

On this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, A. D., 2017, the Commissioners' Court of Chambers County, with the following members present, to-wit:

Jimmy Gore	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
Larry G. George	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Gary Nelson	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
A. R. "Rusty" Senac	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Jimmy Sylvia	County Judge
Heather H. Hawthorne	County Clerk

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 9:30 a.m. into Open Session. Rev. L.A. Walters, offered prayer and Judge Sylvia led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and to the Texas flag. Judge Sylvia started with several agenda items under Administration.

Agenda item 1.1-Citizens Comments:

Rev. Lloyd Anthony Walters, resident of Anahuac spoke on drainage problems in the City of Anahuac relating to Hurricane Harvey.

Heather H. Hawthorne, County Clerk reminded the court Early Voting Started October 23, 2017-November 3, 2017 and Election Day will be November 7, 2017.

Russell Ezer, resident of Anahuac concerned with the flooding due to Hurricane Harvey and drainage issues in Anahuac.

Kenneth Miller, Anahuac resident, voiced his concerns about the drainage problem in the City of Anahuac north of the canal and wants to know who is responsible and how to resolve.

Bill Vola, Emergency Management, reported on the debris pickup program by Chambers County.

Bobbi Jo Chapman, resident of Legends Bay and is concerned about drainage in subdivision.

Rickey Brown, Anahuac resident spoke on drainage and flooding concerns in the City of Anahuac.

17-10-534 Motion made by Senac and seconded by George to accept Tax Office reports for Delinquent Tax Roll for Tax year 2016, approve errors in Assessment Roll for Tax Year 2016, approve Collections for Tax Year 2016, and approve Tax Roll for Tax year 2017. Comment by Denise Hutter,

Tax Assessor Collector.

Passed; Insert.

Judge Sylvia went to agenda items 9.3 under Safety/Emergency Management.

Agenda item 9.3-Discuss and consider status of Winnie-Stowell EMS. Comment by Nolan George, Winnie-Stowell EMS and Kim Turner, Emergency Management.

**No Action.**

Judge Sylvia went to agenda item 1.6 under Administration.

17-10-535 Motion made by George and seconded by Gore to authorize the County Judge to formally accept Grant #3377501 from the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Grant Division titled District Attorney Parks and Wildlife Radio Project in the amount of \$17,000.00. Comment by Cheryl Lieck, District Attorney

Passed; Insert.

At this time, Judge Sylvia went to agenda item 13.2 under Health & Welfare.

Agenda item 13.2-Discuss and consider recognizing Kevin Crump as the recipient of the Texas Department of State Health Service Preparedness and Leadership Award for his outstanding contributions and services in response to Hurricane Harvey.

**No Action.**

Judge Sylvia went back to several agenda items under Administration.

17-10-536 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson to approve Ameriport Building 7 Tax Abatement Agreement. Comment by B. J. Simon, Baytown, EDF.

Passed; Insert.

17-10-537 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by Gore to accept Talke USA, Inc. Tax Abatement Proposal. Comment by B. J. Simon, Baytown EDF and Armin Talke, Talke USA, Inc.

Amended motion and second to accept Talke USA, Inc. Tax Abatement Proposal and to include 60/40 abatement for 8-10 years. Comment by B. J. Simon, Baytown EDF, Armin Talke, Talke USA, Inc., and Eric Geisler, Economic Incentive Services.

Passed; Insert.

17-10-538 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by Gore to approve a one year contract in the amount of \$11,250.00 from McGriff, Seibels, & Williams of Texas, Inc., to become the Risk & Insurance Manager for Chambers County. Comment by Heather Hawthorne, County Clerk, George Barerra, Purchasing Agent, Mike Lessley, Project Manager, and Ben Odom, McGriff, Seibels, & Williams of Texas, Inc.

Amended motion and second to approve a four year contract with a 30 day out clause in the amount of \$11,250.00 from McGriff, Seibels, & Williams of Texas, Inc., to become the Risk & Insurance Manager for Chambers County.

Commissioner Senac, Commissioner George, & Judge Sylvia vote No. Judge Sylvia Tabled agenda item 1.4 until next court.

**Tabled.**

17-10-539 Motion made by Senac and seconded by George to approve the purchase of an extended warranty with Hart Intercivic Inc., in the amount of \$10,800.00 for election equipment for 1 year. Comment by Heather Hawthorne, County Clerk and Scott Peal, County Attorney.

Passed; Insert.

The court recessed for a short break at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 11:08 a.m. Judge Sylvia and Commissioner Senac did not return to court. Judge Pro Tem Nelson began with agenda item 5.1 under Parks & Recreation.

17-10-540 Motion made by George and seconded by Gore to approve the purchase of a 2018 PJ 35ft. gooseneck trailer from Nationwide Trailers, LLC in the amount of \$14,106.24. Comment by Grant Smith, Parks & Recreation.

Passed; Insert.

Judge Pro Tem Nelson went to agenda item 9.1 under Safety/Emergency Management.

17-10-541 Motion made by George and seconded by Gore to approve a Maintenance & Service agreement with Spok, Inc. in the amount of \$6,633.87 for Fire/EMS paging system. Comment by Quinten Adams, Communications.

Passed; Insert.

Judge Pro Tem Nelson went to agenda item 10.1 under Communications/Technology.

17-10-542 Motion made by George and seconded by Gore to accept higher bid from Bearcom in the amount of \$13,492.00 to relocate the HGAC 911 PSAP backup microwave antennas from the Barbers Hill ISD tower now to the new County owned Mont Belvieu radio tower. Comment by Quinten Adams, Communications and George Barrera, Purchasing Agent.

Passed; Insert.

At this time, Judge Pro Tem Nelson went to agenda item 13.1 under Health & Welfare.

17-10-543 Motion made by George and seconded by Gore to approve Texas Association of Counties/Employees Health and Benefits Pool Renewal Notice and Benefit Confirmation (2017-2018). Comment by Nikki Whittington, Treasurer, Tony Sims, Auditor, and George Barrera, Purchasing Agent.

Passed; Insert.

Judge Pro Tem Nelson went to several agenda items under Road & Bridge.

17-10-544 Motion made by George and seconded by Gore to approve Trinity Bay Conservation District's application for Utility Construction in the county right-of-way on West Fear Road. Comment by Kevin McClung, Road & Bridge.

Passed; Insert.

17-10-545 Motion made by George and seconded by Gore to approve advertising for sealed proposals/bids for the construction of Kilgore

Drainage Segment 2. Comment by Paul Lipke, Lipke, Cartwright, & Roberts.

Passed.

17-10-546 Motion made by Gore and seconded by George to approve advertising for sealed bids on road construction materials and fuel. Comment by Kevin McClung, Road & Bridge.

Passed; Insert.

Agenda item 3.7-Discuss and consider request from DCP Midstream for a pipeline right of way valve site and access easement on the county property in Crockett County, Texas. Comment by Scott Peal, County Attorney.

**Tabled.**

At this time, Judge Pro Tem Nelson went to 9.2 & 9.4 under Safety/Emergency Management.

Agenda item 9.2-Discuss and consider purchase of ambulance and related medical equipment. Comment by Kim Turner, Emergency Management & Scott Peal, County Attorney.

**Tabled.**

Agenda item 9.4-Discuss and consider withholding the pending county disbursement to the Winnie-Stowell EMS.

**Tabled.**

Court recessed at 11:37 a.m. out of Open Session and into Executive Session, Consultation with Attorney, Section 551.071, Gov. Code, V.T.C.S.; Purchase of Property, Section 551.072, Gov. Code, V.T.C.S. to discuss agenda items 3.1, 3.2, & 3.5 Court reconvened at 12:25 p.m. into Open Session. Judge Pro Tem Nelson went to several agenda items under Road & Bridge.

17-10-547 Motion made by George and seconded by Gore to approve Drainage Easement between Chambers County and Seadrift Pipeline Corporation (DOW) and authorize Judge Sylvia to sign agreement.

Passed; Insert.

Agenda item 3.1-Discuss and consider update and rights of way acquisition for FM 1409.

**No Action.**

Agenda item 3.5-Discuss, consider, and approve settlement agreement with Wismer Distributing, Inc. on the FM 1409 Project.

**No Action.**

At this time, Judge Pro Tem Nelson went to several agenda items under Administration.

Agenda item 1.2-Receive into record: Certificate of Completion, Heather H. Hawthorne, Acknowledgement of Paternity; Senior Citizens Project Report for September 2017; Nicole Whittington, Continuing Education, County Treasurers' Association of Texas, 20 hours and Public Funds Investment Act, 5 hours; Rusty Senac, Continuing Education, V.G. Young Institute of County Government Annual Conference, 14 hours; Chambers County Historical Commission, Resignation of Membership, Bill Purser and Nell Northcutt-Purser. Comment Lauren Van Deventer, County Judges Office.

17-10-548 Motion made by George and seconded by Gore to approve Minutes of September 26, 2017, Regular Meeting.

Passed.

17-10-549 Motion made by George and seconded by Gore to approve resale offer CV20808 Marcus Jackson; Chambers County vs. The Unknown Heirs of Wilbert Earl Lewis Deceased; Parcel 9473.

Passed; Insert.

Agenda item 1.11- Discuss and consider collective bargaining agreement between Chambers County and the Chambers County Officers Association for 2018-2019.

**Tabled.**

Judge Pro Tem Nelson went to several agenda items under Financial.

17-10-550 Motion made by George and seconded by Gore to approve claim docket as presented.

Passed; Insert.



17-10-551 Motion made by George and seconded by Gore to approve travel reimbursements and miscellaneous expenditures in the amount of \$4,790.11.

Passed; Insert.

17-10-552 Motion made by George and seconded by Gore to approve budget amendments/transfers as presented.

Passed; Insert.

17-10-553 Motion made by George and seconded by Gore to accept Treasurer's report, September 30, 2017. Comment by Nikki Whittington, Treasurer.

Passed; Insert.

Agenda item 2.5-Auditor's report-**None**.

17-10-554 Motion made by Gore and seconded by George to approve reducing the Permanent School Fund balance in the amount of \$1,175,809.95, for distribution in accordance with Texas Constitution, Article 7, Section 6b. Comment by Tony Sims, Auditor.

Passed; Insert.

17-10-555 Motion made by George and seconded by Gore to approve reducing Available School Fund balance in the amount of \$96,888.69, for distribution in accordance with Texas Constitution, Article 7, Section 6. Comment by Tony Sims, Auditor.

Passed; Insert.

17-10-556 Motion made by Gore and seconded by George to approve independent audit engagement for fiscal years 2017 and 2018 from Belt Harris Pechacek.

Passed; Insert.

At this time, Judge Pro Tem Nelson went to several agenda items under Personnel.

Agenda item 17.1-Discuss and consider job descriptions-**None**.

17-10-557 Motion made by George and seconded by Gore to approve all payroll changes except Assistant Project Manager. Comment by Tony Sims, Auditor and Nikki Whittington, Treasurer.

Passed; Insert.

17-10-558 Motion made by George and seconded by Gore to accept to move Assistant Project Manager to the Maintenance Department with the changes as noted with account number 0300-604-1460. Comment by Nikki Whittington, Treasurer.

Passed; Insert.

17-10-559 Motion made by Gore and seconded by George to approve vacation carryover for Austin DuBose, 15 hours and Kenneth Hill, 31 hours. Comment by Nikki Whittington, Treasurer.

Passed; Insert.

Agenda item 17.4-Discuss and consider extended medical leave.-**None.**

The following visitors, department, agency, or business they represent were present in Court today:

Kris Hampton	County Clerk's Office
Lauren Van Deventer	County Judge's Office
Mike Lessley	Chambers Co. Project Manager
Nikki Whittington	Chambers County Treasurer
Kim Turner	Emergency Management
Scott Peal	County Attorney
Kevin McClung	Road & Bridge
Wade Thibodeaux	Hometown Press
Sue Hawthorne	Anahuac Progress
Patrick Wiltshire	Public Management, Inc.
Lyndsey Davis	Auditor's Office
Paul Lippke	Lippke Cartwright Roberts
Nathan Brandimarte	OBT
David Kadjar	Kilgore Park, LLC



Bobbi Jo Chapman	Citizen
Ryan Holzaepfel	Fire Marshall
Quinten Adams	Communications
Eric Carcerano	District Attorney's Office
Dustin Dockery	Texas Parks & Wildlife
Daniel Pope	Texas Parks & Wildlife
Fred Ruiz	Texas Parks & Wildlife
B. J. Simon	Baytown, EDF
Larry Barron	Trade Days
Leonard Wilson	Citizen
Martha Wilson	Citizen
Steve Fitzgerald	Citizen
Donnie Coates	Citizen
Rose Lewis	Citizen
Lessie Rivon	Citizen
Carolyn Humphrey	Citizen
Leroy Coates	Citizen
Rickey Brown	Citizen
Thelma Lewis	Citizen
Michael Myers Jr.	Citizen
Michael Myers Sr.	Citizen
Brian Singleton	Anahuac EMS
Gwendalyn LeBlanc	Citizen
Ethelyn Ricks	Citizen
Esteria Jones	Citizen
Lydia Green	Citizen
Bobbie Zigler	Citizen
Sjolander Jackson	Citizen
Marie Hardy	Citizen
Zandria Jackson	Citizen
Raymond Thomas	Citizen
Donnie Coates	Citizen
Jo Ann Finnels	Citizen
Olie Rivon	Citizen
Beverly Walters	Citizen
Rev. L. A. Walters	Citizen
Russell Ezer	Citizen
Ron Nichols	Winnie-Stowell EMS
Gloria Roemer	Seabreeze Beacon
Eric Geisler	EIS
Armin Talke	Talke Logistics

Larry Barron	Trade Days
Nolan Garza	WSEMS
Kanisha L. Coates	Citizen
Brad A. Coates	Citizen
Gilbert Phillips	CCSO
Sherry Rundzieher	CCSO
Bill Wallace	Citizen
Sarah Cerrone	Economic Development
Mary Jane Smith	Citizen
Vireinia Toran	Citizen
Paula Smith	Citizen
Mary Beth Bess	Wellness Center
Paula Richard	Wellness Center
Kevin Crump	CC Health Department
Diane Steele	CC Wellness Center
Cheryl Lieck	District Attorney
Denise Hutter	Tax Assessor
Lily Vargas	Tax Office
John Godfrey	Citizen
Grant Smith	Parks Department
Ryan Holzaepfel	Fire Marshall

There being no further business, Court adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

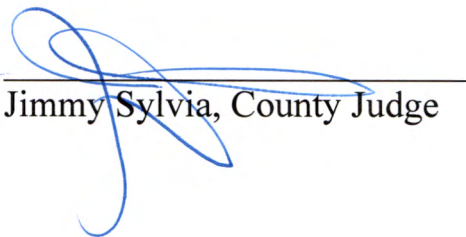
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ATTEST:



Heather H. Hawthorne, County Clerk

APPROVED:



Jimmy Sylvia, County Judge

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 24, 2017

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Bobbi Jo Chapman, resident of Legends Bay, spoke on concerns regarding drainage in subdivision. Rusty Senac, Commissioner Senac announced he will not seek re-election in 2018 for Commissioner Pct. 4. He thanked the court and stated it has been an honor to serve Chambers County.

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