss and consider canvassing the official results for the May 2, 2026, Joint Special Election

26-4-432 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore to approve the canvass of the official results for the May 2, 2026, Joint Special Election.

Passed.

MAINTENANCE & BUILDINGS

7.1 Discuss and consider approval of CPR-007 to Carter Construction in the amount of \$6,750.00 to provide a Musco laydown area at the Chambers Parkway Soccer Complex

26-4-433 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve CPR-007 to Carter Construction in the amount of \$6,750.00 to provide a Musco laydown area at the Chambers Parkway Soccer Complex. Comments by Director of Building Maintenance and Construction Mike Gafford.

Passed; Insert.

MAINTENANCE & BUILDINGS

7.2 Discuss and consider approval of CPR-008 to Carter Construction in the amount of \$1,394.51 for card reader changes at the Chambers Parkway Soccer Complex

26-4-434 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond to approve CPR-008 to Carter Construction in the amount of \$1,394.51 for card reader changes at the Chambers Parkway Soccer Complex. Comments by Director of Building Maintenance and Construction Mike Gafford.

Passed; Insert.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

9.1 Discuss and consider the nuisance abatement of the property located at 46135 I-10, Winnie

Agenda item tabled.

SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/EMS

10.1 Discuss and consider allocation of funding for additional storm protection at emergency services building, in the amount of \$56,085.03

26-5-452 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore to approve allocation of funding for additional storm protection at the emergency services building, in the amount of \$56,085.03. Comments by Emergency Services Chief Ryan Holzaepfel, Dagley and County Auditor Aaron Thomas.

Passed; Insert.

SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/EMS

10.2 Discuss and consider adding additional departments to the safety footwear program

26-5-453 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond to add additional departments (Information Technology, Health

Department and the Sheriff's Office) to the safety footwear program. Comments by Emergency Services Chief Ryan Holzaepfel.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1 Monthly reports

CONSENT

19.1.a JP6 Monthly - March monthly report

26-4-430 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to accept the JP6 Monthly - March monthly report.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.b County Clerk-March monthly report

26-5-442 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to accept the County Clerk-March monthly report.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.c Monthly Auditor Reports-April 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, 2026 Capital Projects Activity Report, and Outside Inmate Housing Activity Report-March 2026

26-5-448 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to accept the Monthly Auditor Reports-April 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, 2026 Capital Projects Activity Report, and Outside Inmate Housing Activity Report-March 2026.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.d LVD-TDEM Certification

26-5-451 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to accept LVD-TDEM Certification.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.e M. Kelley-TCFP Fire Inspector Certificate

26-4-431 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to accept M. Kelley-TCFP Fire Inspector Certificate.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.2 Claim Docket/Check Register

26-4-409 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the Claim Docket/Check Register.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.2.a Payroll Check Registers

26-5-454 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the Payroll Check Registers.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.3 Travel reimbursements and misc. expenditures

26-4-410 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the travel reimbursements and misc. expenditures.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.4 Budget amendments/transfers

26-4-411 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the Budget amendments/transfers.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.5 Approve job descriptions

26-4-412 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve job descriptions.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.7 Approve Commissioners Court minutes

CONSENT**19.7.a April 14, 2026**

26-4-429 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the April 14, 2026, Commissioner's Court minutes.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT**19.8 Approve annual renewal for Regroup Mass Notification System in the amount of \$20,191.00-Emergency Mgmt.**

26-5-436 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve annual renewal for Regroup Mass Notification System in the amount of \$20,191.00-**Emergency Mgmt.**

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT**19.9 Approve the revised Escrow Agreement for Chambers County related to Texas Water Development Board Commitment No. G1002307, providing matching grant funds associated with the TDEM HMGP Hackberry/Cotton Bayou Improvement Project-Eco. Development**

26-5-437 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the revised Escrow Agreement for Chambers County related to Texas Water Development Board Commitment No. G1002307, providing matching grant funds associated with the TDEM HMGP Hackberry/Cotton Bayou Improvement Project-**Eco. Development.**

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT**19.10 Approve Task Authorization No. 1 with Freese and Nichols, Inc. for professional engineering services related to the Cotton Bayou/Hackberry Gully Improvement Project under the TDEM Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)-Eco. Development**

26-5-438 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve Task Authorization No. 1 with Freese and Nichols, Inc. for professional engineering services related to the Cotton Bayou/Hackberry Gully Improvement Project under the TDEM Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)-**Eco. Development.**

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT**19.11 Approve renewal of Microsoft Enterprise Agreement through Vendor SHI Government Solutions (Year 3 of 3)-Technology**

26-5-439 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve renewal of Microsoft

Enterprise Agreement through Vendor SHI Government Solutions (Year 3 of 3)-
Technology.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.12 Approve utility application from Spectrum for the installation of 1,108' of coax cable within the south right-of-way of S Park Street in Winnie-R&B

26-5-440 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve utility application from Spectrum for the installation of 1,108' of coax cable within the south right-of-way of S Park Street in Winnie-**R&B.**

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.13 Approve application for Senate Bill 8 Grant Funding-CCSO

26-5-441 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve application for Senate Bill 8 Grant Funding-**CCSO.**

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.14 Approve 2026 Q2 computer purchases from DELL Technologies in the amount of \$73,281.52-Technology

26-5-443 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve 2026 Q2 computer purchases from DELL Technologies in the amount of \$73,281.52-**Technology.**

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

26-5-445 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice 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 Approve Treasurer's Report-February 28, 2026-Treasurer

26-5-455 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve Treasurer's Report-

February 28, 2026-Treasurer.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.17 Approve K9 Trauma Kits Donation - CCSO

26-5-456 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve K9 Trauma Kits Donation - **CCSO**.

Passed.

CONSENT

19.18 Approve Walmart laptop donation - CCSO

26-5-457 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve Walmart laptop donation - **CCSO**.

Passed.

CONSENT

19.19 Please approve the purchase of new portable radios for EMS, Sheriff's Office Dispatch and Jail from Motorola Solutions in the Amount of \$114,899.62-Communications

26-5-458 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the purchase of new portable radios for EMS, Sheriff's Office Dispatch and Jail from Motorola Solutions in the Amount of \$114,899.62-**Communications** .

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.20 Approve declaration of surplus property from the Information Technology Department-Technology

26-5-463 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve declaration of surplus property from the Information Technology Department-**Technology**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.21 Approve request for hangar lessee name change to existing hangar lease agreement from Halley Moor to ARC Aviation-Airport

26-5-465 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve request for hangar lessee name change to existing hangar lease agreement from Halley Moor to ARC Aviation-**Airport** .

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.22 Approve request for hangar lessee name change to existing hangar lease agreement from Mike Grossands, Steve Weir and Steve McDonald to The Lone Star Rotocraft Club-Airport

26-5-466 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve request for hangar lessee name change to existing hangar lease agreement from Mike Grossands, Steve Weir and Steve McDonald to The Lone Star Rotocraft Club-Airport.

Passed.

CONSENT

19.23 Approve payment to AH Chambers County Development, LLC in the amount of \$4,668,948.14 for the Chambers County Justice Center-County Judge

26-5-468 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve payment to AH Chambers County Development, LLC in the amount of \$4,668,948.14 for the Chambers County Justice Center-County Judge.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.24 Approve appointing applicant Spencer James to the Historical Commission as a voting member-Historical

26-5-470 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve appointing applicant Spencer James to the Historical Commission as a voting member-Historical.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.25 Approve allowing the Historical Commission to place luminaries along the sidewalk on the 25th anniversary of 9/11 and at the courthouse on July 4th in honor of America's 250th-Historical

26-5-474 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve allowing the Historical Commission to place luminaries along the sidewalk on the 25th anniversary of 9/11 and at the courthouse on July 4th in honor of America's 250th-Historical.

Passed.

CONSENT

19.26 Approve request to increase Network Administrator position salary (open position)-Technology

26-5-475 Motion made by Gore and seconded by Tice to approve the request to increase the Network Administrator position salary (open position)-Technology.

Passed; Insert.

At 11:25 a.m. the Court recessed into Executive Session. At 4:04 p.m. the Court returned from Executive Session and resumed Regular Session.

SOLID WASTE

8.1 Discuss and consider Flash Metal Lease Agreement and/or single property line designation with Chambers County Solid Waste Department for purposes of site buffer related to recycling and processing activities and meeting TCEQ permitting requirements

26-5-464 Motion made by Commissioner Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Gore to approve Flash Metal Lease Agreement and/or a single property line designation with Chambers County Solid Waste Department for purposes of site buffer related to recycling and processing activities and meeting TCEQ permitting requirements. Comments by Blaine Nix of Flash Metal USA, Abhishek Bhat of GHD and Gore.

Passed; Insert.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

17.2 Discuss and consider hiring a Criminal Forensic Accountant

26-5-459 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to hire a Criminal Forensic Accountant for the Sheriff's Office and the District Attorney's Office for an ongoing investigation not to exceed \$25,000.00. Comments by Sheriff Brian Hawthorne and District Attorney Cheryl Lieck Henry.

Passed.

CONSENT

19.6 Approve payroll changes

26-4-413 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley to approve payroll changes with the exception of Audra Burford, Denna Watkins, Connie Lee, Victoria Clifton and Karson Kaiser.

Passed; Insert.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

20.1 Discuss and consider personnel issues-Executive Session

No action taken.

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 action, the Court adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

ATTEST:



Heather H. Hawthorne, County Clerk

APPROVED:

DocuSigned by:

Jimmy Gore

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County Judge, Jimmy Sylvia