

On this the 9th day of June, A. D., 2015, the Commissioners' Court of Chambers County, with the following members present, to-wit:

Mark Huddleston	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

and the following members absent, to-wit:

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.

County Engineer Bobby Hall offered prayer and then Judge Sylvia led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and to the Texas flag.

Judge Sylvia went to several agenda items under Administration.

Agenda item 1.1- Citizen's Comments- Hazel Meaux asked Commissioner's Court to consider voting against agenda item 1.6- Riceland Farms Tax Abatement Application. Larry Barron asked that the Court

approve the tax abatement application for Riceland Farms, and spoke about the positive influences the new business would have on Chambers County. Nick Lampson also commented on agenda item 1.6 and stated that under new ownership the Riceland Medical Center has created 32 more job positions and believes that this new business will also create many jobs for Chambers County residents. B.J. Simon explained the tax abatement process to the Court.

15-06-324 Motion made by Huddleston and Seconded by Nelson to approve the Tax Abatement Application for Mecca Farms, LLC, dba Riceland Farms.

Public comment made by Sayed Hamed, Shawn Javed, and Shaun Mohammad.

Insert.

Passed.

15-06-325 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Senac to approve hiring Vanir Construction Management, Inc., to conduct a needs assessment, architectural space program, and long range plan not to exceed \$98,380.00. District Judge Randy McDonald agreed to fund the additional expense of \$63,380.00 out of 030-611-374 (budget amendment included on court agenda.)

Public comment made by Patti Henry.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Judge Sylvia went to agenda items under Economic
Development and Tourism.

15-06-326 Motion made by Senac and seconded by George to authorize
payment for Parcel 37 (Klaus Herbert Marcher) for the Lake Anahuac East
Levee project for the appraised value of \$374.00.

Public comment made by Patrick Wiltshire.

Insert.

Passed.

15-06-327 Motion made by Senac and seconded by George to authorize
payment for Parcel 36 (Klaus H. and Susan A. Marcher) for the Lake
Anahuac East Levee project for the appraised value of \$318.00.

Insert.

Passed.

15-06-328 Motion made by Senac and seconded by George to authorize
payment for Parcel 56 (John L. Stockwell) for the Lake Anahuac East Levee
project for the appraised value of \$526.00.

Insert.

Passed.

15-06-329 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by Huddleston to authorize payment for Parcel 72 (Beverly A. and Gerald J. Thomasee) for the Lake Anahuac East Levee project for the appraised value of \$309.00.

Insert.

Passed.

15-06-330 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by Huddleston to authorize payment for Parcel 44 (Christopher R. Norris, Francis C Norris & Betty J. Norris) for the Lake Anahuac East Levee project for the appraised value of \$340.00.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Judge Sylvia went to agenda item 3.1 under Road and Bridge.

Agenda item 3.1- Road and Bridge- Discuss and consider setting a public hearing on land use assumption and capital improvements plan for the Kilgore Drainage Plan- **Tabled.**

Tabled while the Attorney's decide on a date to reset the public hearing.

Tabled.

At this time, Court recessed for a short break at 10:17 a.m. and reconvened at 10:33 a.m.

At this time, Judge Sylvia then went to agenda item 16.1 under Law Enforcement.

15-06-331 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Chambers County, Jefferson County and Southwestern Correctional, LLC, dba LaSalle Corrections for housing Chambers County inmates at a rate of \$45.00 per day per inmate.

Public comment made by Sheriff Hawthorne, and Chris Bell.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Judge Sylvia went to several agenda items under Maintenance and Buildings.

15-06-332 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to authorize the purchase of a 2005 Chevrolet C7500 Cat diesel bucket truck to be purchased with funds from the Parks Department capital account.

Public comment made by Clint Moss.

Insert.

Passed.

15-06-333 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Huddleston to accept the bid from Arnold Construction Co. Inc., to construct a new Maintenance Department wood shop not to exceed \$133,000.00, contingent upon Judge Sylvia, Treasurer Nikki Whittington, and Auditor Tony Sims identifying the appropriate capital expense items that will be used to fund the building.

Public comment made by Clint Moss.

Insert.

Passed.

15-06-334 Motion made by George and seconded by Huddleston to approve the demolition of the Boy Scout building on Winfree Road in Mont Belvieu, TX, by the Maintenance Department.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Judge Sylvia went to agenda item 15.1 under Library and Historical.

Agenda item 15.1- Library and Historical- Discuss and consider Centerpoint Energy's proposed easement on the Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch Library- **Pulled**

Pulled per Valerie Jensen with the Chambers County Library System.

Pulled.

At this time, Judge Sylvia Returned to agenda items under
Administration.

Receive into record a letter from the Texas Department of State Health
Services, Health and Emergency Preparedness and Response Section stating
the Quality Assurance Review; Certificate of Attendance awarded to
Caroline Turner for the 2015 Texas Emergency Management Conference;
Declaration of Disaster for Chambers County due to extended rainfall and
flooding affecting the Seafood Industry; Letter from Texas General Land
Office Commissioner George P. Bush thanking Chambers County for their
efforts in the 29th annual Adopt-A- Beach Spring Cleanup; May 2015
Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Chambers County Golf Course;
Senior Citizens Project of Chambers County May 2015 Report.

Public comment made by Roy K. Turner.

Insert.

Passed.

15-06-335 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson to approve the
Commissioner Court minutes of the May 12, 2015, Regular meeting, and the
May 26, 2015, Regular meeting, as presented.

Passed.

15-06-336 Motion made by Senac and seconded by George to approve releasing the 2002 Ford senior citizen van to the Senior Citizen Project of Chambers County to sell or scrap.

Insert.

Passed.

15-06-337 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Nelson to approve the agreement between Texas Workforce Solutions and Chambers County pending approval by County Attorney Scott Peal.

Public comment made by County Attorney Scott Peal and District Clerk Patty Henry.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Judge Sylvia went to several agenda items under Road and Bridge.

15-06-338 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Senac to approve setting a public hearing for land use assumptions and capital improvement plans for the Kilgore Draining Project for the July 14, 2015 Commissioner's Court.

Public comment made by Nathan Brandimarte.

Insert.

Passed.

Agenda item 3.2- Road and Bridge- Discuss and consider Resolution adopting land use assumption and capital improvement plans for the Kilgore Regional Drainage Plan- **Tabled**

Tabled until the July 14, 2015 Commissioner's Court.

Tabled.

Agenda item 3.3- Road and Bridge- Discuss and consider resolution establishing a public hearing on adoption of impact fees, Kilgore Regional Drainage plan-**Tabled.**

Tabled, will discuss during the July 14, 2015 Commissioner's Court.

Tabled.

At this time, Judge Sylvia went to several agenda items under Financial.

15-06-339 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Huddleston to approve the claim docket beginning with check # 92481 and ending with check # 92755, as presented.

Insert.

Passed.

15-06-340 Motion made by by George and seconded by Nelson to approve the travel reimbursements and miscellaneous expenditures in the amount of \$4,606.28.

Insert.

Passed.

15-06-341 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to approve budget amendments as presented.

Insert.

Passed.

2.4- Treasurer's Report- None

2.5- Auditor's Report- None

15-06-342 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by George to adopt the Resolution expressing intent to finance expenditures to be incurred by Chambers County.

Insert.

Passed.

15-06-343 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Huddleston to adopt a Resolution authorizing publication of notice of intention to issue combination tax and revenue certificates of obligation.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Judge Sylvia went to agenda items under Personnel.

15-06-344 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to approve the following payroll changes: Roy K. Turner (Emergency Management Coordinator), Ronald Cooper (Maintenance Department), Vernon Neighbors (Golf Course), Rosa Diaz (Co. Clerk), Devan Lee (Comm. Pct. 1), Brendan Belt (Comm. Pct. 1), as Presented.

Payroll change for Luis Palacios will be taken to Executive Session.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Court adjourned from Open Session at 11:14 a.m. into Executive Session under Section 551.074, Gov Code. V.T.C.S. to discuss payroll change and promotion for Luis Palacios.

Court reconvened at 12:10 p.m. into open session to vote.

15-06-345 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Nelson to approve the payroll change for additional duties for Luis Palacios (Parks Department) from a 18-10 to 18-12, as presented.

Insert.

Passed.

17.2- Vacation Carryover- None

17.3- Extended Medical Leave- None

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

Bess Woody	County Clerk's Office
Lauren Van Deventer	Co. Judge's Office
Nikki Whittington	County Treasurer's Office
Bobby Hall	County Engineer
Scott Peal	County Attorney
Sarah Cerrone	CCED/GA/SP
James Gibson	East Chambers ISD Board Pres.
Robbie King	Anahuac Area Chamber of Commerce
Ignacio Ramirez	City of Baytown
Paul Lippke	Lippke, Cartwright, & Roberts
Brian Hawthorne	Sheriff
Nathan Brandimarte	Orgain, Bell, Tucker
Roy K. Turner	Emergency Management
B.J. Simon	Baytown/West Chambers Co. Eco Development Foundation
Jimmy E. Gore	Citizen

Aaron Thomas	Auditor's Office
Dana Evans	Citizen
Patti Henry	District Clerk
Hazel Meaux	Citizen
Larry Barron	Citizen
Nick Lampson	Riceland Medical Center
Sayed Hamed	Riceland Farms
Shawn Javed	Riceland Farms
Shaun Mohammad	Riceland Farms
Eddie Gray	Gray Enterprises
Patrick Wiltshire	Public Management Inc.
Chris Bell	LaSalle Corrections
Sue Hawthorne	The Anahuac Progress
Otho Turner	Citizen
Lisa Ponce	Hometown Press
Darlene McPherson	MDP Consulting

There being no further business, Court adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

 Heather H. Hawthorne, County Clerk

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