

On this the 28th day of July, 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.

Former District Clerk, Bobby Scherer, 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.

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15-07-418 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Nelson to approve \$25,000.00 sponsorship to Chambers Wild.

Public comment made by Jacque White and Sarah Cerrone.

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Agenda item 9.1- Safety and Emergency Management- presentation of the 2014 Gold Star Safety Award for participation in the TAC Risk Management Pool, to Debbie Nadal, Safety Director, by Isaac Garcia, member of TAC.

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15-07-419 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson to approve auto renewal of Interlocal Agreement for Disaster & Emergency Services between Chambers County and Chambers County Public Hospital District #1.

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Passed.

At this time, Judge Sylvia went to agenda item 3.3 under Road & Bridge.

15-07-420 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Senac to approve Trinity Bay Conservation District's request for utility construction in County right-of-way on the east side of Campbell Road in Winnie.

Public comment made by Mike Lessley.

Insert.

Passed.

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At this time court recessed at 10:10 a.m. out of Regular Session and went to the Public Hearing at 10:10 a.m., to discuss agenda item 1.8- Riceland Farms Reinvestment Zone.

A public comment was made by Commissioner Rusty Senac for Hazel Meaux, who could not attend; Syed R. Ali, Riceland Farms; Keith Mohammed, contractor slabs/buildings Riceland Farms; Freddie Taylor, engineer for Riceland Farms; Larry Barron, Larry's Trade Days; Sheila Ware, self, Hankamer, Texas; Chip Jameson, contractor roads Riceland Farms; Tracy Woody, Jeri's Seafood; Richard Baker, self.

At this time, Court recessed for a short break at 10:28 a.m. and reconvened at 10:51 a.m.

Public hearing adjourned at 10:51 a.m. and went back into Regular Session.

15-07-421 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George approving replacement of Judge Carroll E. Wilborn, Jr. with Tom McNeely, as Citizen Advisory member to the Chambers County Infrastructure Committee.

Insert.

Passed.

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

15-07-422 Motion made by Huddleston and by George to authorize purchase of security tag system and security gates for Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch from TechLogic, not to exceed \$46,030.00

Public comment made by Valerie Jenson.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Judge Sylvia went to agenda item 1.4 under Administration.

15-07-423 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George declaring office furniture from County Library as surplus property.

Insert.

Passed.

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

15-07-424 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by George to approve Lone Star NGL Pipeline LP's request to obtain an easement in the Hannah Nash League, Abstract 20.

Insert.

Passed.

15-07-425 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to approve the youth football fundraiser for East Chambers to paint EC Pride decal symbols on county roads in ECISD.

Public comment made by Larry Barron, Larry's Trade Days, and Brian Hawthorne, Chambers County Sheriff.

Subsidiary motion made to amend motion no. 15-07-425 to include during daylight hours only, along with proper traffic controls.

Insert.

Passed.

15-07-426 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson approving the County Judge to sign waiver letter relating to the 8th Galveston Bay Energy pipeline for the Kilgore Regional Drainage Plan.

Public comment made by Robert L. Florance with Orgain Bell & Tucker.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Judge Sylvia went to several agenda items under Safety/Emergency Management.

15-07-427 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Huddleston to approve the order designating the Riceland Farms Reinvestment Zone.

Public comment made by BJ Simon, and Syed R. Ali, Riceland Farms.

Judge Sylvia left court at 11:12 a.m.

Judge Pro Tem, Mark Huddleston, continued with questions or comments of Riceland Farms representatives.

At this time, questions were asked by Tracy Woody, Jeri's Seafood, and answered by Larry Barron, Larry's Trade Days;

Judge Sylvia returned to court at 11:17 a.m.

Questions asked by Richard Baker, self, answered by Syed R. Ali, Riceland Farms, and Larry Barron, Larry Trade Days.

Insert.

Passed.

Agenda item 1.10- Administration- discuss and consider approving the Riceland Farms Reinvestment Zone Tax Abatement Agreement-**tabled.**

Tabled.

At this time, court recessed at 11:48 a.m. for a lunch break and reconvened at 1:00 p.m. into Open Session.

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

15-07-428 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson to approve the Texas Department of Transportation's Option 2 for rebuilding FM 565 South between FM 1405 and SH 99.

Public comment made by Omar De Leon, TXDOT.

Insert.

Passed.

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

15-07-429 Motion made by George and seconded by Huddleston to approve the District and County Clerk's records archive progress reports and accept the archive fee into the 2016 budget.

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Passed.

15-07-430 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson to establish Whites Park Community Building as an auxiliary court facility and an auxiliary county seat for the purpose of holding District Court proceedings.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Judge Sylvia covered agenda item 17.1 under Personnel.

15-07-431 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by George to approve payroll changes and job descriptions as presented. Tommy King pulled due to full time position not budgeted for 2015 payroll. Commissioner Senac and Commissioner Huddleston voted against Melinda Swain's starting pay.

Public comment made by Grant Smith and Blake Sylvia.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Judge Sylvia went to agenda items under Parks and Recreation.

15-07-432 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to approve the park use agreement for Texas Gatorfest.

Insert.

Passed.

15-07-433 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to approve the closure of boat ramps in Fort Anahuac Park for Texas Gatorfest.

Insert.

Passed.

15-07-434 Motion made by George and seconded by Huddleston to authorize the advertisement of bids to replace Judge Oscar Nelson Boardwalk Birding Tower.

Insert.

Passed.

15-07-435 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George rescinding previous motion no. 15-06-371 to purchase 2 Scag mowers from Scooter Mowers.

Insert.

Passed.

15-07-436 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson to authorize the purchase of 2 Scag Mowers from H & H Tractor, not to exceed \$20,200.00.

Insert.

Passed.

15-07-437 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Nelson to authorize the purchase of a skid sprayer from Wylie Sprayers, not to exceed \$4,984.54.

Insert.

Passed.

15-07-438 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to authorize the purchase of a used Kubota RTV900 from Beaumont Tractor.

Insert.

Passed.

15-07-439 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Nelson to authorize the purchase of a 2016 Ford Super Duty Crew Cab for the Parks Department, not to exceed \$27,736.95.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Judge Sylvia went to agenda item 10.1 under
Communications/Technology.

15-07-440 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by George to approve
the renewal of Level 2 Hardware Maintenance Agreement with Net Data.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Judge Sylvia skipped to agenda item 13.1 under Health
and Welfare.

15-07-441 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by Huddleston to accept
the salary funding from the PHEP grant.

Insert.

Passed.

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

15-07-442 Motion made by Senac and seconded by George to approve the
Intercom System Project bid from ESI, not to exceed \$94,100.00.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Judge Sylvia skipped to agenda item 17.2 under
Personnel.

15-07-443 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by Huddleston to
approve the 40 hour vacation carryover requested by Quinten Adams.

Subsidiary Motion was made to allow all 116 hours to be carried over.

Insert.

Passed.

15-07-444 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Nelson to
approve the 40 hour vacation carryover requested by Jay Joseph.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, court recessed at 2:00 p.m for a short break, and
reconvened at 2:06 p.m. Judge Sylva not in Court at this time. Judge Pro
Tem, Mark Huddleston, went over several items under Administration.

Agenda item 1.2- Montly reports- Senior Citizens Project of Chambers
County, Inc for June 2015, Brad Wilber recognized as Certified Floodplain
Manager, Baytown West Chambers County economic development
quarterly report for April 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015, Certified Statement

of Revenues and Expenses for Golf Course Fund, June 2015, Letter from Tony Sims regarding Standard & Poor's Rating Service.

Insert.

15-07-445 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson to approve the 2015 appointments to the Houston-Galveston Area Council as presented.

Insert.

Passed.

Judge Sylvia returned at 2:14 p.m.

15-07-446 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Nelson to join the Regional Public Defender's Office program.

Insert.

Passed.

Agenda item 1.12- Administration- Discuss and consider office space for the County Auditor's staff.

Insert.

No action.

15-07-447 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Senac to reappoint Robert "Bob" Scherer, Jr. as Trustee of Spindletop Center.

Insert.

Passed.

Agenda item 1.14- Administration- Discuss and consider the collection of optional fees – Texas Department of Motor Vehicles-**tabled.**

Tabled.

15-07-448 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson to accept the bid from Kevin Yeager for the resale of Cause #CV21173, Barbers Hill ISD, et al vs. GC Gregory, et al, for \$5,300.00.

Insert.

Passed.

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

15-07-449 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Nelson to approve claim docket beginning with check #93468 and ending with check #93838, as presented.

Insert.

Passed.

15-07-450 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to approve travel reimbursements and miscellaneous expenditures in the amount of \$2,561.28, as presented.

Insert.

Passed.

15-07-451 Motion made by George and seconded by Nelson to approve the budget amendments as presented.

Insert.

Passed.

Agenda item 2.4- Treasurer's report- none

Agenda item 2.5- Receive Auditors Internal Progress Report with recommendations from Auditor Tony Sims-**no action.**

No action.

Agenda item 2.7- Discuss and consider US \$8,295,200.00 Chambers County, Texas, Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2015, dated: August 1, 2015, due March 1, 2032-**pulled.**

Pulled.

Agenda item 2.8- Discuss and consider US \$20,000,000 Chambers County, Texas, Pass-Through Toll Revenue and Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2015, dated: September 1, 2015, due March 1, 2032-**pulled.**

Pulled.

15-07-452 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to approve frozen sick leave pay for deceased employee for \$1,355.39.

Insert.

Passed.

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

Lauren Van Deventer	Co. Judge's Office
Sarah Cerrone	CCED/GA/SP
Patti Henry	District Clerk
Mike Lessley	Chambers Co. Project Manager
Tony Sims	County Auditor
Ignacio Ramirez	City of Baytown
Brian Hawthorne	Sheriff
Kim Turner	Emergency Management
Jimmy E. Gore	Citizen
Aaron Thomas	Auditor's Office

Dana Evans	Citizen
Larry Barron	Ricelands Farm/Larry Trade Days
Sue Hawthorne	The Anahuac Progress
Otho Turner	Citizen
Valerie Jensen	Chambers Co. Library System
Annie Vass	Chambers Co. Library System
Matt Hollis	Baytown Sun
Jacque White	Chart/Chambers Wild
Sheila Ware	Citizen
Cheryl Fulsom	Citizen
Isaac Garcia	Texas Association of Counties
James Gibson	ECISD, Board of Trustees, President
Jason Sonnier	Winnie, TX
Bruce Sublet	Lone Star NGL Pipeline, LP
Elizabeth Gibson	Citizen
Tracy Woody	Jeri's Seafood
Jerry Shadden	TBCD
Bob Scherer	Citizen
Richard Baker	Citizen
B. J. Simon	EDF
John Copeland	ESI Fire & Security
Ann Andrisek	Citizen

Tom McNeely	Citizen
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Freddie Taylor	Riceland Farms
Debbie Nadal	Chambers Co. Safety Director
Frances Nash	Citizen
Linda Murphy	City Secretary Old River- Winfree
Joe Landry	Mayor City of Old River
Robert Barrow	Constable Pct 6
Linda Shead	Citizen
Keith Muhammed	Riceland Farms
Grant Smith	Parks Director
Ryan Lovell	Ameriport
Lawrence Lewis	Mosquito Control Director
Lyndsey Davis	Auditor's Office
John Willey	Anahuac EMS
Omar Xavier De Leon	TXDOT

There being no further business, Court adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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