

On this the 26th 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 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. Robert Hall 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

County Clerk Heather Hawthorne gave a Citizen's Comment, reminding the Court of the May 26, 2026, Joint Primary Run Off Election. She said six percent of registered voters had voted during early voting. She said of the 38,296 registered voters, 2,332 had voted in person and 74 voted by mail.

ADMINISTRATION

1.2 Discuss and consider recognition of Chambers County Public Health for receiving TACCHO's Education Through Innovation Award

Agenda item was tabled.

ROAD & BRIDGE

3.1 Discuss and consider the abandonment of Avenues E, F, and G in the Stowell Townsite between First and Second Street as petitioned by Mark Armentor and set a public hearing for Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

26-5-508 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond to set a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, regarding the abandonment of Avenues E, F, and G in the Stowell Townsite between First and Second Street as petitioned by Mark Armentor. Comments by 9-1-1 Coordinator Brad Wilber, Dagley, Gore and Assistant County Attorney Dwayne Simpson.

Passed; Insert.

ENGINEERING/PROJECT MANAGEMENT

4.1 Discuss and consider approving Task Order #3 to Cobb, Fendley & associates, Inc. for the development of the annexation exhibit for the Chambers County Soccer Complex and Community Building in the amount of \$3,500.00

26-5-492 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley to approve Task Order #3 to Cobb, Fendley & associates, Inc. for the development of the annexation exhibit for the Chambers County Soccer Complex and Community Building in the amount of \$3,500.00. Comments by County Engineer Zachary Vogler.

Passed; Insert.

ENGINEERING/PROJECT MANAGEMENT

4.2 Discuss and consider approving Chambers surveying and Mapping to survey the park north of the canal in Anahuac

26-5-499 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley to approve Chambers Surveying and Mapping to survey the park north of the canal in Anahuac. Comments by County Engineer Zachary Vogler, Assistant County Attorney Dwayne Simpson, Robert Hall and Gore.

Passed; Insert.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

5.1 Discuss and consider authorizing an additional allocation of \$885,000.00 in Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) funds to the Galveston Bay Foundation for the Smith Point Conservation Easement and Shoreline Protection Project

26-5-485 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond to authorize an additional allocation of \$885,000.00 in Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) funds to the Galveston Bay Foundation for the Smith Point Conservation Easement and Shoreline Protection Project. Comments by Director of Economic Development and Grant Management Samantha Humphrey, County Auditor Aaron Thomas, Dagley and Hammond.

Passed; Insert.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

5.2 Discuss and consider authorizing the execution of an agreement amendment with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) related to the

Countywide Regional Drainage Study Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) Grant

26-5-488 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley to authorize the execution of an agreement amendment with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) related to the Countywide Regional Drainage Study Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) Grant. Comments by Director of Economic Development and Grant Management Samantha Humphrey and Hammond.

Passed; Insert.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM**5.3 Discuss and consider authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Chambers County and iSustain for participation in the Chambers County Recycling Partnership and related recycling and sustainability initiatives**

26-5-489 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to authorize the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Chambers County and iSustain for participation in the Chambers County Recycling Partnership and related recycling and sustainability initiatives. Comments by Director of Economic Development and Grant Management Samantha Humphrey and Hammond.

Passed; Insert.

PARKS & RECREATION**6.1 Discuss and consider approving a Park Use Agreement for the ORW Founders Days Org. for July 25, 2026 at Old-River Winfree Park**

26-5-495 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve a Park Use Agreement for the ORW Founders Days Org. for July 25, 2026 at Old-River Winfree Park. Comments by Director of Parks & Recreation John Parrott.

Passed; Insert.

PARKS & RECREATION**6.2 Discuss and consider approving a Park Use Agreement for The Great Alligator Roundup to be held September 11-13, 2026 at Fort Anahauc Park**

26-5-496 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond to approve a Park Use Agreement for The Great Alligator Roundup to be held September 11-13, 2026 at Fort Anahauc Park. Comments by Casey Hedges, Hammond, Director of Parks & Recreation John Parrott, County Clerk Heather Hawthorne and Tice.

Passed; Insert.

PARKS & RECREATION**6.3 Discuss and consider approving Kraftsman for the construction of a new splashpad for Gregory Park in the amount of \$399,571.29**

26-5-501 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley to approve Kraftsman for the construction of a new splashpad for Gregory Park in the amount of \$399,571.29. Comments by Director of Parks & Recreation John Parrott, Gore, Dagley and Director of Building Maintenance Mike Gafford.

Passed; Insert.

ADMINISTRATION**1.3 Discuss and consider approval of the Interlocal Agreement between Winnie Stowell Hospital District and Chambers County, related to the County's agreement to fund approved site-preparation and dirt work cost for East Annex construction in an amount not to exceed \$730,000.00**

26-5-507 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Winnie Stowell Hospital District and Chambers County, related to the County's agreement to fund approved site-preparation and dirt work cost for East Annex construction in an amount not to exceed \$730,000.00. Comments by Assistant County Attorney Dwayne Simpson, Winnie Stowell Hospital District President Edward Murrell, Gore and Dagley.

Passed; Insert.

MAINTENANCE & BUILDINGS**7.1 Discuss and consider approval for the Smith Point VFD to build a new storage building to house emergency response equipment on county property**

26-5-482 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond to approve the Smith Point VFD building a new storage building to house emergency response equipment on county property. Comments by Director of Building Maintenance Mike Gafford, Gore, Assistant County Attorney Dwayne Simpson, and Dagley. Margaret Ellison of the Smith Point Volunteer Fire Department, told the Court that the SPVFD had the funds to build the building.

Passed; Insert.

MAINTENANCE & BUILDINGS**7.2 Discuss and consider approval to move the remaining budget funding balance from CO23 R&B Shop Warehouse in the amount of \$279,438.00 to CO24 Refurbish Sign Shop Int/Ext budget funding**

26-5-483 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond to approve moving the remaining budget funding balance from CO23 R&B Shop Warehouse in the amount of \$279,438.00 to CO24 Refurbish Sign Shop Int/Ext budget funding. Comments by Director of Building Maintenance and Construction Mike Gafford and Gore.

Passed.

SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/EMS**10.1 Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. regarding Mass Gathering Permit application for the Johnny Ackel Rodeo to be held August 20-22, 2026**

At 10:13 a.m. the Court recessed out of Regular Session and entered into a public hearing regarding the Mass Gathering Permit for the Johnny Ackel Rodeo to be held August 20-22, 2026. There were no public comments. The Court recessed out of the public hearing and resumed Regular Session at 10:14 a.m.

SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/EMS**10.2 Discuss and consider approving the Mass Gathering Permit for the Johnny Ackel Rodeo to be held August 20-22, 2026 at Winnie-Stowell Park**

26-5-487 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 3 Hammond and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve the Mass Gathering Permit for the Johnny Ackel Rodeo to be held August 20-22, 2026 at Winnie-Stowell Park.

Passed; Insert.

LAW ENFORCEMENT**17.1 Discuss and consider Master Software Service Agreement between Chambers County Sheriff's Office and Trusted Driver Inc. (eBodyguard) to be paid out of the District Attorney's forfeiture funds**

26-5-505 Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice and seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley to approve the Master Software Service Agreement between Chambers County Sheriff's Office and Trusted Driver Inc. (eBodyguard) to be paid out of the District Attorney's forfeiture funds. Comments by Assistant District Attorney Mallory Vargas and Assistant County Attorney Dwayne Simpson.

26-5-505 Amended Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice and amended motion

seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley to approve the Master Software Service Agreement between Chambers County Sheriff's Office (eBodyguard) to be paid out of the District Attorney's forfeiture funds.

Passed; Insert.

26-5-505 (b) Motion made by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Dagley and motion seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Tice to approve the Master Software Service Agreement between Chambers County Sheriff's Office and Trusted Driver Inc. pending legal review. Comments by Chief Deputy Skylor Hearn, Assistant County Attorney Dwayne Simpson, Hammond and Gore.

Passed; Insert

CONSENT

19.1 Monthly reports

CONSENT

19.1.a JP1-April monthly report

26-5-476 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to accept the JP1-April monthly report.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.b JP 4-April monthly report

26-5-479 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to accept the JP 4-April monthly report.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.c JP4 April Treasury Report & OCA Report

26-5-480 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve the JP4 April Treasury Report & OCA Report.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.d District Clerk- April monthly report

26-5-491 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to accept the District Clerk-April monthly report.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.1.e 1st Quarter 2026 Investment Report

26-5-490 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to accept the 1st Quarter 2026 Investment Report.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.2 Claim Docket/Check Register

26-4-420 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve the Claim Docket/Check Register.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.2.a Payroll Check Register

26-5-499 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve the Payroll Check Register.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.3 Travel reimbursements and misc. expenditures

26-4-421 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

26-4-423 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve job descriptions.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.6 Approve payroll changes

26-4-424 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve payroll changes.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.7 Approve Commissioners Court minutes

CONSENT

19.7.a March 24, 2026

26-5-477 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve the March 24, 2026, Commissioners' Court minutes.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.8 JP5-April monthly report

26-5-469 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to accept the JP5-April monthly report.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.9 Treasurer's Report - March 31, 2026

26-5-481 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve the Treasurer's Report - March 31, 2026.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.10 Approve emergency roof repairs by FSR Services to the Old West Annex in the amount of \$16,493.00-Building Maintenance

26-5-484 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve emergency roof repairs by FSR Services to the Old West Annex in the amount of \$16,493.00-**Building Maintenance.**

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.11 Approve Mustang/Cat yearly generator preventative maintenance contract in the amount of \$3,005.10-Building Maintenance

26-5-493 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve Mustang/Cat

yearly generator preventative maintenance contract in the amount of \$3,005.10-
Building Maintenance.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.12 Approve payment in the amount of \$39,603.03 to Harrell's LLC for the grow-in supplies for the front nine at the Chambers County Golf Course-Golf Course

26-5-494 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve payment in the amount of \$39,603.03 to Harrell's LLC for the grow-in supplies for the front nine at the Chambers County Golf Course-**Golf Course.**

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.13 Approve payment to Chambers Surveying & Mapping to survey property for the East side soccer fields in the amount of \$2,150.00-R&B

26-5-497 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve payment to Chambers Surveying & Mapping to survey property for the East Side soccer fields in the amount of \$2,150.00-**R&B.**

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.14 Approve Contract Amendment with Guardian RFID (digital inmate tracking system)-CCSO

26-5-498 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve contract amendment with Guardian RFID (digital inmate tracking system)-**CCSO.**

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.15 Approve Annual Service Agreement with Trusted Driver for electronic citation software in the amount of \$9,000.00-CCSO

26-5-500 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve Annual Service Agreement with Trusted Driver for electronic citation software in the amount of \$9,000.00-**CCSO.**

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.16 Accept donation to the Chambers County Library System-Library

26-5-502 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to accept a donation to the

Chambers County Library System-**Library**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.17 Approve 2024-2025 Audit extension request from CCESD No. 1-Co. Judge

26-5-503 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve 2024-2025 Audit extension request from CCESD No. 1-**Co. Judge**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.18 Approve the revised Chambers County Airport Hangar Lease Agreement-Airport

26-5-504 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to approve the revised Chambers County Airport Hangar Lease Agreement-**Airport**.

Passed; Insert.

CONSENT

19.19 Accept into record the GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2024-Auditor

26-5-506 Motion made by Tice and seconded by Hammond to accept into record the GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2024-**Auditor**.

Passed; Insert.

At 10:24 a.m. the Court recessed out of Regular Session and entered into Executive Session. At 12:30 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 12:30 p.m.

ATTEST:



Heather H. Hawthorne

Heather H. Hawthorne, County Clerk

APPROVED:

Signed by:

Jimmy Sylvia

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County Judge, Jimmy Sylvia