

On this the 11th day of August, 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:

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Judge Sylvia, according to law, opened Court at 9:30 a.m. into Open Session.

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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.

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15-08-453 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Huddleston to adopt the Proclamation recognizing August 10-14, 2015, as National Health Center Week.

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Passed.

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

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Agenda item 3.1- Road and Bridge- Discuss and consider dump truck noise and traffic issues on FM 3180 and FM 2354.

Public comments were made by Jamie Bird, citizen of Beach City; Billy Combs, Mayor of Beach City; Bobby Hall, County Engineer.

At this time, Commissioner Mark Huddleston left Court at 9:55 a.m.  
Commissioner Mark Huddleston returned to Court at 9:57 a.m.

Public comments were then made by Brian Hawthorne, Chambers County Sheriff; Stacy Fleming, citizen of Beach City; Bill Wallace, citizen; Scott Peal, County Attorney; Commissioner Rusty Senac.

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No action.

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At this time, Judge Sylvia went to back to several items under Administration.

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Agenda item 1.13- Administration- Discuss and consider Resolution supporting the proposal of Emerald Correctional Management, LLC for a 1,000 bed processing and transportation center to be located in Chambers County.

Public comments were made by Steve Afeman, Emerald Correctional Management; Hull Youngblood, general counsel for Emerald Correctional Management; Tony Sims, County Auditor.

**Will return to agenda item after break.**

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At this time, court recessed for a short break at 10:35 a.m., and reconvened at 10:47 a.m.

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15-08-454 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by Senac to approve the application to establish the Lone Star NGL 2015 Reinvestment Zone and to set a public hearing on August 25, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Public comment made by B.J. Simon.

Insert.

Passed.

15-08-455 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Nelson to deny the proposal from Emerald Correctional Management, LLC for a 1,000 bed processing and transportation center to be located in Chambers County.

Public comments were made by Brian Hawthorne, Chambers County Sheriff; Bill Wallace, citizen; Hazel Meaux, citizen; Tracy Woody, Justice of the Peace Pct #3; Daniel Burke, Operations Manager for Anahuac EMS.

**Denied.**

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Public comment made by Scott Peal.-**no action.**

**Insert.**

**No action.**

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15-08-457 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson to approve updated bylaws for the Chambers County Historical Commission.

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Passed.

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Passed.

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Passed.

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Public comment made by Sarah Cerrone and Patrick Wiltshire,  
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**Insert.**

**No action.**

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Bridge.

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15-08-463 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to set a  
Public Hearing on September 22, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., to discuss adoption of  
impact fees for the Kilgore Regional Drainage Plan.

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Passed.

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15-08-464 Motion made by Senac and seconded by George to authorize  
MDP Consulting to prepare a site plan for the Anahuac Annex tract, not to  
exceed \$13,000.00.

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Passed.

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15-08-465 Motion made by George and seconded by Huddleston to  
authorize MDP Consulting to prepare plans and specifications for the  
construction of a new Road & Bridge Shop/Central Warehouse/Central  
Changing Station, not to exceed \$70,000.00.

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Passed.

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lettering the Anahuac EMS supervisor responder vehicle, not to exceed  
\$890.00.

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15-08-471 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to approve the leave extension for Sheriff's Office employee.

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Passed.

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At this time, court recessed at 12:00 p.m. for a lunch break and reconvened at 1:15 p.m. into Open Session.

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At this time, Judge Sylvia went to agenda item 6.1 under Maintenance & Buildings.

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15-08-472 Motion made by Senac and seconded by George to approve the change order for the Maintenance Shop addition, not to exceed \$6,000.00, to be paid out of contingencies.

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Passed.

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

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15-08-473 Motion made by George and seconded by Huddleston declaring Parks Department mowers and tractors as surplus property.

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Passed.

15-08-474 Motion made by George and seconded by Huddleston to approve the purchase of a Scag Turg Tiger mower from H & H Tractor & Lawn, not to exceed \$4,150.00 after trade-in of surplus property.

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Passed.

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At this time, Judge Sylvia went to agenda item 12.1 under Airports.  
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15-08-475 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to waive the final payment for excess land lease at the Winnie Airport as reimbursement for being mowed by the Parks Department.

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Passed.

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At this time, Judge Sylvia went to several agenda items under Administration.  
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Agenda item 1.2- Monthly reports- Chambers County Golf Course for month of July 2015; Senior Citizens Project of Chambers County, Inc. report for month of July 2015; Indigent Health Care Report July 2015; The Paternity Opportunity Program, Office of Attorney General, Heather H. Hawthorne and Christy Gobert; Chambers County Transportation 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter report; 2015 Vital Statistics Regional Conference – Christy Gobert, Melinda Rhame, and Heather H. Hawthorne; Baytown West Chambers County

Economic Development Foundation 2014 Annual Audit; FEMA certificates and Hazardous Materials Response Certificate - Lori Sims.

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15-08-476 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to approve the Commissioner Court Minutes of the July 14, 2015, Regular meeting, and July 28, 2015 as presented.

Passed.

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15-08-477 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson to amend motion no. 15-07-388, of July 14, 2015 Minutes to read as, “to approve the BP settlement agreement and to have Nathan Brandimarte amend the settlement agreement to include Mark Huddleston, County Judge Pro Tem, to execute the settlement agreement.”

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Passed.

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Public comment made by Heather H. Hawthorne, County Clerk.

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Passed.

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Passed.

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

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15-08-483 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Huddleston approve  
claim docket beginning with check #93839 and ending with check #94118,  
as presented.

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Passed.

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15-08-484 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Nelson to  
approve travel reimbursements and miscellaneous expenditures as presented.

Insert.

Passed.

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15-08-485 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to  
approve budget amendments as presented.

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Passed.

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15-08-486 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to  
approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending June 30, 2015.

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Passed.

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15-08-487 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by George to approve the Auditor's Report, as presented.

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Passed.

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At this time, Judge Sylvia went to agenda item 1.8 under Administration.

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Agenda item 1.8- Administration- Discuss and consider adopting revised Chambers County Personnel Policies.-**no action.**

**Insert.**

**No action.**

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At this time, Court recessed for a short break at 2:28 p.m., and reconvened at 2:38 p.m.

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

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15-08-488 Motion made by Nelson and seconded by Judge Sylvia to approve Brad Wilber's payroll change and job description (Road and Bridge) from pay group 26-7 to 26-9. Huddleston and Senac voted against.

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Passed.

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15-08-489 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Huddleston to approve the following payroll changes and job description changes: Deyci Palacios (Maintenance/County Judge), Open position (Solid Waste), Open position (Road & Bridge), Shelby Picou (Library), Ana Gonzalez (Library), Ximena Valencia (County Clerks Office).

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Passed.

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17.2- Vacation Carryover- None

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15-08-490 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Nelson to extend the medical leave of Kenneth Whittington by 30 days.

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Passed.

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Agenda item 17.4- discuss and consider personnel issue- Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 office; Agenda item 17.5- discuss and consider transferring the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 Chief Clerk to the newly created Warrant Clerk position at the Sheriff's office; and Agenda item 17.6- discuss and consider a new position for a Warrant Clerk at the Sheriff's office.-  
**executive session.**



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Court recessed at 3:00 p.m. out of Open Session and into Executive Session under Section 551.074, Government Code, and Section 551.071, Government Code, to consult with attorney. Court reconvened at 4:25 p.m. into Open Session.

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15-08-491 Motion made by George and seconded by Huddleston to direct the County Judge with the assistance of legal counsel to write a letter to the Justice of the Peace Precinct #2 to rectify the conflict of interest that exists in his office with regard to his inappropriate relationship with his Chief Clerk.

Passed.

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Agenda item 17.5- Personnel- Discuss and consider transferring the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 Chief Clerk to the newly created Warrant Clerk position at the Sheriff's office.-**pulled.**

**Pulled.**

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Agenda item 17.6- Personnel- Discuss and consider a new position for a Warrant Clerk at the Sheriff's office.-**pulled.**

**Pulled.**

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15-08-492 Motion made by George and seconded by Nelson to approve the payroll change on Idalynn Boykin as a Court Clerk (part time), for

training up to 3 weeks, not to exceed his PT budget for the remainder of 2015. Commissioner Huddleston and Commissioner Senac voting against.

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Passed.

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Commissioner Huddleston left court at 4:45 p.m.  
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15-08-493 Motion made by George and seconded by Nelson to approve the payroll change and job description for Lorrie Gimnick, Secretary 1, Receptionist/Bond Clerk (Sheriff’s office), starting at Pay group 13-7, effective date August 10, 2015. Commissioner Senac voting against.

Public comment made by Sherry Rundzieher.

Insert.

Passed.

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

Lauren Van Deventer	Co. Judge’s Office
Nikki Whittington	County Treasurer’s Office
Bobby Hall	County Engineer
Scott Peal	County Attorney
Patti Henry	District Clerk
Nathan Brandimarte	Orgain, Bell & Tucker
Mike Lessley	Chambers Co. Project Manager

Robbie King	Anahuac Area Chamber of Commerce
Joanna Wilson	County Clerk's Office
Brian Hawthorne	Sheriff
Kim Turner	Emergency Management
Aaron Thomas	Co. Judge's Office
Lyndsey Davis	Auditor's Office
Tony Sims	County Auditor
Grant Smith	Parks Director
Jessica Laskoskie	Indigent Care
Nellie Lunsford	Chambers Health
Kaley Smith	Chambers Health
Chelsea Clynes	Chambers Health
Mary Beth Bess	Chambers Co. Wellness Center
Sue Hawthorne	The Anahuac Progress
Otho Turner	Citizen
Quinten Adams	Communications Department
Valerie Jensen	Chambers Co. Library System
Annie Vass	Chambers Co. Library System
Matt Hollis	Baytown Sun
Tommie McNeely	Citizen
James Gibson	Citizen
Hazel Meaux	Citizen
Chad Bird	Citizen
Jamie Bird	Citizen

Andrew Gayden	Citizen
Clint Fancher	Citizen
Tracy Woody	Jeri's Seafood, JP Pct. 3
Kyle Egloff	Citizen
Jim Sullivan	Trinity Bay Tactical
Darlene McPherson	MDP Consulting
Lolly Park	Citizen
Steve Janoshkowsky	Congressman Brian Babin
Richard Baker	Citizen
Bill Wallace	Citizen
Robert Barrow	Chambers Co. Constable, Pct. 6
Harold Kennamar	Emerald Companies
Hull Youngblood	Emerald Companies
John Copeland	ESI
James Humbert	ESI
Tish Marshall	Anahuac VFD
Patrick Wiltshire	Public Management, Inc.
David Mendigabal, Jr.	Anahuac EMS
John Willey	Anahuac Vol. Fire Dept.
Cory McDaniel	Anahuac Vol. Fire Dept.
Daniel Burke	Anahuac EMS

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There being no further business, Court adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

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ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Heather H. Hawthorne, County Clerk

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Jimmy Sylvia, County Judge

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES  
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